

**GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
April 27, 2021**

This meeting was held in person and also by ZOOM.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski, Zenz, Loveland and Brennan. Absent: Bray. Others in attendance: Jim Howe, Diane DeBoe, Doug Lammers and Greg Jones.

**Meeting** called to order by Supervisor Lesinski at 8:03 am.

**Traffic Jamin Police and May 5<sup>th</sup> Activities re: Sesquicentennial** – The Township has been asked about sponsorship for police protection. May 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Music in the park and Farmers Market will be the kick-off for the sesquicentennial events. Cake and ice cream will be served.

**Stimulus checks to local governments** – The Federal Government has stimulus money to be given to Townships, Villages and Cities. Lesinski wants the board to keep eyes and ears open about this to see if we actually qualify for it and what all the stipulations would be.

**OMA, Meetings and Social Media Policies** – After attending the MTA virtual conference last week, a few things need to be changed. Township and phone number on agendas and a time allotment for the public comments. When sending out emails to board members use the BCC feature and make sure not to respond “reply all” as this could constitute a quorum and be in violation of the OMA. All Board members should have Township email addresses. Lesinski and Zenz will look into this.

**Village Water Rates** – The Village has established the same rates for both the Township and Village residents. \$4.75 per 1000 gallon of water.

**Medical Caregiver Ordinance** – A new Ordinance regulating Medical Marihuana, Recreational Marihuana and Primary caregivers was presented to the board. Lesinski wants board to read. Much discussion on the ordinance. Lesinski will try and set up a meeting with the Township Attorney to answer more questions that the board would have.

**Parks and Personnel** – Howe presented 2021 revenue, grant projects and project costs. Still having issues with the three teams wanting to use the fields. The board wants actual costs that each league is putting into the park, this has been asked for many times and still nothing is received. We also need certificate of liability insurance before many more games get started and field agreements signed. This is a large priority that needs to get done. Also the concrete for ADA walkway should also be a must. Lesinski stated that he has worked out an agreement with Don Holden for being the “work horse” at the park, relieving Howe of some of his duties so we can keep him on doing the administrative work at the park. Lesinski would like to put Holden under a contract (1099 employee) and split the park manager budgeted amount 60%, 40% for this remaining year.

**Personnel Update** – 4 applications have been received for the Township Trustee Position. Deadline is Friday, April 30 for any interested persons.

**Elections Update** – School Millage Election is May 4, 2021...contrary to what some people think this is a school election and the Township just conducts the election. The clerks office has been directing questions directly to the Superintendents Office.

**Policy for equipment in the Township Meeting Room** – Question if an outside Association uses the Township Meeting Room – ie: Subdivision home associations, can they use the video equipment for their meetings. More thought and discussion on this.

**Driveway Resurfacing** – a quote was received from Farrell Executive Sealcoating for the Township Hall. The Township did not reach out to them on this. Is this something that needs to be done this year?

**Office Property** – Forward thinking into the future, Lesinski has asked Ben Latocki to give him an idea of what the estimate value is of the Township Office Building and surrounding land.

**Motion** by Brennan and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to adjourn the Work Session at 10:00 am. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk