

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
January 12, 2021

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. using ZOOM by Supervisor Lesinski.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Butterfield and Brennan.

Also Present: Assessor Diane DeBoe, Park Manager Jim Howe, Zoning Administrator Lammers, Fire Chief Jones and approximately 10 Public.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bray and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to approve agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Items Approval: Motion by Bray to accept the consent agenda items as printed. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Discussion with Assessor DeBoe on New Business items b and c.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Butterfield to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$57,706.29 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$15,323.47. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None.

Treasurer’s Report: Loveland stated the 1st Revenue Sharing Check was \$10,000.00 more than expected. Will be watching to see if that trend continues and if so a budget amendment might have to happen. Questions about the Trust and Agency Fund. Motion by Bray to accept and file the Treasurer’s report as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Old Business: a) – Introduction of Gravel Mine Ordinance revision #7 – Brennan thanked Nancy Prindle for her work in putting this together, a lot of time was involved. Motion by Brennan to introduce the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for first reading, posting and publication prior to subsequent adoption. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Bray, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. Zenz stated this will be posted in the newspaper with reference to copies on the Township website and also available at the Township Office. Final adoption will hopefully be at the February regular meeting. **b) – Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – Lesinski found out that the 12th District Court never received their copy of the citation, it has been re-sent and we now have to wait to hear from them. **c) – Marijuana Issues** – Lesinski stated this will remain on the agenda. He has been looking into all avenues of this and will keep pursuing until some conclusion is reached. **d) – Establish protocol for “No Permits Pulled”** – This is still a work in progress, there was an incident last week and it was acted on immediately.

New Business: a) – Nancy Prindle resignation letter – Motion by Brennan to accept the resignation letter of Nancy Prindle dated December 10, 2020 effective from that date. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **b) – Resolution-Poverty Exemption Limited Continuation** – Motion by Zenz to approve the Resolution-Poverty Exemption Limited Continuation. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray, Loveland, Brennan, Butterfield and Lesinski. Nays – None.

c) – Revised 2021 Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions – Motion by Zenz to approve the “revised” 2021 Guidelines for poverty exemptions as presented. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Zenz, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray, Loveland, Brennan and Lesinski. Nays – None. **d) - Appointment to the Township Planning Commission** – Motion by Lesinski to appoint Marc Cuddie to fill vacant seat of Nancy Prindle for a one year term ending in December of 2021. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. **e) – Jackson County ISD School Resolution – 2021 Summer Tax Collection** - Motion by Bray to entered into agreement by Resolution with Jackson ISD for the collection of 2021 summer taxes. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bray, Loveland, Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Butterfield and Lesinski. Nays – None. **f) – Grass Lake Community Schools Resolution – 2021 Summer Tax Collection** - Motion by Bray to entered into agreement by Resolution with Grass Lake Community Schools for the collection of 2021 summer taxes. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bray, Loveland, Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Butterfield and Lesinski. Nays – None. **g) – Maute Road culvert** – Just an FYI – Lesinski let board know that the culvert is bad and Jackson County Department of Transportation will be back with him on the cost of repairs and that the Township will be responsible for part of the repairs – possibly 50% of the bill.

Fire Department Report: December report received and filed. Jones reported that the grant for last year for self-contained breathing apparatus should be here by end of February. County wide the fire chiefs are hoping to write another one this year for turn out gear.

Public Comment: Bobby Harper – spoke of grants received for the arts & cultural for Elementary age students. Rick Murphy – thanked the board for moving forward with the Mining Ordinance Amendment and continued work on the Marijuana issue.

Adjournment: Motion by Bray to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk