

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
February 8, 2022

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski. This meeting was in person as well as ZOOM.

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

Also Present: Jim Howe, Assistant Fire Chief Brent Jones, Deputy Shackelford and 1 Public by Zoom.

Pledge to flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Golding and supported by Brennan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Items: - **Meeting Minutes** – no corrections. **County Sheriff Report** – as prepared, deputy Shackelford spoke of highlights of the month. **Assessor’s Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski. **Zoning Administrator’s Report** – Lesinski stated working on Master Plan and reviewing the sign ordinance. No report. **DPW Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski. **Motion** by Brennan and supported by Golding to accept the consent agenda items as reported. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$47,022.60 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$16,666.94. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Brennan, Golding, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bednarski-Lynch.

Treasurer’s Report: Loveland stated that winter tax collection is going well. Hopes to be settled with the County by the first of March. Motion by Golding to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: February MTA News list how ARPA monies can be used. MTA convention in April need to get signed up if going.

Old Business: **a) – Maute Road culvert** – work is out for bids, maybe shortage of material so a delay in getting the project done. **b) – Website Update** – Lesinski still hopes to have it up and running by the end of February. **c) – ARPA Update** – The board will be discussing how we want to use these funds. **d) – Broadband Committee** – no meeting was held. **Bednarski-Lynch arrived at this time.** **e) – LRUA Update-SRI Agreement** – Norvell Township Supervisor is the new chairman and is very driven to get this under a new foundation. The Acknowledgement and Endorsement of Settlement Agreement (Civil Action No. 15-2798) that was signed last month may need to be re-signed due to a few words being added by the Norvell Township Attorney’s. **f) – Fire Millage in May** – at a special meeting February 1, 2022 the board approved moving forward with asking for 1.64 mills on the May 3, 2022 Election. This is a renewal of the existing millage -1.1849 and new - .4551. Voters had previously voted in 1.5 mills in

1994 but due to the Headlee Rollback that has continued to go down. **g) – Parks Update** – Lesinski is hoping to pull a meeting together for next Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

New Business: a) – Resolution – Board of Review Poverty Guidelines – Offered by Zenz to approve the Board of Review Poverty Guidelines as outlined for the 2022 Board of Review. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Zenz, Golding, Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland and Lesinski. Nays – None. **b) – Resolution – Board of Review-Protest in Writing & Appeal on behalf of Property Owner -** Offered by Lesinski to protest in writing and for non-property owner representation for appealing. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Brennan, Zenz, Golding, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch and Loveland. Nays – None. **c) – Sheriff’s contract – July 1, 2022** – A new contract has been drawn up for the Township and Village to have 2 officers in the area. Township will pay 75% and Village pay 25%. This will be an increase of approximately \$7,420.00 a month for the Township beginning July 1, 2022. The contract will be for 5 years with a 2% increase each year. Motion by Bray to enter into the new contract with the County and Village stating July 1, 2022 for sheriff protection. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski, Brennan, Zenz, Golding, and Loveland. Nays – None.

Fire Department Report: Presented by Assistant Fire Chief Jones.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm, supported by Lesinski. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk