

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
February 9, 2021

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:32 p.m. using ZOOM by Supervisor Lesinski.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Lesinski, Butterfield and Brennan. Loveland arrived at 6:34 p.m. Absent: Bray.

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

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

Consent Agenda Items Approval: Correction to Work Session Minutes: Gravel Mine Ordinance-second paragraph change weather to whether. Increasing Sewer rates & LRUA updates – add 2021 in 3rd sentence after March through September. 4th sentence add REU after routine maintenance rates. Marijuana Sub Committee – second sentence change wrote to written. Zenz noted that on the Sheriff's report a line for tracking Municipal Civil Infractions – Ordinance has been added. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the consent agenda items with corrections. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Butterfield to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$62,356.86 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$19,033.07. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Loveland, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bray.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland reported that the tax collection is going well. Conversation has already started with the County for settlement date in March. Motion by Zenz to accept and file the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Correspondence – Letter received from Representative Sarah Lightner along with information booklets to have available in the office.

Old Business: a) – Adoption of Gravel Mine Ordinance revision #7 – Motion by Brennan to adopt the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Grass Lake Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to among other things, regulate mining and extraction operations within the Township in order to maintain the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of and visitors to Grass Lake Charter Township. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Loveland, Butterfield, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bray. Zenz stated this will be posted in the newspaper next week and will become effective seven days after the publication. **b) - Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – The 12th District Court has a tentative hearing date set for March if the issue is not finalized before then. **c) – Marijuana Issues** – A sub-committee of Lesinski, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan and Richard Murphy met and are reviewing various other municipalities Zoning Ordinances and Police Power Ordinances and will continue to incorporate into a document that Mr. Stormont had started last year. Lesinski is very hopeful that something will be ready for the board to look at in the very near future.

d) – Establish protocol for “No Permits Pulled” – This is still a work in progress and to a degree goes hand in hand with the Marijuana issue. **e) – Maute Road culvert** – Lesinski spoke to Jim Cole from the Jackson Department of Transportation, an application has been sent to EGLE for review, they will be back in touch with the County as to what exactly has to be done. Cole will then be back in touch with Lesinski as to the bid process and what the cost might be to the Township.

New Business: a) – Planning Commission Recording Secretary & Laptop – Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept application of Heather McDougall for the recording secretary position for \$100.00 per diem. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Will be looking into purchasing a laptop for her to use for taking of the minutes. **b) – Sewer Rate increase** – Motion by Loveland to increase the treatment rate paid to Leoni by \$ 4.00 per REU effective March 1, 2021 for both Wolf Lake and Common Fund Sewer customers. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Brennan, Butterfield and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bray. **c) – Weed Assessment** – With the Grass Lake Weed Assessment being done, there is just under \$7,200.00 still in the account. Lesinski checked with PLM about using the funds to treat what they could this year, but that is not possible because no assessment district in place. A refund to the customers will have to happen. Zenz and Loveland will work on how much to refund and who to refund if the ownership had changed during the 5-year assessment. **d) – Township Investment Program Policy** – It was brought to Loveland’s attention that the Investment Policy needs to be addressed each fiscal year. Motion by Loveland to certify the current Township Investment Policy. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. Loveland will make any updates later if necessary and bring back to the board.

Fire Department Report: Assistant Chief Jones filled in for Chief Jones. January report was received and filed. Jones reported that County wide the fire chiefs have the 2021 FEMA grant almost ready to be submitted and this would be for turn-out gear, pack tracker, rit packs and some extraction & stabilization equipment. If approved out cost would be \$ 19,927.00.

Public Comment: Joe DeBoe – thanked the board for our support with the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration. Rick Murphy – thanked the board for moving forward with the adoption of the Mining Ordinance Amendment. Noted that no call-in number was posted for the public to be able to participate in the meeting. Diane DeBoe – she did not have an Assessor’s report but has been working to get the change notices out next week. March Board of Review will also be virtual due to State of Michigan mandates.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk