

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

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. using ZOOM by Supervisor Lesinski.

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

Also Present: Park Manager Jim Howe, Assistant Fire Chief Jones, Officer Shackelford and approximately 9 Public.

No pledge to flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda Items Approval: Motion by Brennan to accept the consent agenda items as prepared. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Butterfield to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$50,136.42 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$18,554.45. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Butterfield, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bray.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Zenz to accept and file the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Correspondence – none

Old Business: **a) – Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – Court date has been set for the 1st of April. **b) - Marijuana Issues** – For the citation that was wrote for the odor violation, the court has received payment for this. Letters have and will be sent to other addresses where the concern of activity is happening. Lesinski is working with the Township Attorney on a new model for enforcement due to some recent court findings at the end of 2020. He is also looking into Zoning and Home Occupations as way of enforcement. **c) – No Permits/Building Permits with Village** – Lesinski is updating all permit applications and then the procedure for no permits pulled will be established. Waiting to hear back from the Village about the Township issuing permits for them. **d) – Maute Road culvert** – still waiting to hear from Jim Cole of the Jackson Department of Transportation.

New Business: **a) – Senior Center Opening Up** – The center will re-open March 16. Mask, social distancing and 25 people at a time will still be the guidelines. **b) – Covid 19 Update/new equipment purchase** – Starting in April all meetings will go live. The board would also like to continue with ZOOM, in order to effectively do this new equipment needs to be purchased ie TV, camera, etc. Howe has looked into this and presented the board with two quotes. He can do the TV and camera installation but will need some new electrical lines put in.

Motion by Zenz to approve the quote from B & H Photo for \$ 2,930.08 and not to exceed \$ 4,000.00 which would include the quote and any additional equipment needed and to have the new Electrical lines/connections run. The funding will come from the Township Building Fund – Capital Outlay. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call: Yeas – Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Butterfield, Brennan, Loveland and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bray. **c) – Sewer/Water Connection Rate increase** – Due to the new agreement with Grass Lake Village in regards to water connections and also with increase in material cost, it is necessary to increase the water and sewer fees. Motion by Loveland to add meter fee of \$ 400.00 to both direct and indirect water connections and also to the Sandhill Estates water connection and to add material cost fee of \$1,500.00 for water and sewer direct connections. Roll Call: Yeas – Loveland, Brennan, Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Butterfield and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – Bray. **d) – Tire Collection** – If the grant is approved, Norvell and Napoleon Township will join with the Township in doing this. Lesinski is going to see if they will host the site this year. **e) – Appointment of Election Commission Members** – Motion by Lesinski to appoint Brennan and Butterfield to the Election Commission for a 4 year period. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Report: February report was received and filed.

Public Comment: Jane Fitzgerald – would like to pick up communication with options of re-establishing the weed assessment district. Lesinski will meet with her. Rick Murphy – thanked the board for moving forward with continuation of meetings by ZOOM. Questioned construction barrels on Michigan Avenue. Bobby Harper – unfortunately her connection was poor and I was unable to understand what her comments were.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk