

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
**April 13, 2021**

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:33 p.m. This meeting was in person as well as ZOOM by Supervisor Lesinski.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, and Brennan. Bray present remotely due to medical reasons at his home in Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan.

**Also Present:** Park Manager Jim Howe, Fire Chief Jones, Zoning Administrator Lammers, Assessor DeBoe and 2 public in person and Officer Shackelford and approximately 6 Public by Zoom.

**Pledge** to flag was recited.

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

**Consent Agenda Items Approval:** Motion by Brennan to accept the consent agenda items as prepared. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$63,994.48 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$20,849.10. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Loveland, Zenz, Bray and Lesinski. Nays – None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loveland stated that the transfer station tickets are going well and residents are very receptive to the new schedule. Multiple delinquent notices are being sent out from County Treasurer's Office, looking into this as his office is getting many calls. Many thanks to Harris for help in preparing his report. Motion by Brennan to accept and file the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Zenz. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence** – 1) - Letter from the Auditor. 2) - July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks being sponsored by Tripp Auto Shop and Collison Center.

**Old Business:** **a) – Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – Informal hearing was held. Quinn did not appear so the court ordered fines to the Township. Joe Smith needs to contact the new owner, who is the son of original owner Mr. Quinn. Lesinski wanted to take off agenda, board felt need to stay on to make sure being done properly as we are back to where this all started. **b) - Marijuana Issues** – The new language for the Zoning Ordinance is close to being ready for review. There is a lot of things going on with Marijuana, thus the legal fees may go up as the Township Attorney is getting involved. **c) – No Permits/Building Permits with Village** – Lesinski has updated all permit applications and being reviewed by Building Department, should be using new forms in a couple of weeks. The procedure for no permits pulled is put on hold. At this time the Township will not be doing building permits for the Village. **d) – Maute Road culvert** – Lesinski reported that he received an email from Jim Cole (Jackson County Department of Transportation) and the culvert has been designed and submitted to EGLE for a

permit. He is hoping to have additional information soon. **e) – Tire Collection** – Grass Lake is hosting and it will be June 12 in the west parking at the Township. Time to be announced later.

**New Business: a) – Norvell Road (Fisher) Re-Zoning & Norvell Road (Winchester Estates) PUD – Jackson County Region II** – Fisher re-zoning was first. Much discussion was held, biggest concern is this “spot zoning”? Zenz made motion to approve the re-zoning request of Fisher for parcel ID# - 000-15-04-400-002-04 from R-1 to Ag as one more step in making him compliant with his current business, and also with the hopes that the future land around this parcel will be considered to go to an AG zoning, and would like the Planning Commission to look at this when working on the future Land Use Plan this year. Supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas – Zenz, Lesinski, Bednarski-Lynch-regretfully, Loveland, Brennan, and Bray. Nays – None. Winchester Estates discussion – is the water and sewer adequate for the development – Ripster is currently reviewing and working with the developer. Questions about street lights & fire hydrants. Berm and Fence will be around the storage unit. Motion by Brennan to re-zone the parcel ID #000-10-33-476-001-06 and #000-10-34-301-003-00 from GC (general commercial) and R-3 (multiple family residential) to a PUD and the final site plan to include street lights and the recommendations listed from the review of John Enos, the Township Planner. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Zenz, Lesinski, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland and Bray. Nays – None. **b) – Park Business** – Lesinski wants nothing new to happen this year, need to make the Park sustainable. We need to maintain what we have and hopefully see exactly what our costs would be. A short and long term plan need to be put in place. We do need to put in a walkway from the Parking Lot to the Concession Stand between the fields to be ADA compliant. Also looking into a grant from Par Plan to purchase high resolution cameras. Park Manager Howe is wanting to be relieved of some of his responsibilities, Lesinski is working on this and will have information for the work session. **c) – Grinder Pumps & Kits rate increase** – complete grinder kits are increasing by \$1,500.00 from our last order. The individual pumps have gone up slightly. Lesinski will be attending a meeting on clogless pumps. **d) – Diane DeBoe resignation** – Motion by Zenz to regretfully accept the resignation of Assessor Diane DeBoe effective July 28, 2021. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **e) – Barry Butterfield resignation** – Motion by Lesinski to accept the resignation of Trustee Barry Butterfield effective April 12, 2021. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. An appointment needs to be made by May 28. Interested persons should submit application by April 30, 2021, interviews will take place the week of May 10, 2021 with a special board meeting on May 25, 2021 to appoint new Trustee. Lesinski would like himself, Loveland and Brennan to set on the interviews for Assessor and himself, Bednarski-Lynch and Zenz to set on the interviews for Trustee.

**Fire Department Report:** March report was received and filed. Lesinski thanked Fire Chief Jones for last minute having trucks available to led the Girls Basketball State Champions thru town after their win last week, along with Boys Bowling team and Girls Gymnastics.

**Public Comment:** none.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk