

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
June 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski at the Township Meeting Room. This meeting was in person as well as ZOOM.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Golding 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 – by ZOOM, Assessor DeBoe, Officer Shackelford, Village President DeBoe and 5 public in person and approximately 4 Public by Zoom.

Pledge to flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda Items: Correction to Work Session Minutes under Special Assessment District: add Grass Lake “Aquatic Weed Control” and under Assessor Position: add “DeBoe” working with Loveland and Lesinski. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried. Deputy Shackelford read his report. He needs to know how many deputies will be needed for the Traffic-Jamin and July 4th celebrations. DeBoe read the Assessor’s report. Lesinski read the Zoning Administrators Report. Bednarski-Lynch asked if the Townships Facebook page could get updated. Bray will get the sign in information to Lesinski. Motion by Brennan to accept and file the reports above as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Question about the MTA bill, this was for annual MTA dues, legal defense and books purchased from the bookstore. Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$69,115.10 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$14,526.29. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Golding and Bray. Nays – None.

Treasurer’s Report: Loveland stated he had no report for tonight. Apologized as he had entered some wrong deposits and had to get those corrected and ran out of time. He will be sending the report to everyone once he has it ready. They will be printing summer tax bills in a couple of weeks.

Correspondence – none.

Old Business: a) – **Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – Formal Hearing between the lawyers is scheduled for July 19, 2021. Hoping to stay out of court. b) - ~~1st Reading of PPO Ordinance~~ **2nd Reading & Adoption of PPO-13 Ordinance Regulating Medical Marijuana, Recreational Marijuana and Primary Caregivers** – Lesinski read a brief statement about the purpose of the ordinance. Motion by Lesinski to introduce the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Bray, Zenz and Golding. Nays – None. c) – **Maute Road culvert** – nothing new to report. d) – **Tire Collection – June 12, 2021** – the football team will be having 8 to 12 players helping with this project. Water, Gatorade and gloves will be provided. The time will be 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

New Business: a) – **Park Business – update of agreements** – Lesinski reported that Wee Ball is all set with agreements and insurance. Other leagues are almost done. These Leagues agreement due dates will be changed to an earlier calendar date so the Township has the information before their seasons start. ADA walkway is still on the table. b) – **July 4th Fireworks** – Still deciding if the Township has to approve the fireworks being set off. We are told these are Class C fireworks. A special meeting may be called if the board has to approve this. c) – **MTA Online Learning Center subscription** – this is something new MTA has started. Zenz will ask more questions about the length of time the subscription covers. This is a positive thing for the board to participate in. d) – **Assessor update** – 3 candidates have been interviewed, Lesinski will send out information to the board members regarding the candidates. He is hopeful that we can make a decision at a special meeting after the June work session. Much discussion amongst the board regarding this. e) – **Sewer GIS locator & software**– this system would be jointly with Grass Lake Village, it would be for both sewer and water locating. Motion by Brennan to approve not to exceed ½ of the \$43,000.00 cost to purchase the Training, I-pads & software. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Brennan, Golding, Lesinski, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray and Zenz. Nays – None. f) – **Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Assessment – discussion** - Lesinski has been talking with 4 lake owners. He is waiting for pricing to come back from PLM and Aquatic Weed on the cost of treatment. We will then put together some scenarios and start the process all over again.

Fire Department Report: May report was received and filed. Jones explained how the Mutual Aid process works. He also explained the resolution that the Fire Chiefs Association would like each Township to pass to present to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Bednarski-Lynch offered this resolution and was supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Brennan, Golding, Lesinski, Loveland, and Bray. Nays – None. Motion by Brennan to approve the application of Cameron Kohn as the newest member to the department. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Jones also reported that the Administrative Policy is being updated and will be ready for the board to review soon. Two cadets will be finished June 12, 2021 with all their certifications and all at no expense to the Township.

Public Comment: **Dale Fisher** – very efficient board meeting, how many lifers of Grass Lake. **Joe DeBoe** – reminder of Farmers Market, Music in Park, June 11 & 12 – Community Garage Sale, June 12 – Take you kids Fishing Day, June 14 – Flag Dag at Grass Lake Fire Department, July 4th 10:00 – parade, chicken barbeque, cardboard races, music in park and fireworks at dusk. **Richard Murphy** – Welcome to Tim Golding. Thanked the board for wrapping up the Marihuana PPO Ordinance, by thanking, Jim Stormont and Deputy Shackelford. Special thanks to

Coppernail, John and Sally Hoskin, and individual members of Friends of Grass Lake for making it possible to give out 4 scholarships to 4 graduating seniors. **Ruth McDaniels** – have we looked into a weed eating machine for Grass Lake. **Dr Matthew Moore** – looking for ideas for international opportunities to do volunteering.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk