

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
**August 10, 2021**

**The regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 10, 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 Bray. Brennan present remotely due to medical reasons at his home in Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan.

**Also Present:** Park Manager Jim Howe, Officer Shackelford-arrived at 7:05, and 4 public in person and 6 public by Zoom.

**Pledge** to flag was recited.

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

**Consent Agenda Items:** Lesinski read through the reports, the Amar review will be done in September and DeBoe will continue to help the assessing office get through this. Motion by Zenz to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Zenz stated that Joe Smith and Keith King were being paid for their plan reviews for Letts Creek Solar thus making the General bills higher than normal. Loveland stated that Barry Wauldron would need a special pay for August salary, they had overlooked that when doing the payroll for the month. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$83,831.24 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$17,664.66. Supported by Golding. Roll Call: Yeas – Bednarski-Lynch, Golding, Brennan, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski and Bray. Nays – None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Loveland stated that partial payments will be accepted again this year for taxes. Deferments are also being signed. Motion by Zenz to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Supported by Golding. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence** – none.

**Old Business:** **a) – Quinn property update – Curtis Road** – Tentative court date has been set for September. Some of the requirements have been met, Township has asked for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party engineering service. This and some of the other costs will be reimbursed to the Township after things are settled. **b) – Maute Road culvert** – no new news on this. **c) – Website Update Proposal** – Lesinski has received the contract, so things should be moving forward within the next 60 days of the redesign of the website. **d) – ARPA update** – our applications is under an

audit review as are many other jurisdictions. More information will be fore coming. **e) – Parks Discussion** – Meeting with Jackson County Parks went as anticipated. Many excuses but still plan to redo tennis courts, they had said aside \$40,000.00, but one quote came in over \$100,000.00, waiting for another bid. Looking at signage at boat launch and repairs needed to guard rail. Lesinski felt we were the first Township to “call them out” about the concerns in the park. We will get our County Commissioner involved if needed. Bednarski-Lynch had asked them for an itemized expenditure list of how our tax dollars are being used. **f) – LRU update** – The part 41 approval for Lester Brothers project from EGLE has temporary been put on hold. This is not the Village or Townships fault, it falls on the plant itself. Blackman Township is moving 812 REUS to the City System, this is being looked at to see if the project can continue.

**New Business: a) – Resolutions regarding Grass Lake Aquatic Weed Special Assessment District** – Lesinski presented petitions that he had received from property owners of lake frontage with the signatures being checked by himself and Clerk Zenz. Motion by Zenz and supported by Loveland that the board accept the petitions and certificate stating percentage of lake frontage and amount covered by petitions. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Zenz, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski, Golding, Bray and Brennan. Nays – none. Motion Carried. The district area and two quotes of cost of improvement was presented to the board. Motion by Zenz and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to file the plans and estimates with the clerk. Motion Carried. Golding offered the Resolution for “Declaration of Intent to make public improvements, Tentative designation of special assessment district and Notice of Public Hearing” with correction to the date of Public Hearing being September 14, 2021 not September 7, 2021. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Golding, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Loveland, Lesinski, Bray and Brennan. Nays – none. Motion Carried.

**Fire Department Report:** July report was received and filed.

**Public Comment:** none. Lesinski reported that Scott Willis fixed the fence on Willis Road at the Sports-n-Trail Park, he was not asked to do this and did it out of the kindness of his heart. Board would like Lesinski to send him a card of thanks. Bednarski-Lynch gave a plug for the Jackson County Fair going on this week, many Grass Lake’s are involved and we have one of the oldest 4-h clubs: the Farmers Commandoes.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine N Zenz, Township Clerk