

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
**April 12, 2022**

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski at the Township Hall. This meeting was in person as well as ZOOM.

**Board Members Present by Roll Call:** Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Golding, Brennan and Bray.

**Also Present:** Jim Howe, Fire Chief Jones, Deputy Shackelford, Village Manager Edgar, 2 Public and 4 Public by Zoom.

**Pledge** to flag was recited.

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

**Consent Agenda Items:** - **Meeting Minutes** – no corrections. **County Sheriff Report** – as prepared, Deputy Shackelford spoke of highlights of the month. **Assessor’s Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski. More Board discussion on the Field Work Request on the report. **Zoning Administrator’s Report** – as prepared. **DPW Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski. **Motion** by Brennan and supported by Golding to accept the consent agenda items as reported. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Golding to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$74,750.87 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$16,092.88. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Golding, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Loveland stated that his department is working through the transition of Farmers State Bank to State Bank. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Supported by Golding. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** **a) – Maute Road culvert** – Received cost of project - \$ 87,885.00, the Townships responsibility will be 50% of the cost with the other 50% being the responsibility of Jackson County Department of Transportation. Motion by Golding to approve \$43,942.50 to come from the Road Fund set aside money. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Golding, Bednarski-Lynch, Brennan, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. **b) – Website Update** – The website is up and running, just had a few hiccups, but overall seem very happy with the new site. **c) – Sheriff Contract** – The contract previously signed was changed to add approximately 16 hours a month to the contract amongst the two officers. The Township’s portion will be \$11,384.25 per month starting July 1, 2022. Motion by Golding to sign the new updated contract. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Golding, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. **d) – ARPA Update**

– **building update** – April 30, 2022 is the first filing date to the State. Lesinski has been working on it and has it almost finished. No update on a new office building. **e) – Fire Millage Discussion – update on Election** – Lesinski reported that himself, Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch and Chief Jones attended the Friends of Grass Lake April meeting. Fact sheet was presented and questions were answered. Zenz reported that as of office closing today 554 Absent Voter ballots have been issued. (Mainly due to the increase in the permanent Absent Voter List). The fire election 5 years ago had 717 total voters so we will definitely be seeing a larger voter turnout this election. Bray would like to see an Open House at the fire station in general, not just because of the election.

**New Business: a) – Whistlestop Repairs – 2 estimates** – Joyce Sager was in attendance, she presented two quotes for repairs that need to be done at the Depot. The total quote is for \$23,073.75, she will be receiving \$8,000.00 from the DDA, leaving the Townships share to be \$15,100.00. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to approve expending \$11,536.87 from the Whistlestop Fund for repairs on Building, Gazebo and Maintenance Shed not to exceed \$15,100.00. Balance will be due at time of completion. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bednarski-Lynch, Golding, Brennan, Bray, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None. **b) – Sheriff Schutte – County Jail** – Sheriff Schutte was in attendance and presented a slide booklet showing the much needed repairs to the Wesley Street jail. The County will be asking for an additional ½ mil on the November 2022 ballot. **c) – Culvert replacement – Township west driveway** – Motion by Lesinski to approve the quote from Lester Brothers for \$2,100.00 to replace the existing culvert in the driveway. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Golding, Bray, Loveland and Zenz. Nays – None. **d) – Scrap Tire Collection – June 4** – A 2<sup>nd</sup> trailer has been approved for the collection, this will be covered by the grant money. **e) – Open Trustee Seat on the Township Board-petition deadline, April 19, 2022 and July 21, 2022** – Zenz reported two people have picked up petitions for the seat. **f) – Sewer Rate Increase/I & I issue – letter to be sent to customers** - Village has increased the monthly sewer bill by \$5.00 for repairs to lift stations. The Township will review this in more detail before deciding if an increase is necessary for our customers. Lesinski has prepared a letter for sewer customers regarding the inflow and infiltration issue, we would like customers to look their system over and then respond back to us. The biggest question is how are we going to enforce this?? More board discussion on this. **g) – BSA Personal Property Module** – Lesinski made motion to spend \$2,470.00 for the new Delinquent Personal Property program that the Treasurers office will need to help in processing the delinquent personal taxes. Money will come out of the Township Board Department. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Bednarski-Lynch, Golding, Bray, Loveland, Brennan and Zenz. Nays – None. **h) – Sheila Martin resignation letter** – Motion by Brennan to accept the resignation letter from Martin. Supported by Golding. Motion Carried.

**Fire Department Report:** Presented by Fire Chief Jones. Lesinski and Golding thanked Chief Jones for the great job they did on the recent house fire on Morris Drive.

**Public Comment:** Richard Murphy – thanked Board members that attended their April Meeting. Looking forward in helping in other ways if necessary.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk