

APPROVED PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 TOWNSHIP BUDGET
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
December 14, 2021

A Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget was called to order on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm in person and by using ZOOM by Supervisor Lesinski.

Board Members present by Roll Call: Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Golding and Brennan. Also present: Fire Chief Jones, Jim Howe, 1 public and approximately 4 Public by ZOOM.

Discussion on the proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year. Lesinski and Zenz went over some of the budget numbers, cost of living increases, Maute Road Culvert, Election Department increase due to 3 elections, tree removal in cemeteries, re-seal Township parking lot, and bathroom drain repair in Township Hall, Building Department scanning old records. No comments from the public in attendance or by ZOOM.

Motion by Brennan and supported by Golding to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:37 pm. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
December 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:38 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski. 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: Park Manager Jim Howe, Fire Chief Jones, Deputy Shackelford, 1 Public and 4 by Zoom.

Pledge to flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda Items: - **Meeting Minutes** – no corrections. **County Sheriff Report** – as prepared, Deputy Shackelford spoke of runs of interest. **Assessor's Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski. **Zoning Administrator's Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski, noted Fisher has his SLUP. **DPW Report** – Reviewed by Lesinski, noted slow month sewer wise. **Motion** by Golding and supported by Brennan to accept the consent agenda items as reported. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Zenz stated that hopefully these were the last bills for 2021. Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$67,786.19 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$22,499.71. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Brennan, Golding, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz and Lesinski. Nays – None.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland stated that winter tax collection is going well. ½ of the ARPA money has been received and a new savings account has been opened at the bank. Working out the details so it is not showing on his report for this month. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: **a) – Maute Road culvert** – no new information on this. **b) – Website Update** – Lesinski still working on the changeover and reviewing updates. Bray has offered to help review to make sure nothing gets missed. **c) – ARPA Update** – Lesinski would like to start in January putting together a plan for how the money will best be served. **d) – LRUA Update** - a draft copy was presented by Lesinski, this has to be signed by January 31, 2022. He has a meeting later this week so will have more details after that. **e) – 911 Surcharge Proposal from County** – Material from the last supervisors meeting was given and Lesinski would like the board to look it over. An issue that needs immediate attention. It was suggested that a letter be sent from each Township and or at least the Supervisors to the County Commissioners urging them to serious look into this. **f) – Fire Millage in May** – Township Attorney is working on the language for the ballot. This will be a new millage and asking for 1.5 mills. February 8, 2022 is the deadline for turning into the County.

New Business: **a) – PC and ZBA Appointments** – Lesinski made motion to re-appoint Marc Cuddie to the Planning Commission with term ending 12-2024, Heather McDougall to the Planning Commission as a regular member (no recording secretary unless the board feels it will need it) with term ending 12-2024 and to the Zoning Board of Appeals Katelyn McClanahan and Marc Cuddie with terms ending 12-2024. Supported by Brennan. Motion Carried. **b) – New Hire for Office Staff** – two interviews have been done, no other interest. The last interview was just this morning so in fairness to her Lesinski would like to give that person a week to think about the position. A special meeting will be held on Monday, December 20 at 8:00 to hire for the position. **c) – Broadband Committee** – Lesinski and Bray have met with 3 public who are interested in bringing broadband to the Township. They will continue to meet to see if there is anything new and different since this was last brought up in 2018. **d) – Budget Amendments** – Motion by Zenz to move \$ 2,312.70 from Elections Department-Inspector Compensation and amend Township Board-Attorney line \$1,492.54, Streets & Roads Department-Street Lighting - \$ 359.48 and Parks & Recreation Department-Porta John Rentals - \$ 460.68. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Zenz, Golding, Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland and Lesinski. Nays – None. **e) – Summer Tax Collection Agreement with Grass Lake Community Schools** – Motion by Lesinski to go into agreement with the school for \$1.70 per parcel for summer tax collection. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. **f) – 2022 Cemetery Charge Increase** – Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to approve the opening/closing, burial of cremains, plot purchase and foundation increases as of January 1, 2022. Supported by Golding. Motion Carried. **g) – Resolution for General Appropriations Act (2022 Budget)** – Motion by Lesinski to adopt the resolution for the 2022 fiscal year budget. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Golding, Brennan, Bray and Loveland. Nays – None.

h) – Resolutions for Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk & Trustee Salary – Motion by Golding to approve the resolutions for the 2022 salaries of the supervisor, treasurer and clerk. No change in Trustee from 2021. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Golding, Brennan, Lesinski, Bednarski-Lynch, Zenz, Bray and Loveland. Nays – None. **i) – 2022 Monthly Board Meeting Dates & Work Session Dates** – Remove November 15, 2022 budget work session from the work session calendar and make November 22, 2022 as budget work session. Motion by Zenz to approve the regular monthly board meeting dates and the work session dates with corrections for the 2022 calendar year. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **j) - 2022 Holiday Closing Dates** – Motion by Zenz to approve the Holiday closing dates as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. **k) – Resolution to Amend 2021 Poverty Guidelines** – Motion by Lesinski to approve the revised 2021 Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Zenz, Bednarski-Lynch, Golding, Brennan, Bray and Loveland. Nays – None. Motion Carried. **l) – Resolution for Residence to Protest in Writing to the Board of Review** – Motion by Zenz to approve the resolution as presented for the 2022 March Board of Review. Supported by Golding. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Zenz, Golding, Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski, Brennan, Bray and Loveland. Nays – None.

Fire Department Report: Presented by Chief Jones. Jones asked about looking into our application as far as having age and social security # on it. Motion by Zenz to regretfully accept the resignation letters of Jeffrey Fall and Ryan Barr. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk