

**GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Lesinski at 8:03 a.m.

Board Members Present: Lesinski, Brennan, Golding, Bednarski-Lynch. Loveland and Bray joined meeting at 8:10 a.m. Zenz joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Harris.

Fire Department Cadet Program Manual – Made changes in the manual in regards to age. Will be voted on at next board meeting.

Sewers – Lesinski feels that the LRUA is poorly run and there is no authority. The requirements from EGLE are becoming a difficult and expensive process. May need to think about breaking apart from LRUA into a smaller regional unit. Bednarski-Lynch asked if other townships are worried about raising their rates. Loveland has no problem working as a smaller unit, but a process will need to be put into place. Bray suggested hiring an expert to give a new perspective. Lesinski will keep the board updated.

Roads – Lesinski is trying to come up with ideas to raise money to improve the roads. The road fund currently has \$300,000 sitting in it, should it be used to start repairing some of the roads in the township. Bednarski-Lynch asked which roads to start with, primary or secondary. Bray doesn't think the money will go very far. Lesinski has a meeting with Jim Cole from Jackson County Department of Transportation next month.

Budget – Lesinski is taking budgeting classes and has learned that many places have a "road map" for their budget to help get ahead of issues instead of waiting until items need to be taken care of. Lesinski has asked the board members to start thinking about short term items for next year's budget. Bray stated that the board has not been doing anything wrong with concerns to the budget, but understands the township is growing and may need to start doing things differently. Lesinski thinks this plan may help future board members when dealing with the budget.

Civil Traffic Laws – Lesinski asked if anyone knew about civil traffic laws. The board previously researched this topic and decided it was too difficult and in depth of a process to pursue further.

Bank – Loveland has had many different negative issues with The State Bank and has asked the board to consider switching banks. Loveland will inquire about the local credit union at Treasure's Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Harris, Deputy Clerk