

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
January 10, 2023

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., by Supervisor Lesinski at the Grass Lake Charter Township Fire Meeting Room.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Lamborghini, Brennan. Absent: Bray.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, 2 Public.

Pledge to flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda Items: - **Meeting Minutes** – as prepared. **County Sheriff Report** – as prepared. **Assessor’s Report** – no report. **Zoning Administrator’s Report** – as prepared, **DPW Report** – as prepared. **Zoning Enforcement Report** – as prepared. **Building and Grounds Report** – no report. Motion by Loveland and supported by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the consent agenda items as reported. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$63,566.67 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$63,818.40. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas –Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Lesinski, Zenz and Lamborghini. Absent - Bray.

Treasurer’s Report: Loveland reported tax collection is going well. Zenz made motion to accept and file the report as presented. Supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: Siegfried Crandall PC – Audit engagement letter. Thomas Trudeau – effective immediately sewer line inspection to private septic tanks.

Old Business: **a) – ARPA Update – building update** – Lesinski having a meeting with architect next week. Due to water break line on Christmas Day, issues being fixed and will look into getting the carpet replaced. Office Staff is currently working from the Meeting Room. Senior Center is meeting at the Methodist Church. **b) – Parks Update** – Nothing new, Bray will hope to have a meeting scheduled for next month.

New Business: **a) – Resolution – for residents to protest in writing to Board of Review** – Motion by Lesinski to offer the resolution. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Zenz, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland and Lamborghini. Absent - Bray. **b) – Resolution – Poverty Guidelines for Board of Review** - Motion by Lesinski to offer the resolution. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lesinski, Zenz, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland and Lamborghini. Absent - Bray. **c) – Resolution –**

Approval to Authorize Supervisor to Apply for Spark Grant – Motion by Loveland to offer the resolution. Supported by Zenz. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Loveland, Zenz, Lesinski, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch and Lamborghini. Absent - Bray. **d) – Grass Lake Schools & Jackson ISD Summer Tax Collection Agreement** – Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to charge \$ 1.70 per parcel across the table for Grass Lake and Napoleon Schools, Jackson ISD and Jackson College for summer tax collection. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Lesinski, Zenz, Brennan and Lamborghini. Absent - Bray. **e) – Intergovernmental contract with Village water and sewer** – Discussion on the agreement and rate increases. Lesinski made motion to approve the amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village, dated December 2022. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. Rate increase will be approved, but Loveland and Lesinski will show a break down of current rates and what the additional rate with increase will be. They also will prepare a letter to be sent out with the January sewer billings. **f) – Fill position of Recording Secretary for PC and ZBA** – Motion by Brennan to appoint Shirley Sherwood as recording secretary for \$ 75.00 per diem for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. **g) – Cell Tower Discussion** – Letter was received from American Tower offering a Rent Reduction or a Perpetual Easement and one time payment. After much discussion the board directed Lesinski to counter with a one time payment of \$385,000.00. **h) – Discuss Asset Management Program; Roads** – Lesinski is looking to form a group of residents plus himself and 2 board members to try and come up with some solutions for road repair. He would like to start this in March.

Bednarski-Lynch would like to have monthly updates on the broadband business that is coming through the Township.

Fire Department Report: a) – Report - as presented by Fire Chief Jones.

Public Comment: Joanne Ackerman inquired about the line going down Norvell Road by Frontier, she will bring in a copy of the postcard that she received in her mailbox from them.

Adjournment: Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk