

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
July 11, 2023

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski at the Grass Lake Charter Township Meeting Room.

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

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Harris, Fire Chief Jones, Village Manager Sabrina Edgar, County Commissioner Walz, Next Era Solar Representative, WLNS News and approximately 50 Public. Zoom Attendees: 14

**Pledge** to flag was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** Lesinski requested to add County Commissioner Walz to the agenda. Motion by Brennan and supported by Bray to approve agenda as presented along with the addition of County Commissioner Walz. 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** – there have been sewer issues at Water St. **Zoning Enforcement Report** – as prepared. In the process of transitioning from Lammers to Campbell. **Building and Grounds Report** – as prepared. **County Commissioner Walz** – introduced herself as the newly appointed County Commissioner and told of her plans moving forward. **Motion** by Brennan to accept the consent agenda items as reported and discussed. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$71,321.31 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$26,785.45. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski, Lamborghini. Nays – None. Absent – Loveland, Zenz.

**Treasurer’s Report:** County National amounts are off due to no bank statements at time of meeting. Motion by Lesinski to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** **a) – ARPA Update** – The architect is working on a contract to move forward. There will be a meeting to discuss asking for bids from contractors. **b) – Parks Report** – Need to meet with soccer and baseball leagues to figure out plans for next season. Mr. Robert Hamil would like to continue to help with the trees at the parks. Looking into internet and cameras for the parks. **c) – Roads Discussion** – the Township will spend money to help with the roads in very poor condition. JCDOT will begin work on 9 local roads throughout the Township soon.

More information to come. Lesinski would like to put together a Community Committee to help decide which roads to fix and how to maintain.

**New Business: a) – Capital Improvement Plan** – Lesinski presented to the board verbiage that will hopefully lead to a Capital Improvement Plan. It contains the basics to create committees, information on funding and information on how the plan works. It will help build a budgeting program. Lesinski asked the board to read through it and give input, thoughts and ideas for projects that need to be included. **b) – Next Era Energy presentation** – Next Era Energy has applied to rezone 6 parcels in the southwest corner of the Township from Residential 2 to Agricultural. Kunhal Parikh, a representative of Next Era presented the board with information on the company and the proposed project. Bednarski-Lynch questioned property values changing and if the company is willing to work with neighbors and land owners about their concerns. Statistically there is no change in property values. The company will adhere to the proper setbacks and will try to work with the people, but there are no guarantees. Lesinski would like more information on the PILT program and how it impacts taxes. It is a program the Township has to sign up for and Next Energy will work with the Township on that to see if it's the best way to go. What will happen if the two jurisdictions have different setbacks? The project will adhere to the more stringent setbacks.

**Fire Department Report:** as prepared by Fire Chief Jones.

**Public Comment:** Questions and comments about the solar farm project. Approximately 12 residents spoke. Joe Deboe gave information on the Traffic Jam-In.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Harris, Township Deputy Clerk