

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Grass Lake Charter Township Board**  
August 8, 2023

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 8, 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, Loveland, Lesinski, Brennan, and Bray.  
Absent: Lamborghini, Zenz

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Harris, Zoning Administrator Campbell, County Commissioner Walz, and approximately 12 Public. Zoom Attendees: 12

**Pledge** to flag was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** Lesinski requested to add County Commissioner Walz under Consent Agenda and a firefighter application under Fire Department B. Motion by Brennan to approve agenda as presented along with the additions. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda Items:** - **Meeting Minutes** – as prepared. **County Commissioner Report** – this fall there will be improvements to the parking lots at Grass Lake County Park and a dock will be added at the boat launch. **County Sheriff Report** – as prepared. An activity report will now be included with the regular monthly report. There were 186 dispatches to Grass Lake from 911. Deputy Hackworth or Deputy Boatman will try to attend the board meetings. **Assessor's Report** – as prepared, busy with field work. There was an incident with a field worker and a resident, but it was quickly resolved. **Zoning Administrator's Report** – as prepared. Campbell is working with Lammers on a limited basis. The Planning Commission is dealing with issues concerning the solar farm rezoning. **DPW Report** – as prepared. **Zoning Enforcement Report** – as prepared, extremely busy catching up on reports. **Building and Grounds Report** – as prepared. Looked into the cost of fencing for the cemeteries and also the cost to correct the play area at the Township. Motion by Brennan to accept the consent agenda items as reported and discussed. Supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

**Monthly Bills:** Loveland questioned the BS&A bill confirming that it included more than just the receipt printer. The water softener at the Fire Station needed to be replaced. Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$68,714.10 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$24,361.29. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski, Loveland. Nays – None. Absent – Lamborghini, Zenz.

**Treasurer's Report:** All bank statements and accounts up to date. Tax collection is moving forward and disbursements are going well. Claussen is working on collecting personal property delinquencies from properties in Andover and FaHoLo. Motion by Brennan to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** a) – **ARPA Update** – There will be a bid meeting on August 16 at 4:00 p.m. Possibly allowing three weeks to collect bids. Also need to decide when to start project. b) – **Parks Report** – The basketball court lines will be painted by the end of the month. The total cost for painting is approximately \$2,100 with 5 Healthy Towns paying \$1,700. 5 Healthy Towns also awarded a grant to the Whistlestop to be able to place geocaches throughout the community.

**New Business:** a) – **Resolution for Michigan Township Par Plan** – Lesinski has the opportunity to be on the Michigan Township Participating Plan State Board. He would represent the district as a whole, including various counties in the area. There will be no expense for the Township. It is a non-paid position, but will receive a stipend for travel expenses. Motion by Brennan to offer the resolution confirming appointment of member of representative to the Michigan Participating Plan. Supported by Loveland. Motion carried. b) – **Short-Term Rental Ordinance** – The Township has received two complaints about short-term rentals. Currently, there is no existing ordinance to address this issue. Mr. Lesinski presented a draft of a proposed ordinance to regulate short-term rentals. This draft suggests that property owners interested in short-term rentals would need to apply for a license overseen by the Zoning Administrator's office. Failure to apply for the license would result in violations. The ordinance aims to grant the Township the authority to take action if necessary. During the discussion, Bednarski-Lynch requested the original draft that served as the basis for the proposed ordinance. Loveland sought clarification on the definition of "short-term," which is defined as rentals lasting from 1 to 29 days according to the draft ordinance. c) – **Work Session Meeting Time** – Motion by Loveland to move monthly work session meetings from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Report:** as prepared by Fire Chief Jones. An application for a firefighter position was received from Gary Kircher III. He has all paperwork, background check and driving record completed. Loveland asked if he would need all the proper training, which he will. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the application of Gary Kircher III to be on the Grass Lake Fire Department. Supported by Brennan. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Comments about the solar farm project and asking the board to apply a moratorium. A resident is having issues with a neighboring property operating as an Airbnb. Approximately 5 residents spoke. Bednarski-Lynch asked if a moratorium is allowed for a solar farm and if information can be provided by the next work session.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Harris, Township Deputy Clerk