

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
September 12, 2023

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Zenz, Lesinski, Lamborghini, Brennan and Bray.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Village Manager Edgar, and 8 Public. Zoom attendees: 6

Pledge to flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brennan and supported by Loveland 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. Sub-committee meetings will be September 13, 2023 at 11:00 (Grass Lake Baptist Church) and September 28, 2023 at 7:00 (Grass Lake Township Meeting Room) **DPW Report** – as prepared. Water Street and Wolf Lake Lift Stations maned heavily during the recent storm. **Zoning Enforcement Report** – as prepared. **Building and Grounds Report** – as prepared. Motion by Brennan 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 \$176,414.84 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$92,551.45. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Roll Call Vote: Yeas –Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lamborghini, Bray and Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: No Treasurer’s report. Tax collection going well. New scanner working very well.

Correspondence: Letter from resident on Orban Road concerned about neighbor’s property.

Old Business: **a) – ARPA Update – building update** – Bids are due back on September 13. A special meeting would be called at that time for opening of the bids. **b) – Parks Report** – Bray reported no updates. A meeting will be held in the near future. A check has been received from the AYSO. **c) – Short Term Rental Ordinance** – Lesinski asked if any questions about the draft ordinance. Bednarski-Lynch would like to have a meeting with owners of short-term rentals. Lesinski had done this early on and is not opposed if board members want to step up and host a meeting. No volunteers from the board members. This will be kept on the agenda. **d) – Solar Farm Moratorium** – Lesinski has had conversation with the Township’s Attorney on the legality the board has on doing this. We are waiting for a response from the attorney.

New Business: a) – Sewer Pump Replacement Cost Fees and Agreement – The language for sewer grinder pump replacement needs to be revised and also to make more clearer a payment plan schedule. An agreement form between the user and Township was created to have a better way of tracking outstanding balances. After much discussion this will be tabled until a special meeting is held or the next regular meeting. Board wants to know if the life of a pump is still 15 years. **b) – Replacement of trees at Willis Road Park** – 3 trees have been damaged or died at the park that were planted in memory of a loved one. Board feels Township should replace these trees. Zenz stated this will have to become a budgeted item for the park each year. **c) – Introduction of 2024 General Fund Budget** - Lesinski passed out a very rough draft of the 2024 General Fund Budget, he would like the board to go over this as budget meetings will begin soon.

Fire Department Report: a) – Report - as presented by Fire Chief Jones. Jones reported a software change for the reporting of his reports to the State, most likely in January 2024. 4 of the new firepersons started Medical Class today, this is a 6-week program. The department is attending home football games. Fire Safety Week is coming soon also.

Public Comment: Lorene Adams – spoke of the B & B's and the short-term rental ordinance being proposed. She would like to meet with other owners and go over the ordinance with them. Larry Memmer – President of Chamber, wanting to help build the community in any way possible. Kunhal Parikh from NextEra informed the board that they are hosting an Informational Meeting at the Grass Lake High School Auditorium on September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk