

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
November 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 14, 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, Deputy Clerk Harris and approximately 20 Public. Zoom attendees: 11.

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, a lot of activity in the Township. **Assessor's Report** – as prepared, CPI going up to maximum of 5%. **Zoning Administrator's Report** – as prepared. **DPW Report** – as prepared. **Zoning Enforcement Report** – as prepared. **Building and Grounds Report** – as prepared. Motion by Bednarski-Lynch and supported by Brennan 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 \$166,020.40 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$18,435.39. Supported by Bray. Roll Call Vote: Yeas –Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Zenz, Lamborghini and Lesinski. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: 6th and final State Shared Revenue check was received for the year, it was more than what was budgeted. New assistant in the Treasurer's office doing a good job. Getting items in order to print the winter tax bills. Motion by Zenz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: **a) – ARPA Update – building update** – no updates. **b) – Parks Report** – there has been no meeting. Asplundh Tree Service will be parking their trucks in the Soccer field parking through March 31, 202. They will do grading and any snow removal if needed. **c) – Short Term Rental Ordinance** – Bednarski-Lynch has met with some owners of Air B-n-B's. The draft ordinance that they reviewed was given to board with mark-ups from their meeting. **d) – Solar Farm** – Lesinski stated at this time the board had nothing to discuss, waiting to see exactly what the State had passed. The re-zoning request will be on the Jackson County Planning Commission agenda in December, should be back to the Township Board in January.

New Business: a) – Election Update – Zenz gave an update on the 9 days of early voting that she knew at this time: agreement signed with Jackson County, Blackman and Summit Townships will be the two voting sites, our Township would work one of those days at one of the early sites, notices will be sent out to all registered voters of where to vote if they choose to in those 9 early days. February 27, 2024 will be the Presidential Primary and will be the first time 9 days of early voting will be utilized. All State and Federal Elections are required to have the 9 days. **b) – Meeting Protocol/Zooming vs YouTube – New equipment Zooming P/C Meeting** – Lesinski expressed that there is too much interaction from the public and the boards except during the Public Comment time which is acceptable. The board is looking at some changes on how best to deal with the situation. Talk of using You Tube and no longer using Zoom. **c) – Electrical Inspector Resignation** – Motion by Brennan to accept Keith King’s letter of resignation effective December 21, 2023. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried. Two people have been interviewed for replacement with the potential of 2 more. **d) – Clerk Resignation** – Motion by Lesinski to accept the resignation of Township Clerk Cathy Zenz effective December 31, 2023. Supported by Loveland. Motion Carried. **e) – MEC Broadband Permit** – This company has received grant money and would like to run fiber optic mostly on the East side of Township. There would be a connection fee to residents to hook up to it. Updates on this will be posted on the Township’s website and on Facebook. **f) – Budget Questions from Board, if any** – Only question was looking into putting a cap on weight of trash being brought into LRS through the free dump tickets. Also raising the price of additional tickets purchased. Next Budget Work Session will be November 27, 2023 at 10:00.

Fire Department Report: a) – Report - as presented by Fire Chief Jones. The Department will be hosting Breakfast with Santa along with a food and toy drive at the station and will also be at the Depot for food and toys on December 2, 2023. 2 out 4 of his new hires have passed their State Test and National Registry. **a) – Opening of Bids for Utility Truck** – 4 sealed bids were received for the F-350 Utility Truck, ranging from \$1,378.18 to \$12,501.25. Motion by Brennan to accept the bid for \$12,501.25. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Carl Wells – zoom, thanked Clerk Zenz, Brett Koors board packets & dump tickets, and Amy Stephens - zoom. Bobby Harper and JoAnn Ackerman also to keep Zoom, thanked Clerk Zenz, work on Township Ordinances and invitation to their next social gathering.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk