

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
March 12, 2024

The **regular monthly** meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 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, Lamborghini, Brennan, Bray, Harris, Lesinski. Absent: none.

Also Present: County Commissioner Walz, Village Manager Edgar, approximately 55 Public and 12 Zoom Attendees.

Pledge to flag was recited.

Attorney Kyle O'Meara explained that Grass Lake Solar, LLC requested the Township Board hold a public hearing. Under the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act the Board is required to hold the public hearing with written notice 15 days prior. At this time the Board is unable to make a decision.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bednarski-Lynch to accept the agenda with an addition of a public comment between old business and new business. Supported by Brennan. 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. The Planning Commission has an important meeting coming up with Target Trucking on the agenda. **DPW Report** – as prepared. There was a large sewer blockage under I94. The Mt. Hope lift station generator is not working. The parts no longer exist so it will have to be replaced. **Zoning Enforcement Report** – as prepared. **Building and Grounds Report** – no report. **County Commissioner Report** – The County Commission approved the use of flock cameras. Walz attended a Fair conference. Implementing a junior fair board is being discussed. 911 dispatch call volume is up. The parks department recently held an annual Beerfest. All proceeds benefit Jackson County youth. The Grass Lake Park is scheduled to have the small parking lot redone. The local Kiwanis club has agreed to run the concession stand at the Grass Lake Park. Motion by Lesinski to accept the consent agenda items as reported and discussed. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion Carried.

Closed Session Minutes: Minutes from the closed session portion of the special meeting held on February 29, 2024 were distributed to board members, signed, collected and sealed.

Monthly Bills: Motion by Brennan to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$65,465.99 and Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$24,867.59. Supported by Bray. Roll Call: Yeas – Brennan, Bray, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Lamborghini, Harris and Lesinski. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Loveland is in the process of settling property taxes with the county. Property tax collection was supposed to end at the Township on February 29, but due to online payments continuing to come in the final date was extended a few days. The second revenue sharing check was received the beginning of March.

Correspondence: Included in the board packets are hard copies of all the emails received.

Old Business: **a) – ARPA Update** – Bray has several contractors providing quotes for upgrades to the township building. **b) – Parks Report** – A meeting was held last month and the group will continue to

meet every other month. They are considering adding nets around the soccer fields to prevent balls from rolling away and small children from running on the field. The Summer Youth League is investing \$25,000 to redo the infields on the baseball diamonds **c) – Short-Term Rental Ordinance** – The State has introduced House Bill No. 5438. Lesinski doesn't feel that it's overly intrusive and doesn't want to keep postponing the short-term rental ordinance, but also doesn't want to put work into it if the ordinance will need to be changed again in the near future. **d) – Rezoning Request** – The Board cannot discuss the rezoning because of the request on the table, but can discuss setting a date for the public hearing. The public hearing can be held at a regular board meeting or a special meeting. Lesinski suggested April 2 or April 4. It was agreed all board members are available April 2. Lesinski made a motion to hold a public hearing for Grass Lake Solar, LLC within a special meeting on April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Supported by Lamborghini. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Accidentally missed. Will allow four minutes during public comment at end of agenda.

New Business: a) – Resolution for Charitable Gaming License – The Warpath Baseball organization would like to do a raffle as a fund raiser. Bray offered the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried. **b) – Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Tims Lake Blvd SAD** – Lesinski offered a resolution that acknowledges receipt of a petition, notes project plans and estimated costs, states the need for improvement and special assessment district and to set a date for the first public hearing March 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Bray and Bednarski-Lynch wanted to make sure this only effected the 32 properties with road frontage on Tims Lake Blvd. Department of Transportation will be paying 30%. Supported by Loveland. Roll Call: Yeas – Lesinski, Loveland, Bednarski-Lynch, Lamborghini, Breanna, Bray, and Harris. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. **c) – Resolution for Approval of Amendment of Grass Lake Charter Township Profit Sharing Plan** – Lesinski offered a resolution for approval of amendment of Grass Lake Charter Township profit sharing plan. The purpose is to retain Thomas Loveland and Gail Harris as Trustees of the plan. Supported by Brennan. Roll Call: Yeas – Lesinski, Brennan, Bednarski-Lynch, Loveland, Lamborghini, Bray, and Harris. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. **d) – Approval of Pay for New Deputy Clerk** – Lesinski suggested starting at \$15.00 Loveland made a motion to start at the regular pay rate according to the employee handbook of \$14.95 along with the established Deputy Clerk salary. Supported by Bednarski-Lynch. Motion carried. **e) – Placement of Narcan Dispenser** – 5 Healthy Towns, Mike Hirst and New Vision would like to place a Narcan dispenser within the community. It will be stocked for free and anyone can use it for free. It was suggested placing it at the fire station. Lesinski will check with Fire Chief Jones to see if it will work there.

Fire Department Report: as prepared by Fire Chief Jones.

Public Comment: A restoration plan for the Bohne Rd. gravel pit was given to Lesinski. Residents are concerned about the solar project and don't believe what NextEra is telling them. Township Board needs to make a decision based on facts and the laws. Questions and explanations on the profit-sharing plan.

Adjournment: Motion by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Supported by Bray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Gail Harris, Township Clerk