

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, August 12th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Board Members Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Bray, Lesinski, Harshbarger and Zenz present. Also present **Shannon Maynard from the Jackson Citizen Patriot, John Basso and Gary Gizinski from American Tooling Center, Inc.** and 4 public. Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions: Old Business: j. Approval of IFT application – American Tooling Center, Inc. and Fire Department New Business: Resignation of Josh Freysinger. Moved by Lesinski to accept the agenda with additions, supported by Bray. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Moved by Bray to approve the July regular monthly meeting minutes, work session and special meeting minutes as printed, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried.

Monthly Bills: In the amount of \$ 42,300.46 from the General Fund and \$ 9,017.29 from the Allocated Fire Fund were presented. Moved by Loveland to pay \$ 9,017.29 from the Allocated Fire Fund and \$ 42,300.46 from the General Fund, supported by Lesinski. Roll Call: Yeas; Loveland, Lesinski, Bray, Stormont, Clark, Harshbarger, Zenz.

Treasurers Report: Loveland stated that he had several Certificate of Deposits that matured today. He will work on reinvesting right away. Moved by Clark to receive and file the treasurers report, supported by Zenz.

Correspondence: Region II Planning Commission report, Jackson County Sheriff Department regarding incident command for elected officials, MTA to compete for Township of excellence, Region II for hazardous mitigation and Siegfried Crandall stating that our 2007 audit was okay.

Old Business: (a) Sports and Trails Recreation Park update – nothing much going on due to limited funds. Trustee Bray would like a joint meeting with the Park Board, Soccer and Baseball to review the plan so that everyone would be on the same page. (b) Park Budget Update – Lesinski stated he would like to work on this at the time we are working on the 2009 budget. (c) Loveland recommends that we remove this from the agenda due to the work that is going on for the sewer authority. Moved by Zenz to remove “Sewer Tap Increase” from the agenda, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried. (d) Resolution-Local Development Finance Authority, Moved by Bray to offer the “Resolution of Intent to Establish the Grass Lake Charter Township Local Development Finance Authority and Designate the Boundaries of the Authority”, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. (e) “1 2 3 Net” trial – Supervisor had talked with Bill Lockwood and they are waiting for word to go ahead with the 6 months trial, they are concentrating on the east side of the township to demonstrate wireless internet. (f) Resolution To Declare Bond Proceeds As

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“Surplus” and Matters Related Thereto – Moved by Loveland to offer the “Resolution To Declare Bond Proceeds As “Surplus” and Matters Related Thereto”, supported by Clark. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. Resolution To Partially Vacate Assessment On Special Assessment Roll and Other Matters Related Thereto- Moved by Loveland to offer the “Resolution to Partially Vacate Assessment On Special Assessment Roll and Other Matters Related Thereto”, supported by Clark. Motion carried by voice vote. **(g)** Huhman Update – regarding ordinance violation for “Blight” and “Dilapidated Building”, a letter was sent on July 31st and we are now waiting for the attorney to write a letter of agreement between the Township, Fire Department and Huhman for the burning of the structures. **(h)** Resolution of Intent – Leoni Regional Utility Authority, after many questions, The “Resolution of Intent Re: Management Recommendations Made by Leoni Regional Utility Authority” was offered by Lesinski and supported by Bray. Vote: Ayes; Lesinski, Bray, Stormont, Clark, Loveland, Harshbarger. Nays; Zenz **(i)** Consumers-Proposed Street Light for Sandy Ridge Entrance - Due to the Sandy Ridge Association holding their annual meeting on Saturday, August 16th, and there not being any official vote of the association in regard to installing the street light, a motion was made by Zenz to table the issue to the September meeting, supported by Harshbarger. Motion Carried by voice vote. **(j)** Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – Moved by Clark to grant American Tooling Center, Inc. the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a period of 12 years, supported by Loveland. Motion Carried by voice vote.

New Business: **(a)** Fund Balance Transfer – this pertains to the Assessor office regarding another computer to add to the office. Also need to determine how the payment owing to Lester Bros. for work done at the Sports and Trails Community Park will be paid. This will be further discussed at our August work session. The Fire Department Vehicle Fund – Greg is working on updating the 21 year cost plan for vehicles – Supervisor would like to propose that we add \$ 30,000 more than originally budgeted to the fire vehicle fund. The IRS mileage rate as of July 1, 2008 was raised to .58 ½ cents per mile. **(b)** Noxious Weed Ordinance – Supervisor has a draft from the County that he would like us to look over and decide do we need one. **(c)** 2008 Michigan Hydroplane Boat Races Sept. 6 and 7 at Grass Lake County Park – Moved by Zenz that we grant them permission to use the park and lake for the boat races on Sept. 6 and 7, 2008, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried by voice vote. **(d)** 1% Administrative Fee proposal- Out of 19 Townships in Jackson County, Grass Lake Township is one of three that do not collect an administrative fee on the ad valorem taxes. At present, this would generate approximately \$ 77,500. **(e)** Joint Township Board/Planning Commission meeting on August 21 at 7:00 p.m.- this meeting is in regard to the Ganton Nursing Home Campus.

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Fire Department: Old Business: Moved by Clark to accept Tommy Burton's application to join the Volunteer Fire Department, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried by voice vote. New Business: Moved by Clark to accept the resignation of Josh Freysinger from the Volunteer Fire Department, supported by Lesinski. Motion Carried by voice vote.

Adjournment: Moved by Harshbarger to adjourn, supported by Bray. Meeting adjourned at 9: 20 p.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Marjorie A. Clark, Clerk