

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Grass Lake Charter Township Board
November 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall by Supervisor Stormont.

Board Members Present by Roll Call: Lester, Zenz, Stormont and Butterfield. Absent Bray, Loveland and Brennan.

Also Present: Fire Chief Jones, Assessor DeBoe, Village President DeBoe and approximately 13 public.

Pledge to Flag recited.

Agenda Additions/Approval: Butterfield moved to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Lester. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Richard Murphy – Thanked the board for having the friends on the agenda, but they have no information to give us at this time. Star Crowdis – presented board members questions she has and wants a response back from the Township. Nancy Prindle – letter of record presented in regards to the Bohne Road gravel pit operation. (attached). Gary VanSickle – would like to see better safety at bus stops, increase police patrol during the pick-up and drop-off hours at the bus stops. Star Crowdis – presented pictures of Bohne Road gravel pit.

Minutes: Zenz stated a correction to the work session minutes paragraph “5 Healthy Towns” should read “organization has about \$75,000.00 available in grants to each of the five towns, and have started working on projects for next year.” Lester made a motion to approve the October 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and corrected October 23, 2018 Work Session Minutes. Supported by Butterfield. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bills: Butterfield made motion to pay General Fund Bills in the amount of \$68,956.88 and Fire Fund Bills in the amount of \$21,663.80. Supported by Lester. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Butterfield, Lester, Zenz and Stormont. Absent - Bray, Loveland and Brennan. Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: No Treasurer’s report due to the passing of Mr. Loveland’s wife.

County Sheriff Report: report filed as prepared by Officer DeLand.

Assessor Report: Report was filed as presented by Assessor DeBoe.

Zoning Administrator Report: Report was filed as prepared by Administrator Lammers.

Planning Commission Report: none.

Chief Building Official Report: Accepted and filed as printed.

Whistlestop Park Report: Accepted and filed as printed from Mike Fensler, Secretary.

Recreation Board Report: November 14 meeting has been postponed and will be re-scheduled for some time in December.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: a) – Mt Hope Road Township property sale - update – still waiting for response from Mr Lekander. b) – New township Office - committee – A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall. c) – Charitable Gaming License Resolution – Friends of Grass Lake Township – update –. Still waiting for letter from the IRS. d) – Police Power Ordinance – Junk Vehicles -adoption – Motion by Lester to adopt the Amendment of Junk Vehicle Ordinance – Ordinance #PPO-05 as presented making sure the year

throughout the ordinance reads 2018. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Lester, Butterfield, Zenz and Stormont. Absent – Bray, Loveland and Brennan. Motion Carried.

New Business: a) – Recreational Marijuana Ordinance – opting out – Stormont presented a draft ordinance to “Prohibit Marijuana Establishments” within the Township, he would like the board to review. This was drafted up by the Michigan Township Association. **b) – Solar Energy Systems Ordinance – introduction** – Stormont moved to introduce the Small and Large Solar Energy Systems Ordinance as prepared and recommended by the Grass Lake Charter Township Planning Commission and with approval recommendation from the Jackson County Planning Commission. Supported by Butterfield. Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Stormont, Butterfield, Lester and Zenz. Absent – Bray, Loveland and Brennan. Motion Carried. **c) – Dale Fisher – Compliance Issues** – Planning Commission working on updates for his compliance with the new adopted ordinance.

Fire Department Report: October report accepted as prepared by Chief Jones.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Public Comment: Joe DeBoe – December 1, Festival of Lights – activity all day. Moment of silence for Dave Wilcox, Village Trustee who recently passed.

Adjournment: Motion by Lester to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm, supported by Butterfield. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Zenz, Township Clerk

Attachment – Nancy Prindle letter

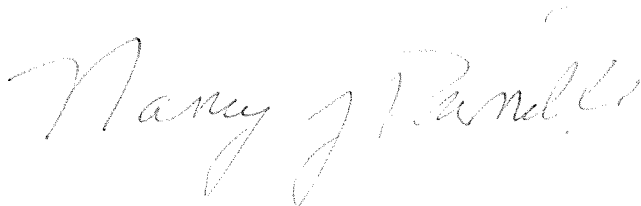
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Planning Commission:

As resident of Grass Lake Charter Township living on Bohne Road I am writing this letter to inform you of the gravel pit operations on Bohne road and the impact on township residents:

- Target trucking operates outside of the agreed to working hours with trucks functioning late into the night. I have heard and seen the trucks running in and out of the pit and down Bohne Road at 10:00 p.m. and later and early in the morning well before 7:00 a.m.
- The noise and vibration from the trucks rattle windows in homes causing noise and disturbance not allowing for a time of peace and enjoyment during the specified times agreed to.
- This gravel pit has been in operation for well over 20 years and I believe the best interest of the residents of Bohne Road, Clear Lake Road and other roads effected by its operation should be considered above those of commercial operations which have no benefit to the township or its residents (financial or otherwise).

Respectfully,



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