

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 27, 2009

Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

7:30 p.m. Call to Order: Supervisor Loftus, Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Van Os, Trustees Frucci, Kantz, Johnson and Ranka, Township Manager Reaume and Finance Director Darzniek

Presentations:

1. Senior Alliance ó Helen Morrison

The Senior Alliance aka Area Agency 1-C was designated as such in 1980 by the Michigan Commission on Aging. They are one of 34 communities in the Downriver Area that make up 1-C. The Senior Alliance leadership anticipates building upon the agency's strengths and learning from experience í look forward to carrying on the current mission í and mature into a holistic network that can facilitate all aspects of adult living. Working in partnership with a variety of public and private organizations í create a network that will provide seniors and persons with disabilities a seamless system of programs, services and opportunities to live a self-determined life, supported by those they choose and by providers committed to practicing person centered thinking. An ad hoc committee has been appointed to look at the current organizational structure of TSA and with the goal of reducing the size. Mrs. Morrison has been invited to serve on that five member committee and will keep the board informed. *Trustee Frucci asked why they are reducing the size.* Mr. Bob Brown replied that the state has changed its funding pattern, so they have to change their format. *Trustee Frucci asked if the person involved will get a say in what services they receive.* Mr. Brown answered that they give them the alternatives and they choose what care they receive. *Trustee Frucci asked if they mesh services with the information center.* Mr. Brown stated that they partner in many ways with them and many other organizations.

2. Ms. Deborah Greene (Rotary Showcase)

On September 12 the Rotary Club will be hosting the Rotary Showcase. The showcase includes the Great American Bake Sale and a classic car show in Perdino's parking lot. The showcase is to show what the island has to offer. Booth space is available at no cost. The showcase will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

1. Motion Van Os, second O'Connor to delete Action Item # 2, Sanitary Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Bid Award. All aye.
2. Motion Kantz, second O'Connor, to delete Action Item # 9, Purchase Authorization ó Woods Rough Cut Mower. All aye.

Motion Johnson, second Van Os, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA 09-091:

1. Minutes of July 13, 2009
2. Check Register dated July 17, 2009
3. Check Register dated July 27, 2009
4. Booster Club Charitable Gaming License

Motion Van Os, Second O'Connor, to approve consent agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **09-092** Motion Trustee Ranka, Second Trustee Johnson, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE ILE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AFFIRMING APPROVAL OF THE SENIOR ALLIANCE MULTI-YEAR PLAN FOR AGING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Grosse Ile, Wayne County, Michigan recognizes the roll of The Senior Alliance as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring, and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers.

WHEREAS, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the Township of Grosse Ile, comprises the Planning and Service Area to the agency's governing body.

WHEREAS, the Office of Services to the Aging require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Multi-Year Plan from their local governments.

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has submitted the plan to this honorable body in accordance with federal and state laws.

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has held public hearings, public input sessions, and Key-Informant Survey was distributed to the client, caregiver, and service provider population for feedback which contributed to the development of the Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this honorable body of the Township of Grosse Ile Board of Trustees approves the Multi-Year Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2012, as presented to the Township of Grosse Ile.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED the Township of Grosse Ile Board of Trustees on July 27, 2009

All aye. Motion carried.

2. Deleted.
3. **09-093** Motion Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Ranka, to award bid to Nix Mechanical, (Low Bidder), in the amount of \$107,335.00 for final effluent pump replacement; based upon the recommendation of the DPS Commission. *Treasurer Van Os asked if this item was listed in the Annual Budget. Department of Public Services Manager Barry Sedlock replied that the item was not in the Annual Budget but it was in the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Sedlock explained that this item was moved up the list because the pumps were beginning to fail and lose pressure. Treasurer Van Os stated that the money being used for this project has been set aside for major repairs at the plant. At this point there is 2.9 million dollars in that fund. Trustee Johnson inquired if the money that has been set aside can be used for other things at the plant. Trustee Van Os responded that the money has to be used within the physical confines of the plant and it does not include the new portion of the plant. Trustee Ranka questioned why this was not in the budget. DPS Manager Sedlock felt that they could get a little more life out of the pumps, but unfortunately they began to fail and lose pressure. Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh Rd., asked where the 2.9 million dollars came from. Finance Director Darzniek stated that it is incorporated into water rates. \$105,000 a year is set aside for repairs to that plant as required by bond issue. All aye. Motion carried.*
4. **09-094** Motion Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Ranka, to award bid to J & R Tractor, LLC, for a Grasshopper Model 620T complete with a 52ö mowing deck, snow blower and rotary broom in the amount of \$10,972; based upon the recommendation of the DPS Commission. *DPS Manager Sedlock informed the board that the plant has a small tractor now, but it is worn out. They need a bigger tool to take care of the growth of the facility. J & R Tractor was not the low bidder but the DPS Commission trusts J & R Tractor. Clerk O'Connor asked who will operate the tractor. DPS Manager Sedlock replied that United Water would run the tractor. All aye. Motion carried.*
5. **09-095** Motion Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Johnson, to award bid to Gaglio PR Cement Corporation, (lowest bidder), in the amount not to exceed \$84,571.20 for 2009 concrete pavement sectioning on unit price basis; based upon the recommendation of the Charles E. Raines Company (Township engineers) and the DPS Commission. *DPS Manager Sedlock introduced C.E. Raines*

Engineer Souheil Sabak. Mr. Sabak showed a brief overhead presentation outlining the 8 priority areas that were selected by the DPS Commission. The plan is to start working on each location one by one until the money is exhausted. Treasurer Van Os explained that the road repair fund is down to about \$900,000. After the intersection repairs, the fund will be down to about \$600,000. After this project the fund will be down to about \$400,000. The rest of the money will just be used for the bare minimum. There will be no more road repairs until we have more funds to work with. We are not anticipating any funds from Wayne County in the near future. Trustee Johnson inquired about how many more areas are as bad as the 8 areas designated and how many more are in a declining state and will be in as bad of shape soon. DPS Manager Sedlock responded that the DPS Commission put together a list that is 5 pages long about all the areas that need to be taken care of. The Commission chose the most heavily trafficked areas to take care of first. Supervisor Loftus commended the DPS Commission for their team work, analysis and for getting the township the most improvements for the money. Trustee Johnson asked about the kind of warranty that is on this patch work. Mr. Sabak informed the board that there is a one year guarantee on the concrete and if it is done properly than it should last 15 to 20 years. Trustee Kantz asked that DPS Manager Sedlock and Mr. Sabak come back before the board if they run out of money and come up short on the projected eight areas to be fixed. Bill Heil, 29228 East River Rd., inquired if the project was bonded. DPS Manager Sedlock confirmed that the project is bonded. Mr. Heil then stated that the township needs to find funds here on the island to fix the decaying roads. Treasurer Van Os informed the board that the DPS Commission is discussing a roads millage and it could be brought forward as soon as early next year. Mr. Bill Costick, DPS Commission Chair, stated that Bellevue, Church, Ferry, Meridian, and West River all need some type of major repair and he hopes to have a millage written for board approval by the end of the year. Jack Delphy, 10321 Loma Cir., asked if the roads millage would be used for enterprise zones. Supervisor Loftus commented that the use of the millage for an enterprise zone is one of the reasons that voters lost confidence in the millage. If we bring a millage back to the table, it will be clearly stated what it is for. Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh Rd., asked how we are doing on fixing the hole at the corner of Church Rd. and Meridian Rd. and asked what the decision was for fixing the intersection of Groh Rd. and Meridian Rd. Treasurer Van Os responded that the Commission made a decision on that intersection. They had the choice of multiple intersections and they made the decision that that was the one they were going to start with. DPS Manager Sedlock informed the board that AT&T put in a temporary patch and that a permanent patch will be added later. All aye. Motion carried.

6. **09-096** Motion Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Johnson, to award bid to Alø Asphalt Paving, Co., Inc., (lowest bidder), in the amount not to exceed \$165,720.00 for 2009 asphalt pavement repair on unit price basis; based upon the recommendation of the Charles E. Raines Company (Township Engineers) and the DPS Commission. DPS Manager Sedlock showed a overhead of 12 priority areas that were selected by the DPS Commission. Trustee Johnson asked if this job also carried the same one year warranty. Mr. Sabak answered that it is the same one year warranty and if it is done well it should last for 10-15 years. Trustee Kantz stated that this is only a third of the list and asked when the board could expect the rest of the list. DPS Manager Sedlock answered that the board could expect the rest of the list within a month. All aye. Motion carried.
7. **09-097** Motion Clerk O'Connor, second Treasurer Van Os, based upon the recommendation of the Community Recreation Commission, the Township Board is requesting to authorize advertising for and receiving bids for the construction of 370 linear feet of seawall at the Waterø Edge Marina. The scope of work includes a change from the previous scope consisting of extending the proposed seawall northward to Pier #2 and reducing the south section of the seawall by approximately 37 feet. Township Manager Reaume informed the board that this proposal represents what we feel is high priority. Community Recreation Commission Chair Walt Kacher explained that sink holes are becoming a problem at the marina. Supervisor Loftus asked what the occupancy ration of slips is. Community Recreation Manager Tim Rooney answered that the marina is at 51 of 55 occupied and that two of those slips are transient for Sharkey's according to their lease. Trustee Frucci asked if this would interfere with boaters. Clerk O'Connor explained that the project will not be started until the fall. Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh Rd., asked if some consideration had been given to the possibility of a new Wayne County bridge being built from the foot of Van Horne across and right into the heart of

Water's Edge. Supervisor Loftus replied that the only one that has talked about a fixed clearance bridge was himself. As far as the county replacing the Wayne County Bridge, that is at least 20 years in the future. All aye. Motion carried.

8. **09-098** Motion Clerk O'Connor, second Treasurer Van Os, to approve to accept Municipal Credit Funds from SMART in the amount of \$10,237 to operate 2009-2010 Community Transportation Program. Recreation Manager Rooney explained that the township receives \$10,000 per year for opting out of SMART bus. They then use that to pay for the van and the van is heavily used by the seniors. Trustee Ranka inquired about what we do for SMART bus since they give us \$10,000 per year. Recreation Manager Rooney stated that we are not charged for the millage at all. It is a true benefit. All aye. Motion carried.
9. *Deleted*

Clerk's Report

1. Clerk O'Connor talked about her vacation to the Leelanau Peninsula. She talked about wearing her Love Grosse Ile clothing with her family and handing out Grosse Ile magnets to people she met. Clerk O'Connor thinks this is a great way to promote Grosse Ile.

Treasurer's Report

Finance Office ó Investments:

As of Today, 7/27/09 Grosse Ile Township has \$ 9,863,243 invested in Certificate of Deposits with terms ranging from 30 days to 90 days with rates ranging from .45% to 1.90% or an total average of 1.04%.

The balance for the month of June of the MBIA CLASS investment pool is \$3,993,217 The MBIA CLASS investment earned \$1,368 at a rate of .43%.

\$1,450,519.00 is the amount in the sweep/investments accounts as of June 30, 2009 earning interest of \$263.23 at an average rate of .25%.

Treasurers Office ó Property Taxes

We have collected \$1,191,061.00* in property taxes. Total to collect for the summer 2009 taxes will be 13,000,000

A distribution of \$900,000.00 will be made this week to the County and Grosse Ile Schools.

We continue to collect delinquent Personal Property taxes for Grosse Ile businesses that have not paid their 2008 personal property taxes

Trustee's Report

Trustee Kantz reported on two upcoming events at the Airport.

1. Michigan Jets
 - a. August 7-9
 - b. Friday/Saturday 9:30 a.m. ó 5 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. ó 2 p.m.
 - c. \$10 per car load
 - d. Concessions
 - e. To volunteer please call the Airport office
2. N. A. S. Grosse Ile Duathlon
 - a. August 29
 - b. 8 a.m.
 - c. Duathlon ó 4 mile run, 15 mile bike, 4 mile run
 - d. To volunteer please call the Airport office

Supervisor Loftus asked where all the revenue goes. Trustee Kantz responded that the money for the Michigan Jets goes to N.A.S Grosse Ile Memorial Fund and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The money generated by the Duathlon will go to the N.A.S. Memorial Fund.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Loftus provided the following information:

- Proclaimed that the Township is being financially responsible despite what some in the community are saying

- Announced that Grosse Ile was ranked the 38th small town in America by Money Magazine. It would be great to be in the top 10 next year.
- The first Saturday Market on July 25th went very well. The next market will be on August 22nd. Also on August 22nd will be the 50th anniversary of the Historical Society.
- Reported that the lighthouse looks gorgeous. The report from the State had come back and the work by Baird and Lowler was excellent. The grand re-opening will be in September.

Township Manager's Report

Township Manager Dale Reaume reported the following:

- Usage at Waterø Edge is up for the year. They are ahead of where they have been for the last few seasons, but still not quite where they want to be.
- Grosse Ile is co-sponsoring the Senior Olympics this year. If you would like to compete, please call the Recreation Department.
- The intersection of Groh Rd. and Meridian Rd. will take about 4 weeks to complete depending on the weather.
- Grosseile.com has a tag on the page saying that a new website is coming soon. The new website will be launched before the beginning of school.
- A study session should be set up for the end of August to take a look at the Water Treatment Study. The next step after that would be to look at the cost benefit analysis and look at the expenses of the new plant and the expenses of what Detroit is bringing forward.

Trustee Ranka asked how the at grade site inspection visits were going for the Safe Routes to School.

Township Manager Reaume expects the inspections to be completed by the end of August. Once the inspections are complete, Township Manager Reaume and John Hennessey will contact the residents and go over the final layout of the Safe Routes to School Program and how it relates to their property.

Discussion Items None

Public Comment: *Three minute time limit per person*

1. Maria Jeffrey, 26019 Parke Lane, stated that according to the Federal and State guidelines for Safe Routes to School that traffic signals and stop signs can be part of the grant funding and that Supervisor Loftus made comments in the Ile Camera to the contrary. Supervisor Loftus commented that he received a document from the State which stated that traffic signals and speed bumps were normal roadway maintenance and were not to be part of the Safe Routes to School. Supervisor Loftus said that he will find and produce that document.
2. Woody Clark, 19620 Parke Lane, asked how much drug money we received. Police Chief Porcarelli responded that we received \$267,000 and it was deposited into our State and Federal forfeiture accounts at Metro Shores. Mr. Clark asked what that is used for. Chief Porcarelli responded that Federal forfeiture funds can be used for law enforcement enhancement and State forfeiture funds can only be used for drug enforcement enhancement. Mr. Clark then asked about the hole at Intrepid and Meridian. Airport Manager Thiel responded that that hole was created by DTE and that he would get a hold of them.
3. Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh Rd., stated that we have an item on our winter taxes for .380 mills for sewer costs and that we have sewer maintenance and sewer charges on our water bill. Mr. Janowski then stated that the Township of Grosse Ile pays the city of Detroit \$1.49 per 100 cubic feet of water and Grosse Ile charges the residents \$7.27 per 100 cubic feet. Mr. Janowski then asked where all that money goes. Supervisor Loftus answered that the mark up in price is to help fund our capitol improvement and the millage was passed for sewer rehabilitation. Finance Director Darzniek stated that the Township is being proactive in increasing water rates.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Johnson, second Trustee Kantz. All aye. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk