

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 24, 2009
Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

A joint open Study Session of the Public Services Commission and the Township Board was held prior to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Study Session was convened at 6:00 p.m. in order to receive information from AECOM (Earthtech) regarding the Water Treatment Plant Feasibility Study conducted on behalf of the township and the cities of Riverview and Trenton.

The Study Session was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

8:18 p.m. Call to Order of Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Present: Supervisor Loftus, Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Van Os, Trustees Frucci, Kantz, Johnson and Ranka.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Motion Van Os, second O'Connor, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA 09-099:

1. Minutes of July 27, 2009
2. Approval of Check Registers dated July 27, 2009 through August 24, 2009
3. Approval to pay bills through September 14, 2009

Motion Van Os, Second O'Connor, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: 7-0

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **09- 100** Motion Trustee Ranka , Second Clerk O'Connor, recommend that the Township Board approve the hire of Police Officer Constantine Siakantaris effective Monday, September 14, 2009.
Approved: 7-0
Supervisor Loftus asked that the officer be present at the next meeting for introduction to the Board and the public.
2. **09- 101** Motion Trustee Kantz, Second Trustee Johnson, based upon a recommendation by the Grosse Ile Airport/Commerce Park Manager and the Grosse Ile Airport Commerce Park Commission, the Grosse Ile Township Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 20 ft. Woods Rough Cut Mower based upon a bid submitted by Grandville Tractor. Funds for the above stated purchase shall come from relevant budgeted line items and the disposal of surplus equipment. Approved 7-0.

Clerk's Report

1. Clerk O'Connor thanked everyone for working so well together after the storm damage last week including DTE, Gibraltar Mayor Jim Beaubien and the many tree removal companies that were working on the island to clear the storm debris.

Treasurer's Report

1. The treasurer's office continues to collect tax payments. Tax amounts are due by September 14th, 2009

To date have collected \$2,185,300.00 in property taxes, which is about 16.6% of the total summer tax roll. We collected 77 % of the tax roll last year by the due date so we expect to be very busy for the next 3 weeks.

State School		658,415
School Operating		83,494
School Hold Harmless		100,074
School Debt		240,679
School Sinking Fund		54,866
SSES		427,969
County Operation		619,817
		2,185,314

2. Treasurer Van Os added some comments on topics brought up at the last meeting by a member of the audience that need to be clarified. Mr. Van Os stated that he researched reports by that the county is planning on using 3.5 million dollars from a federal grant to construct a new multi-lane county bridge that will impact property at Waterø Edge Marina and additional Grosse Ile properties. After speaking with MDOT, Wayne County and Congressman Conyers office, Mr. Van Os reports that there is not now and never have been any plans to construct a new bridge or replace the current bridge.
3. Treasurer Van Os reported that after accusations were made that in comparison to Lincoln Park, the township is overcharging residents for water and sewage, he conducted research showing that the City of Lincoln Park combined water & sewer rates are actually \$7.65 per 1,000 gallons which is comparable to Grosse Ileø combined water & sewer rates of \$7.77 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Van Os also indicated that Lincoln Park because of its size does not operate a Capital Improvement program, but instead fixes problems as they occur.

Trustees Reports

1. Trustee Kantz reported on that during the previous monthø Michigan Jets event there was good weather and a good turnout on two of the three days. Despite Saturday being a total rainout the Michigan Jets will be returning next August.
2. Mr. Kantz reminded everyone about the 2009 NAS Duathlon being held on Saturday, August 29th and cautions residents to be aware of the nearly 100 bicyclists on the streets between 8:30 and 10:15 a.m.; during the race. Mr. Kantz showed a map of the cycling race route and informed residents that there will be signs on the roadways indicating øBicycle Race in Progressö.
3. Mrs. Frucci reported on the Cable Commission meeting during which the commission was shown a preliminary viewing of the new township webpage and requested time at the September 14th board meeting for the public unveiling of it.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Loftus spoke about the following items:

1. Grosse Ile Saturday Market will be held on Saturday, September 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2. The Historical Society held a free community picnic this past weekend with about 250 attendees.
3. The Historical Society Diamond Jack cruise on the river was a wonderful event with about 43 participants which provided a view of the beautiful restoration work on the North Channel lighthouse.
4. Road repair on Church and Meridian is continuing.
5. The Rotary Showcase of non-profit organizations will be held on Macomb Street on Saturday, September 12th.
6. Appreciation of the good community effort to clean up the storm debris.

7. Supervisor Loftus addressed the need for more orderly public meetings and public comment sections of public meetings. He stated that although the First Amendment guarantees the right to peacefully assemble and petition their government to redress grievances. The Supervisor indicated that township board meetings are not a soapbox and that the three minute time limit per speaker will be more strongly enforced. The Board learns from public comments and questions; however, the Board will not allow inaccurate statements, slander or defamatory statements to be made and will strive to keep meetings under closer control.

Township Manager's Report

1. Mr. Reaume offered compliments to Compeau Brothers, C.E. Raines Company, Wayne County and the Department of Public Services for the expeditious construction project at the Groh Road and Meridian intersection.
2. Waterø Edge Golf trends are up and they are offering a number of golf specials. He encourages residents to get out and help support the golf course whenever possible.

Trustee Ranka asked Mr. Reaume to schedule a discussion item for the board agenda no later than the second October meeting in order to move the township forward on taking a leadership role on the Water Treatment Plant or a Township Water Tower.

Mr. Reaume agreed to plan for a discussion and potential resolution for an October board meeting.

Public Comment: Three minute time limit per person

No public comment offered.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Kantz, second Trustee Ranka.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk