

APPROVED MINUTES  
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 22, 2010  
Grosse Ile Township Hall – Merle Solomon Boardroom 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
9601 Groh Road

Present: Supervisor Loftus, Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Van Os, Trustees Frucci, Johnson, Kantz  
and Ranka Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

**Presentations:**

1. Sarah Sherwood representing the American Cancer Society, provided information regarding the American Cancer Society and reported that current statistics show that thirty-one people every day living in Wayne County are diagnosed with Cancer. The Relay For Life of Riverview Event which is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Riverview Young Patriots Park, includes a twenty-four hour walk around the track, a campout and activities and a Luminary Memorial Ceremony, is looking for more participants. Ms. Sherwood spoke about the many areas of service provided by the American Cancer Society including:

- Under-insured patient Breast Cancer Screenings
- Providing up-to-date quality information at 1-800-227-2345
- Providing volunteer drivers for cancer patients to get to their doctor appointments
- Advocacy group for smoke-free surroundings
- Programs for sun danger and tobacco danger awareness
- Wellness programs

2. Presentation by the Township Board and Police Department honoring Police Reserve Chief Deborah Budny on her Retirement from the force after Thirty-one years. Police Chief Porcarelli presented Chief Budny with a Proclamation from the FBI and a framed commemorative of her many years serving on the Police Reserves.

Township Supervisor Loftus and Police Commission Liaison Erik Ranka thanked Chief Budny for her excellent service to the community and wished her well.

Chief Budny commented that she appreciated the support of the community and the Police Department throughout her service and enjoyed serving the residents of Grosse Ile.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

Motion Trustee Johnson, second Trustee Ranka, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion approved 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA 09-159:**

Motion Van Os, Second Trustee Ranka, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of February 11, 2010 Special Meeting
3. Check Register dated February 19, 2010
4. Authorization to Pay Bills through March 8, 2010

Motion approved 7-0.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

No Action Items for Consideration

### **Clerk's Report**

1. Clerk O'Connor announced that Department of State will be increasing passport fees in March, 2010 (exact date yet to be announced). Fees will increase by \$35 per adult passport and \$20 per passport for children under sixteen years old. Passport cards will also increase by \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under sixteen. Clerk O'Connor urged residents needing passport services to schedule an appointment now in order to avoid the fee increases.
2. Liaison updates:
  - a) The Community Recreation Commission will be continuing their Master Planning Sessions when they meet this week. Public input is encouraged and welcomed.
  - b) The Festival Commission is busy planning and organizing the annual Islandfest being held on the first weekend in June. Musical acts this year include Air Margaritaville on Friday evening followed by the fireworks display and a youth jazz festival and the band Howlin Mercy will perform on Saturday. Sunday afternoon will provide a "Mega Music Party" with Guitar Hero and Rock Band competitions young players.
  - c) Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday to discuss and decide a variance for a property on Swan Island Drive.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Treasurer Van Os reminded residents that the February 14<sup>th</sup> due date for winter tax payments has passed and will begin incurring penalties on March 1, 2010. To date \$13,745,347.00 in winter taxes have been collected which is equal to approximately 93% of the total tax roll.

### **Trustees Reports**

1. Trustee Frucci announced upcoming Women's History Month events, including a three special events about aviator Amelia Earhart beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Events are free and open to the public.

Mrs. Frucci also asked residents to become informed about a ballot proposal expected on the August Primary election ballot asking voters whether the State of Michigan should convene a Constitutional Convention in order to revise the State Constitution.
2. Trustee Kantz reported that there are several events scheduled at the Grosse Ile Airport on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> including the NAS Grosse Ile Duathlon Race from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in addition to the following two day events:
  - o Grosse Ile Boat Show
  - o Motorcycle Show
  - o Yankee Air Force Tour of Planes
  - o Pancake Breakfast

Times and details of all events are available by visiting [www.grosseileairport.com](http://www.grosseileairport.com) or by calling the airport office at 676-4422, ext. 251/252.
3. Trustee Johnson thanked the Fire Department for their excellent service to the residents and announced that the fire department is now accepting applications for fire fighters. Contact the Fire Chief at Public Safety by calling 676-7157 for more information.
4. Trustee Ranka had nothing to report.

### **Supervisor's Report**

1. Supervisor Loftus informed residents that if they haven't received their new Assessment Notices as of yet, they should receive them within the next few days.
2. The Board of Review will convene on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as well as March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> by appointment to hear resident's appeals.
3. Although there have been reports of the Bank of America branch on Grosse Ile closing; Bank of America has reconsidered and will remain open.

### **Supervisor's Report (Continued)**

4. There will be a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau available at Township Hall to answer questions and concerns. Contact the Administrative Office at Township Hall for dates and times.
5. Grosse Ile Township Schools will be host to a NCAA College La Crosse Game between the Michigan State Spartans and the University of Illinois on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the High School Stadium. Admission will be \$5.00 the day of the event.
6. Announced that due to new information, received by Deputy Clerk Gray at a recent conference, the Supervisor will now be able to make motions for board consideration whenever appropriate which is different than provided in Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Township Manager's Report**

1. Manager Reaume asked Finance Director Darzniek to report on the status of the township's Standard & Poor's Rating. Mrs. Darzniek reported that due to the Township's very frugal financial practices the latest S & P rating increased to AA which allowed the township to receive a much better bonding rate and provided a savings of \$349,000.

### **Public Comment:**

1. W. Clark, Parke Lane, inquired about the cost of the bands performing at Islandfest, thanked Ordinance Officer Tony Gray and TNT Tree Service for their help in taking down some problem trees and requested that the times and dates of Board Study Sessions once again be published in the Ile Camera.
2. Gary Jones, Macomb Street, asked about legal fees on the Consent Agenda and about the terms of the lease agreement between the Federal Government and the Township for the DPW Building at 8555 Groh Road. Mr. Jones questioned how the Water's Edge lawn maintenance would be handled this year with the reduction in staffing.
3. Maureen Budny, Burning Bush, questioned the status of the Safe Routes to School project and the Grade Inspection Meeting. Mrs. Budny further requested the Board to reconsider moving forward with this project.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Ranka. Motion approved 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk