

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 9, 2010
Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

Present: Loftus, O' Connor, Van Os, Ranka, Kantz, Frucci Excused: Johnson

6:51 p.m. Regular Meeting: Call to Order

6:52 p.m. Motion Kantz, second Ranka, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following issues:

- a) POAM Labor Negotiations
- b) Litigation/ D'Agostini

All aye.

Motion Ranka, second Loftus, to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m. All aye.

Regular Meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations: None Scheduled

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

1. Motion Van Os, second Kantz, to delete Action Item # 4, Bid Award Recommendation Paving/Drainage ó West River Road. All aye.
2. Motion Ranka, second Van Os, to change the title of Action Item # 5, FROM: Lot Reconfiguration # 377, 21005 W. River, Lot # 155 and vacant lot 56 & 57, Island Heights Sub # 1 TO: Lot # 55 and vacant lot 56 & 57, Island Heights Sub # 1. All aye.
3. Motion Ranka, second Van Os, to delete Action Item # 7, Grosse Ile Airport Professional Services for Building Renovations. All aye.

Motion Ranka, second Van Os, to Approve the Agenda as amended. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA 10-051

1. Minutes of July 26, 2010
2. Check Register dated August 6, 2010

Motion Van Os, second Kantz, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **10-052** Motion Kantz, second Van Os, based upon a recommendation by the Grosse Ile Airport Commerce Park Manager the Grosse Ile Township Board authorizes the Grosse Ile Township Manager, Dale Reaume to execute contract number 2010-0408 between the Township of Grosse Ile and the Michigan Department of Transportation for Federal Project No. B-26-002-2310. Furthermore, the Grosse Ile Township Board authorizes the expenditure of \$3,948 from the appropriate Airport Capital Improvement account to pay for the local share of the project. (2.5% of total project cost). Approved 6-0

Comment: Airport Manager Thiel commented that the fencing project is a priority for the airport and will provide a security enhancement.

2. **10-053** Motion Kantz, second Van Os, Based upon a recommendation by the Michigan Department of Transportation hereby authorizes the Township Manager to execute contract No. FM 82-05-C47 between the Township of Grosse Ile (Sponsor), Michigan Department of Transportation (State), and the Federal Aviation Administration (Federal) with the low bidder (Industrial Fence) at a project cost not to exceed \$83,018.81. Approved 6-0

Comment: Airport Manager Thiel summarized the installation of the fence between the Airport and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Area as a priority set by the FAA and as being proactive regarding likely future TSA requirements.

3. **10-054** Upon the recommendation by Airport Engineer (URS Corp.), the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Grosse Ile Airport Commerce Park Manager, the Grosse Ile Township Board hereby authorizes the Township Manager to execute contract number FM 82-05-C48 (Grosse Ile Municipal Airport Runway Joint Installation) with the low bidder (Compeau Brothers, Inc.) at a cost not to exceed \$32,890.00. Approved 6-0

Comment: Mr. Thiel summarized that the Alpha taxiway and runway and the installation of expansion joints is a cost saving measure and a safety issue with funding from a grant and the maintenance budget.

4. Deleted

5. **10-055** Motion Ranka, second Van Os, to approve Lot Reconfiguration #377, 21005 W. River, Lot # 55 & vacant lots 56 & 57, Island Heights Sub # 1. Approved 6-0
6. **10-056** Motion Kantz, second Van Os, a) to accept with regret the resignation of Gregg Barton from the Brownfield Authority effective August 9, 2010 and b) to approve the appointment of Ron Baker to the Brownfield Authority Commission for the term length August 9, 2010 to March 31, 2013. Approved 6-0

7. Deleted

Clerk's Report

1. Clerk O'Connor spoke about her recent trip to Germany and how their bike paths and alternative energy sources compare to those locally.

Mrs. O'Connor spoke about the new election technology used at the precincts for the August 3rd election and explained that by scanning the voter's driver license or keying in their name, the computer registers the voter's participation in the election and that a

ballot was issued to the voter and voted. The Clerk explained that although the unofficial report that was generated at the end of a very long election day contained clerical errors; the results reported to the County Bureau of Elections were correct. The election brought out 46.3% of registered Grosse Ile voters, which is an above average voter turnout for Primary Elections. Mrs. O'Connor noted that while she was in Germany this summer, an election was held in Hamburg, Germany that in comparison recorded a 98% voter turnout.

Clerk O'Connor indicated that copies of the revised election results that remain uncanvassed (unofficial) were available at the back of the boardroom and also on the township website. She reported that the township's millage renewals for Fire and Recreation were approved by the voters while the proposal for bike path construction and maintenance was defeated. Grosse Ile Schools also had two millage proposals on the ballot that were approved by the voters.

2. Liaison Update

- a) Recreation: Mr. Rooney provided a brief update on the recreation department including recent and upcoming activities and entertainment opportunities and the status of golf course usage.
- b) Festival: no report
- c) Zoning: no report

Treasurer's Report

1. For the month of June, Grosse Ile Township had \$ 456,490.00 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from .24% to 1.01% with terms ranging from 60-90 days earning \$18,393.00 in interest for the month of July.

The June balance of the MBIA Class investment pool is \$3,609,713.00, which earned investment interest of \$477.00 at rate of .21%

\$6,593,263.00 is the amount in the sweep/investments accounts as of June, 2010 earning interest of \$409.00 at a rate of .51%

The Treasurer's Office continues to collect payments for the Summer 2010 tax bills. To date \$1,340,311 in summer tax payments have been collected.

Total School Collections	712,061
Total County Collections	371,640
Total Township Collections	256,610
<i>Total Summer Collections to date</i>	1,340,311

Applications are available in the Treasurer's Office for summer tax deferments. Qualified taxpayers can apply for an extension of the due date from September 14, 2010 to February 14, 2011.

2. Treasurer Van Os commented on the excellent handling of the storm debris cleanup by the Department of Public Services and Ordinance Officer Tony Gray; along with the contractors hired to dispose of the debris and the utility and service companies in their restoration efforts.

Trustee's Reports

1. Trustee Johnson: Absent/Excused
2. Trustee Frucci: Mrs. Frucci reported that the Island Beautification Committee is looking into installing an unused flag pole; that is at the VFW Post, in the area of the West River Road ramp. The cost involved with the installation will be donated by the Kiwanis Club.
3. Trustee Ranka: No report
4. Trustee Kantz: Mr. Kantz announced that there is one vacancy remaining on the both the Airport Commerce Park Commission and the Brownfield Authority. Interested applicants should contact the Administrative Office.

Supervisor's Report

1. Mr. Loftus commented on recent complaints received regarding a few protesters in front of the Kroger parking lot; he indicated that the protesters were following state and local laws and were exercising their First Amendment rights of free speech.
2. Mr. Loftus announced that there will be a Fall Market Day held on Saturday, October 2nd at the Macomb Commons (corner of Macomb and Meridian) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is replacing the monthly Saturday Markets held in the past. In conjunction with the Fall Market the township is sponsoring the 1st Island Wide Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 2nd; maps of participating garage sales will be available on that day at the Macomb Commons. In addition, the St. James Episcopal Church Fall Rummage Sale will be held on the same weekend.
3. Mr. Loftus commented on continual complaints regarding violations of the Ordinance governing the storage of recreational vehicles and project cars in residential front yards. He indicated that residents should be making arrangements to store these vehicles elsewhere because strict enforcement will now be enforced.

Township Manager's Report

1. Mr. Reaume announced details of the Veteranø Inaugural Gala featuring the music of the Monroe Big Band is being held in the Airport hangar. The event which is being called a 40øø ÷USOö Dance is being held on September 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are available now at township hall, Recreation, the Welcome Home Center, Grosse Ile Hardware and Times Square Boutique. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. For more information contact the Grosse Ile Airport Office or the Administrative Office.
2. The Water Treatment Plant Study findings will be presented at a Study Session of the Department of Public Services Commission and the Township Board on Tuesday, September 14th. Members of the Board and Management recently toured the Frenchtown Township Treatment Plant and found it to be very educational and to be a very efficient process.

Public Comment:

1. Jennifer Coleman Hesson, Candidate for 33rd District Judge thanked the Clerk's Office for running an efficient Primary Election.
2. R. Janowski, Groh Road, commented on rising water rates and the ongoing sanitary sewer litigation case.
3. Derek Thiel, Airport Manager, announced the Michigan Jets Radio Controlled Aircraft event will be held Thursday through Sunday, August 12-15 on the airport grounds. Entry fee is \$10.00 per carload and refreshments are available for purchase.
4. Pam Frucci announced that the Grosse Ile Schools is looking for four more host families for Chinese Exchange Students.

Adjourn:

Motion Van Os, second Ranka to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Motion approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk