

APPROVED MINUTES  
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 9, 2009

Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
9601 Groh Road

Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Motion Van Os, second Johnson, to approve the Agenda as presented. Approved 7-0

**CONSENT AGENDA 09-128:**

Motion Van Os, Second O'Connor, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Approved 7-0

1. Minutes of October 26, 2009
2. Check Register dated November 6, 2009
3. Cancellation of November 23, 2009 Board of Trustees Meeting
4. Authorization to Pay Bills through December 15, 2009

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **09-129** Motion O'Connor, Second Johnson, Whereas, invitations of a social nature are occasionally issued to all Board Members; and, Whereas, upon receiving an invitation to a social gathering, one or all Board Members may be in attendance; Now, Therefore, the Township Board recognizes that invitations issued solely for social purposes will not include discussion of township matters by the Township Board in its entirety. Motion approved 7-0.
2. **09-130** Motion Johnson, Second Van Os, Recommended action of the Township Board to award the bid to "Leader Business" for the purchase of a Canon copier IR Advance C5030. Motion approved 7-0.
3. **09-131** Motion Van Os, Second Johnson, to award the bid to H. Domine Enterprises, Inc., low bidder, for replacement of existing Fuel Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **09-132** Motion Van Os, Second Johnson, To enter into an agreement with Wayne County for priority winter maintenance services to the following local roads, with the Township and County each sharing in half the cost:

Bellevue Road (Meridian to East River)  
Church Road (East River to West River)  
Ferry Road (East River to West River)  
Grays Drive (Meridian to East River)  
Horse Mill Road (Meridian to East River)  
Lyons Drive (Macomb to Grays)  
Manchester (East River to Meridian)  
Meridian (Bridge Road to Parke Lane)  
Parke Lane (Bridge Road to Meridian)  
Parke Lane (Church Road to Oak River Dr.)  
Parke Lane (Bellevue to Ferry)  
Southpointe (Groh to Elbamar)

The Township's share in cost for the 2009-10 season is \$22,651.15 for 10.81 miles of roadway at \$1,058.47 per lane mile (21.40 lane miles). Motion approved 7-0

Public Comment:

1. Gary Jones, Macomb Street, asked about a previous request from the county to store salt on Grosse Ile.

**Clerk's Report**

1. Clerk O'Connor provided an election summary report indicating a voter turnout of 1,132 voters or 13.48% of registered voters. Suzanne Sassack was re-elected with 890 votes and Gregory Goyert was re-elected with 885 votes. Both candidates ran for re-election unopposed. The Wayne County Proposition O received 646 Yes votes and 479 No votes on Grosse Ile and was approved countywide.

Clerk O'Connor thanked her staff and the election inspectors for their hard work and diligence and thanked the Presbyterian Church, the VFW Post and the Recreation Department for the use of their facilities for the election.

*Trustee Kantz asked about the cost of the election. The Deputy Clerk reported that the final figures are not yet available.*

2. Clerk O'Connor read a letter from Joe Connors thanking Recreation Director Tim Rooney and his staff for their help with the Grosse Ile Education Foundation Annual Pig Roast fundraiser held recently at Centennial Farm.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. Finance Office ó Investments:

For the month of September Grosse Ile Township had \$ 6,615,647.15 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from .30% to 1.15% with terms ranging from 30-60 days.

► For the month of September the balance of the MBIA Class investment pool is \$3,298,115.00, which is earned investment interest of \$1,431.36 at a rate of .27%

\$3,744,671.00 is the amount in the sweep/investments accounts as of September 30, 2009 earning interest of \$246.00 at a rate of .13 %

The Grosse Ile Township Treasurer's Office Investment Report is available online and updated generally on a monthly basis.

Preparations are in the works for the winter tax bills that will be mailed out approximately the first week in December. Watch the Ile Camera for published notices regarding tax mailing.

**Trustees Reports**

1. Trustee Ranka had nothing to report.
2. Trustee Johnson thanked all the Fire & Rescue personnel for their fine service
3. Trustee Kantz reported:
  - 1) Discovery Channel filmed a "Garage Wars" episode at the airport on October 31<sup>st</sup> that will air the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. The airport received \$500 plus expenses from the Discovery Channel for use of the facilities.
  - 2) Yankee Air Force planes are available for viewing by appointment during regular business hours.
  - 3) Reminder that heated inside storage for vehicles is available at the Commerce Park starting at \$66 per month.
4. Trustee Frucci reported that the Website Advisory Committee has met once and will hold their next meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that she and some guest readers have filmed a children's Story Hour program with the help of Cable Administrator Ted Fournier that they hope to air as soon as permission is received from the publishers.

**Supervisor's Report**

1. Announced the October 30th passing of Mrs. Rosalind (Rosie) Meyer, one of Grosse Ile's most enthusiastic residents who gave generously to many organizations on Grosse Ile and throughout Southeast Michigan. Mrs. Meyer funded many special events and the gazebo at the Macomb Commons. Supervisor Loftus remarked that she will be greatly missed.
2. The County Bridge will be closed for sidewalk repair this coming week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.
3. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held last week for a new salon business on Macomb St., Island Creations.

4. Veteranø Day ø Township offices closure
5. Next Board Meeting will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>
6. Township offices closed on November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving holiday
7. Annual Island Glow, sponsored by the DDA- Macomb Street- will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Safety Request for pedestrians walking or riding at dusk or after dark to use extreme caution and to wear reflective clothing to provide good visibility to vehicles.

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

1. Update on Retirement Incentive Program: Manager Reaume reported extending the signing deadline until the end of November in order to allow employees more time to research retirement options.
2. Waterø Edge Revised Deficit Elimination Plan: Township has received notification from the State requesting the township to reevaluate the original plan submitted. Mr. Reaume reported that a financial analysis is being run and the accounting reporting structures are being evaluated. Waterø Edge finished the season being \$1,600 in the red which represents a better outcome than in past years. Mr. Reaume plans to have a revised Deficit Elimination Plan ready in December for Board Review.
3. Trustee Ranka asked Mr. Reaume for a status report on the Water Treatment Facility. Mr. Reaume reported having received the last of three quotes for analysis and plans to meet with representatives from the other communities to review them. Mr. Ranka suggested the analysis be brought to the Board for study at a January, 2010 meeting in order to provide sufficient review time since the townshipø contract with Detroit Water has the earliest renewal date.

#### **Public Comment:**

1. Margarete Hasserodt, Swan Island Drive, asked for clarifications regarding representations of Open Space comments made by the Clerk at the previous meeting and confusing statements published in the øSupervisorø Newsletterø.
2. Gary Jones, Macomb Street, 1) inquired about legal fees on the Consent Agenda and the status of the Sewer Lawsuit, 2) commented on the quality of the meeting audio on the website, 3) asked the board to redirect Waterø Edge maintenance staff to help with the fire hydrant winterizing project. DPS Director responded that the transitional employees will be assigned to the hydrant detail upon completion of their current assignment.
3. R. Janowski, had questions or comments regarding the following subjects:
  - 1) Asphalt work winter deadlines until December
  - 2) Water rate increases projected and water treatment plant
  - 3) Status of deer cull
  - 4) Requested lists of commercial businesses or clubs with overdue water bills
  - 5) Grosse Ile Bridge Company response to township payment
  - 6) Missing stop sign hazard along bike paths since 2007

*Supervisor Loftus offered to answer the questions by telephone when he has the answers. Mr. Janowski stated he wants the answers in writing.*

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Kantz. Approved 7-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Ute OøConnor, Township Clerk