

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 9, 2009
Grosse Ile Township Hall – Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

6:45 p.m. Call to Order

Present: Supervisor Loftus, Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Van Os, Trustees Frucci, Kantz, Ranka and Johnson. Township Manager, Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, Township Staff and Residents.

Absent: None

Executive Session:

Motion Johnson, second Van Os, to Adjourn to Executive Session for pending litigation at 6:53 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion Johnson, second Kantz, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Motion Johnson, second Kantz to reconvene the Special Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

1. Motion Johnson, second Van Os, to a Presentation regarding the Urgent Care Clinic to the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Motion Van Os, second Kantz, to add as Action Item # 9, Southeast Michigan Classical Ballet Charitable Gaming License. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion Van Os, second Ranka, to approve the agenda as amended. Agenda approved 7-0.

Presentations:

1. Mrs. Lori Khaled, RN, one of the owners of the new DownRiver Clinic Urgent Care, located at 8944 Macomb Street; provided an overview of the services the clinic will provide when it opens in early March. Dr. Mounir Khaled, a Board Certified Internist, with experience in Urgent Care and Mrs. Khaled, a registered nurse, will be running the office with the help of other professionals during extended hours and in the case of emergencies.

The clinic will have an in-house lab and pharmacy and will provide flu and tetanus shots, diagnostic testing, x-ray and diagnosis and treatment for everything from sprains, strains and broken bones to sinus infections, lacerations and migraines. The clinic will also provide Sports Physicals, Worker's Compensation care and Occupational & employer services.

CONSENT AGENDA 09-017:

Motion Johnson, Second Ranka, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes of, January 26, 2009
2. Cash Requirements List dated February 9, 2009
3. Approval to Process Payments through March 28, 2009

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **09- 018** Motion Ranka, Second Van Os, the Board of Trustees of Grosse Ile Township, Michigan hereby supports and proclaims March 4, 2009 as Constitution Celebration Day in Grosse Ile Township according to the following proclamation.

WHEREAS, the preamble of the U.S. Constitution states “We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

WHEREAS, March 4, 2009, marks the 220th anniversary of the day our first United States Congress convened under a constitutionally limited republic; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is described as “The Supreme Law of the Land”; the fulfillment of the promise made in the Declaration of Independence; and,

WHEREAS, the recognition of Constitution Day has given us the opportunity to recall the high ideals and devotion to liberty of the individuals who framed our Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, all of us need to be inspired to rededicate ourselves to our country and to the support and defense of our Constitution, and to a greater involvement in responsible citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Grosse Ile, County of Wayne, State of Michigan does herein proclaim as a Township in these United States of America, the day of March 4, 2009 as “CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION DAY” and encourages the citizens to renew their dedication to the preservation of the ideals upon which this great nation was founded.

Proclamation Failed: 3 yes, 3 no, one abstention (Van Os).

Public Comment:

R. Janowski, Groh Road, asked who put this item on the agenda. *Mr. Loftus indicated he had.*

2. **09- 019** Motion Van Os , Second O’Connor, to approve the Supervisor’s reappointment of Ray Biddle, Peter Stachel and Rita Cole to the Downtown Development Authority from February 9, 2009 to September 30, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **09- 020** Motion Van Os, Second Johnson, to approve the appointment of Tim Walker to the Board of Review as an alternate member for the term length February 9, 2009 to January 1, 2010. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **09-021** Motion O’Connor, Second Van Os, to approve the appointment of John Carnago to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term length February 9, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **09-021** Motion O’Connor, Second Van Os, based on the recommendation of the Festival Commission, the Township Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Mr. Tony Rutkowski from the Grosse Ile Festival Commission effective February 9, 2009. The Township Board, Festival Commission and the residents of Grosse Ile would like to thank Mr. Rutkowski for his tremendous leadership and years of volunteer service. Motion carried 7-0.
6. **09-022** Motion O’Connor, Second Van Os, based on the recommendation of the Festival Commission, the Township Board appoints Mr. Chad Novak to the Grosse Ile Festival Commission for a term of February 9, 2009 until August 31, 2012. Motion carried 7-0.
7. **09-023** Motion O’Connor, Second Johnson, based on the recommendation of the Community Recreation Commission, the Township Board appoints Mr. John Conroy, Mr. Greg Meyring and Mrs. Sarah Gilroy to the Grosse Ile Community Recreation Commission for the following terms:
Mr. Conroy beginning February 9, 2009 until March 31, 2011
Mr. Meyring beginning February 9, 2009 until March 31, 2011
Mrs. Gilroy beginning February 9, 2009 until March 21, 2012
Motion carried 7-0.
8. **09-024** Motion O’Connor, Second Johnson, based on reviews of the bid proposals by the Township Engineer and the Community Recreation Commission and contact with the references, the Township Board awards the marina seawall repair contract to Faust Corporation of Grosse Pointe, Michigan in the amount of \$95,875.00. The project will be funded with current 2008-2009 budgeted monies of \$25,000.00 with the remaining balance owed for the project being borrowed from the Township

Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 for five (5) years with an annual interest rate of 2.5%. Annual payments of \$16,143.51 will be incorporated into the marina budget.

Motion Denied 0-7.

Board Comment:

1. Van Os indicated that the renovation is necessary to protect township liability; however, Policies & Procedures, requires that non-budgeted items be brought to the board for approval to seek bids.
2. O'Connor indicated that she spoke with the township engineer and found that by foregoing a design/build project it would postpone the project and impact the project budget.
3. Kantz agrees with both the clerk and the treasurer that the process was not followed correctly and that it's important to go back and start over even if it costs more.
4. Ranka agreed that this action needs to be tabled for a more complete proposal and a new bid process.
5. Frucci asked if the engineer was at the bid process.

Public Comment:

1. R. Janowski, questioned the fiscal outlook for Water's Edge.
9. **09-025** Motion Van Os, Second Ranka, to approve the request from the Southeastern Michigan Classical Ballet, of the Township of Grosse Ile, County of Wayne, that the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees recognizes the Southeastern Michigan Classical Ballet as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.
Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk's Report

1. A change in the order of business during township board meetings is being implemented to allow the Trustees an option to bring matters of information they have through their liaison positions to various commissions to the board and the public. It is not meant to become a round table discussion format and is not intended to bring items to the board for action. The format will be tested during a ninety day trial and the Policies and Procedures Manual will be changed to reflect the new format thereafter if successful.
2. Clerk O'Connor announced that there are some ongoing changes to grosseile.com to make the website more accessible. She invited residents to check the website frequently.

Treasurer's Report

1. Investment Report – Treasurer Van Os reported that as of February 9, 2009, the township has \$9,998,200.00 invested in Certificates of Deposit with terms ranging from 30 days to 90 days with rates ranging from .64% to 1.84% or an average total of 1.13%.

The balance for the month of January of the MBIA CLASS investment pool is \$6,069,998.00; the MBIA CLASS INVESTMENT EARNED \$5,021.00 at a rate of .91%.

Treasurer Van Os reported that the Sweep/Investments accounts earned interest of \$2,304.52 at an average rate of 1.25% through December 30, 2009.

2. Tax Collection Update: Treasurer Van Os reminds residents that the 2008 Winter Taxes are due February 14, 2009. Township offices will be closed Monday, February 16th due to Presidents Day, therefore taxes will be accepted with no penalty until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th at the cashier's window or in the Township's payment drop box. Postmarks dated no later than February 14th will be considered timely. Total collections for the Winter Tax billing to date are \$10,507,767.00 of the total tax roll of \$15,269,534.00.
3. Mr. Van Os took a moment to thank everyone who volunteers to sit on committees and commissions.

Supervisor's Report

1. Supervisor Loftus reported that it is the intent of the board to update the township Policies & Procedures Manual to make it more effective and current.

2. Mr. Loftus reported that he attended a Court Management Program two weeks ago that provides the opportunity for select individuals to avoid prison for DUI convictions. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Trustees Report

1. Trustee Kantz reported on the current status of the Airport and Commerce Park as follows:
 - § In the past year the airport and commerce park have undergone extensive renovation.
 - § Airport Recreation/Commerce Park roads project was completed in November, 2008, allowing better access for parents with children who play soccer to reach the recreation fields.
 - § Airport Taxiway Project with the exception of some ongoing lighting upgrades was completed in October, 2008.
 - § New roof, new south wall windows and masonry repairs were completed on Hanger # 2 in December, 2008.
 - § Airport Hanger space is 85% full, with 53 of 65 T- Hangars leased, 17 of 17 spaces in Hanger # 1 leased and about 50% of the aircraft space in Hanger # 2 leased.
 - § All buildings on Airport/Commerce Park property south of Groh Road are occupied.
 - § There is about 1000 sq. ft. of office space available in Hangar # 2 with offices ranging from 150 to 324 sq. ft.
 - § Hangar # 2 tenants include: Dance Grosse Ile, Pictures in Motion, Savvy Advertising, Attorney Kim Johnson, Brooklynair, Stanley Engineering and Savvy Design.
 - § All buildings in the Commerce Park to the north of Groh Road are occupied.
 - § Building 75, a 10,000 sq. ft. building is 100% occupied. 1,500 sq. ft. of office and 3,500 sq.ft. of light industrial space will become available in May, 2009.
 - § Building 63, is a 44,000 sq.ft. light industrial building with a new roof and recently renovated ventilation and heating systems. The building was a former manufacturing facility for Iverson Industries and is currently leased by an auction company. Building #63 will become available in April, 2009.
 - § Building # 61/62 with 6,800 sq.ft. of office space and 62,000 sq.ft. of light industrial space has recently upgraded electrical and lighting systems and epoxy coated floors. The building was a former manufacturing facility for Iverson Industries and is currently leased by an auction company. Building # 61/62 will be available in April, 2009.
 - § Building # 70 is 80% occupied. 1,600 sq.ft. of space is available in Building # 70, it is currently configured as office space but can be used for other purposes. Tenants in Building # 70 include Island Stow Away, Dave's Hot Rod Garage and Monkey Business.
 - § Approximately 60 acres of developable land with excellent infrastructure exist in the Commerce Park.
 - § Interested parties should contact Airport/Commerce Park Manager Derek Thiel.
 - § An equipment auction of items left in the Iverson facility is scheduled for March 24, 2009.
 - § The runway Project funding was paid for with 95% federal funds, 2.5% state funds and 2.5% township funds.

Township Manager's Report

1. Manager Reaume reported on his attendance at the American Parks & Recreation Conference where along with Recreation Director Tim Rooney and Safe Routes to School Chairperson Sarah Gilroy, they participated in a presentation about Grosse Ile Recreational opportunities and the Open Space and Bike Paths available in the community. Mr. Reaume reported that Grosse Ile is very fortunate to be far ahead of other communities in the projects & opportunities available and the community support provided for Open Space and bike path projects that other communities don't experience.

Public Comment: *Three minute time limit per person*

1. W. Clark, Parke Lane, asked if there were any legal bills on the Consent Agenda, inquired about the water treatment plant status and meeting re-play schedule. He also reported raised pavement on Meridian at Byromar and Highland roads.

Responses: Legal bills in the amount of \$61.50 for labor relations and \$348.61 to Attorney Galligan for sewer project litigation.

Mr. Sedlock reports that the water treatment study is expected in mid-March and Mr. Fournier reported that meetings are replayed on the weekend following the meeting at 6 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and midnight. DPS will look into the raised pavement areas.

2. J. Delphy, Loma Circle, suggested that the Trustees/Treasurer's Report might include an update on the bike path projects at the next meeting.
3. E. Horvath, Bayview, supports the township policy on deer culling and suggested the board members read a book on Andrew Carnegie.
4. S. Aston, Columbine Ct., inquired about status of the two road ends vacated in October and provided the board with an informational handout regarding available board options. *Mr. Ranka invited Mr. Astin to attend the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee assigned to investigate the issue.*
5. M. Tarziers, Stout St., asked if the DNR discussed using more natural means of culling the deer herd by bringing in other predators like coyotes. *Supervisor Loftus responded that bringing in other predators is not something most residents would want the board to consider due to the dangers it would present to small domestic animals and children in particular. The meat is being tested for disease by the DNR and being processed and donated to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger and the City Light Soup Kitchen*
6. R. Janowski, Groh Road, supports the deer culling program, spoke about taxable value vs. assessed value of homes, future repairs to the Wayne County Bridge, in particular the underwater piers. Mr. Janowski offered information he has available on the subject. *Supervisor Loftus is waiting for a return phone call from Cindy Dingell, Wayne County Department of Public Services, regarding possible future bridge construction or repairs. Mr. Loftus invited Mr. Janowski to meet with him to go over those documents.*

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ranka, second Van Os. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk