

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 12, 2010
Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

Call to Order by Supervisor Loftus at 7:42 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Loftus invited 33rd District Court Judge Edward Nykiel to the podium to speak about his Re-election campaign and his career as a Court Administrator prior to being elected Judge six years ago.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

1. Motion Van Os, second O'Connor, to delete Action Item # 2; Dust Control Bid Award. Motion approved 7-0.
2. Motion Johnson, second Van Os, to add Action Item # 4; IslandFest Fireworks Approval. Motion approved 7-0.

Motion Van Os, second Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA 10-012:

1. Minutes of March 28, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Check Register dated March 31, 2010
3. Check Register dated April 8, 2010
4. 33rd District Court Audit Acceptance

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **10-013** Motion Loftus, second O'Connor, to approve the appointment of Supervisor Brian Loftus as Delegate to the Downriver Community Conference and the appointment of Trustee Pamela Frucci as the Alternate Representative to the Downriver Community Conference with the appointment terms to coincide with township fiscal year April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. Motion approved 7-0.
Treasurer Van Os expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. William Krauss for serving as the DCC Alternate in fiscal year 2009-2010.
2. *Deleted*
3. **10-014** Motion O'Connor, second Van Os, to recognize that Grosse Ile Community Sailing, Inc. of Grosse Ile, be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval. Motion approved 7-0.
4. **10-015** Motion O'Connor, second Johnson, based on the recommendation of the Grosse Ile Township Fire Marshal to grant a Fireworks Permit to Great Lakes Fireworks Company to provide the IslandFest Fireworks display on Friday, June 4, 2010, or Saturday, June 5, 2010. Motion approved 7-0.

Clerk's Report

1. General Updates: Clerk O'Connor announced that there are a number of vacancies on several commissions and urged interested residents to consider applying to serve their community.

Clerk O'Connor invited Ursula O'Connor and Ryan Kearney representing the Grosse Ile Crew to provide information about the training camp the Crew had recently attended and to ask residents to participate in the Rowing Crew's Bottle Drive on Saturday April 17th. Donations will be picked up in neighborhoods or may be dropped off behind the Kroger store on Macomb St. on April 17th.

2. Liaison Update:

- a) Recreation-The Recreation Commission concluded the last public hearing on the Recreation Master Plan and has begun work to prioritize the information received in order to develop a plan for the next five years.
- b) Festival- Clerk O'Connor provided a reminder of several events that are planned for IslandFest weekend including music for the 14-18 year olds at the new Base Nightclub in the Pilot House located in front of Township Hall.
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals- Noted a vacancy on the Zoning Board for an Alternate.

Treasurer's Report

1. Investment Report and Tax update:

For the month of February Grosse Ile Township had \$9,912,697.00 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from 0.50% to 1.01% with terms ranging from 30-90 days.

For the month of February balance of the MBIA Class investment pool is \$4,603,515.00 which earned investment interest of \$1,092 at a rate of .21%

\$1,494,766.00 in the sweep/investments accounts as of February 28, 2010 earning interest of \$269.00 at a rate of .17%

The treasurer's office has completed collecting taxes for the 2009 tax year. All unpaid property taxes are now considered delinquent.

Unpaid real property taxes can now only be paid to Wayne County. An online payment service is available at waynecounty.com/pta

The township will accept payments for delinquent personal property taxes for Grosse Ile businesses.

The balanced rolls for 2009 will be delivered this week and we continue to collect unpaid delinquent personal property for 2009.

Supervisor's Report

1. Reminder that the Census forms were due April 1st, if residents haven't yet mailed their forms back they should do so as soon as possible in order to comply with the law and avoid a visit from a Census worker.
2. Discussions are continuing on the community park planned for Macomb Street and resident input is still being accepted.
3. Since the Board accepted the 33rd District Court Audit Report during this meeting, Supervisor Loftus reported that Grosse Ile pays dues & fees to the court system and receives reimbursement of slightly more than \$10,000 from fines and fees collected.
4. Supervisor Loftus invited Police Chief Porcerelli to the podium to present a proposal for installing a surveillance camera at the Macomb Commons area in order to provide around the clock monitoring and recording of the area to reduce costly vandalism of township property. Chief Porcerelli asked the board to consider the plan that would be covered by the police department using grant funds and forfeiture funds at no cost to the taxpayers and to provide him their decision on the matter as soon as possible. The Board asked for a two week time frame of public input regarding any possible privacy issues. Mr. Kantz asked about the record retention period for the tapes, which Chief Porcerelli indicated would be 30 days.

Trustees Reports

1. Trustee Ranka thanked Mr. Dave Ellis for his service on the Planning Commission. Mr. Ellis opted not to be reappointed at the end of his term. There are now two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Ranka also spoke about a program being offered through DTE Energy to help reduce energy costs to commercial buildings that may have a flat roof in good condition consisting of over 15,000 square feet which would consider the installation of solar panels. In exchange for participation in the solar energy program, participants would receive a yearly tax break on their energy bill as well as a one time payment to cover any inconveniences during the construction. Mr. Ranka suggested that this program may be appropriate for the township to consider.

2. Trustee Johnson: Nothing to report

3. Trustee Frucci: Mrs. Frucci announced an upcoming performance of the Birmingham Straw Hat Band, sponsored in conjunction with the Grosse Ile Alliance for the Arts on July 4th at the Macomb Commons.

Mrs. Frucci reported on the events that took place at the Grosse Ile Airport in conjunction with the Yankee Air Museum that attracted about 233 participants for the Polishing Party for the Yankee Air Museum B17 Bomber. The event also provided access to township hall for the visitors to enjoy the Navel Air Museum artifacts.

Trustee Frucci reminded interested residents about the All Island Clean Up event starting at 9:00 a.m on Saturday, April 17th at the Riverpointe Christian Church. There are already over 150 volunteers signed up to help with the clean-up.

Mrs. Frucci reported that the Cable Commission is working to revise its duties and responsibilities and will hold its regular meeting in the following week.

4. Trustee Kantz provided updates on all the events scheduled at the Grosse Ile Airport beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22nd with the NAS Grosse Ile Duathlon and filling the entire weekend with Boat Show and Exposition starting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22nd, Yankee Air Force Motorcycle Rally, Car Show, Yankee Air Museum Airplanes will be on display for review. The Pilot House will have a Chicken and Waffle Dinner and musical entertainment by ðHowlin Mercyö on Saturday evening. Mr. Kantz explained that the proceeds of these events will either offset the event costs or go to the NAS Grosse Ile Fund.

Township Manager's Report

1. Mr. Reaume reported that the first draft of the Water Treatment Feasibility Study has been received and will be reviewed and taken to the Public Services Commission for further review and recommendations.
2. Mr. Reaume announced that there are still Drainage Grant Funds available for residents needing to make drainage improvements. Contact the Township Manager's Office for more information.

Public Comment: *Three minute time limit per person*

1. G. Jones, Macomb Street, questioned the elimination of the Court Workers program and the outsourcing of water taps.
2. W. Clark, Parke Lane, asked about legal fees on the check register and asked if there would be a Road Millage Proposal on the November ballot. Mr. Clark asked who will pay the costs involved with the Macomb Street pocket park.
3. J. Camilli, Thorofare Street, notified the board of a problem with the property maintenance and canoe/kayak launching at the property owned by the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy that is adjacent to his property.

4. G. Warren, Swan Island Drive, questioned why the township had not conducted a sealed bid process for 2010 lawn maintenance.

Township Manager Reaume responded that bids were accepted in 2009 and the contractor from last year agreed to hold their cost and to reduce costs in some areas; making it cost efficient to use the same contractor rather than bid the project.

Discussion:

Trustee Frucci brought a plan for the creation of an Ad Hoc Off-Island Entryway Beautification Committee to the Board for consideration. She has had preliminary meetings with DTE about making the off-island southeast corner of Grosse Ile Parkway and W. Jefferson more attractive and welcoming. DTE has agreed to sponsor a preliminary landscape plan for the area that may include a welcome sign pointing toward Grosse Ile and an 800 square foot display garden that will be funded by DTE Energy.

In order to continue the beautification of both off-island entryways to Grosse Ile, Mrs. Frucci would like the township to create a temporary ad hoc committee to work with DTE, Grosse Ile Bridge Company, Wayne County and the cities of Riverview and Trenton to create a more welcoming entryway to Grosse Ile.

Trustee Ranka thanked Trustee Frucci for having the foresight to go to DTE Energy with her ideas and for her diligence in obtaining their cooperation on this project.

The board asked Mrs. Frucci to bring legislation to the April 26th board meeting for board action.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk