

APPROVED MINUTES  
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 25, 2010  
Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
9601 Groh Road

7:35 p.m. Call to Order

Present: Supervisor Loftus, Clerk O' Connor, Treasurer Van Os, Trustees Johnson, Ranka, Frucci  
and Kantz

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

**Presentations:** None

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

Motion Van Os, second Ranka to approve the Agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA 09-151:**

1. Minutes of January 11, 2010

2. Check Register dated January 22, 2010

Motion Van Os, Second Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **09-152** Motion Van Os, Second O' Connor, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2010 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds and to authorize the Township's Finance Director to receive competitive bids for the Bonds and to award the Bonds to the lowest qualified bidder. Treasurer Van Os asked if this will extend the bond. Finance Director Darzniek responded that it will extend the bond. All aye. Motion carried.
2. **09-153** Motion Ranka, Second Frucci, to support the following resolution to approve the name change of three streets in a platted subdivision.

WHEREAS: The County of Wayne has requested that the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees approve a street name change, and

WHEREAS: The street names to be changed are öSchimmel, Mayville Drive and Riverview Courtö to öFairway (Schimmel), Golfview (Mayville Drive), and Shoreline Drive (Riverview Court),ö located in Grosse Ile Manor Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 58 of Plats on Pages 88 through 89, Wayne County Records, and

WHEREAS: The road names need to be changed in order to get these streets in Grosse Ile Manor on the funding list, and

WHEREAS: The Grosse Ile Township police and fire departments, the residents, and the post office, have reviewed the proposed name change and do not object to same, and

WHEREAS: The Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees recognizes that this proposed name change will affect none of the existing residences and none of the existing businesses whose addresses will not require changing, and has apprised said owners of this fact, and

WHEREAS: The Wayne County Department of Public Services, Engineering Division has requested a certified Township resolution approving the street name change, and

WHEREAS: This procedure is necessary as this subdivision has gone through the platting process, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That Schimmel, Mayville Drive and Riverview Court located in Grosse Ile Manor Subdivision, part of Private Claim 555a, Grosse Ile Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 58 of Plats on Pages 88 through 89, Wayne County Records, be renamed Fairway, Golfview, and Shoreline Drive subject to receiving necessary approval from the County of Wayne.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon receiving said approval from the County of Wayne, the Township of Grosse Ile assumes responsibility for all necessary notifications of street name changes i.e., residences, post office, utility companies, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon receiving said approval from the County of Wayne the Township of Grosse Ile require Wayne County to accomplish any necessary signing changes in compliance with the requirements of the Permit Office of the Engineering Division of the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a certified and sealed copy of this resolution be sent to the Wayne County Department of Public Services, Engineering Division for action by said agency as soon as possible.

All aye. Motion carried.

3. **09-154** Motion Kantz, Second Van Os, based upon a recommendation by the Grosse Ile Township Airport/Commerce Park Manager and the Grosse Ile Airport Commerce Park Commission the Grosse Ile Township Board hereby authorizes the Grosse Ile Airport/Commerce Park Manager to sign contract No. 2010-0104 between the Township of Grosse Ile and The Michigan Department of Transportation. *Supervisor Loftus asked if the tractor and snow blower were to only be used around the airport. Airport Manager Thiel responded that that is correct. Clerk O'Connor inquired if personnel other than airport personnel can use the equipment and if they had been trained. Airport Manager Thiel said yes.*
4. **09-155** Motion Ranka, Second Kantz, to amend Chapter 155, Minors, Article 1, Curfew, Section 155-1 Entitled, "Curfew Hours."  
*Chief Porcerelli stated that the old ordinance was vague and that they had no special circumstance or problem that led to the changing of the ordinance.*

Yeas		Nays
<u>X</u>	Brian Loftus	_____
<u>X</u>	Ute O'Connor	_____
<u>X</u>	Ted Van Os	_____
<u>X</u>	Pamela Frucci	_____
<u>X</u>	James A. Johnson, Jr.	_____
<u>X</u>	Peter Kantz	_____
<u>X</u>	Erik Ranka	_____

Motion carried 7-0.

5. **09-156** Motion Ranka, Second Johnson, to amend Chapter 261, Section 261-F., "Code Amendments."  
*Chief Porcerelli commented that it was not reasonable to ask people to not walk their pets on the bike*

path. He stated once again that they had no special circumstances or problems that led to the changing of the ordinance.

Yeas		Nays
<u>X</u>	Brian Loftus	_____
<u>X</u>	Ute O'Connor	_____
<u>X</u>	Ted Van Os	_____
<u>X</u>	Pamela Frucci	_____
<u>X</u>	James A. Johnson, Jr.	_____
<u>X</u>	Peter Kantz	_____
<u>X</u>	Erik Ranka	_____

Motion carried 7-0.

**Clerk's Report:**

1. Deputy Clerk Gray is attending the Michigan Township Association Conference this week.
2. Discussions are underway between the Recreation Commission, Grosse Ile Soccer Association, Grosse Ile Recreation Association, the airport manager, and the Airport Commerce Park Commission to work on the possibilities of expanding the sports opportunities at the airport recreation area.
3. Island Fest Update ó Reiterated that the Island Fest Commission can only consider information for a bid that it receives before the bid deadline. *Jack Delphy, 10321 Loma Circle, asked if there would be live music on Friday night at IslandFest? Clerk O'Connor responded that there would be live music on Friday and Saturday night.*

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Finance Office – Investments:**

For the month of December Grosse Ile Township had \$ 5,581,444.94 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from .50% to 1.21% with terms ranging from 60-90 days.

For the month of December the balance of the MBIA Class investment pool is \$7,926,165.58 which is earned investment interest of \$643.22 at a rate of .27%

\$2,849,845.25 is the amount in the sweep/investments accounts as of December 31, 2009 earning interest of \$567.65 at a rate of .15 %

Grosse Ile Township Treasurer's office continues to collect tax bill payments. The due date of the 2009 winter taxes is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

To date we have collected \$8,672,523.00 \*, which is about 59% of the total tax roll.

*Total School Collections		1,575,440
Total County Collections		3,305,945
Total Township Collections		3,631,696
Special Assessments		159,442
<b><i>Total Winter Collections to date</i></b>		<b>8,672,523</b>

The Treasurer's office will accept tax payments:

- a) During regular office hours
  - b) Through our drop box after hours
  - c) By mail
  - d) At the Grosse Ile branches of Metro Shores Credit Union. Account holders at Fifth Third Bank and National City Bank can also pay their taxes at their banks.
  - e) Credit card payments will also be accepted via the Internet with a processing fee of 3%.
- Dog Licenses fees go up to \$12.00 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The fee is \$6.00 before February. Be sure to bring in proof of Rabies Vaccination for your pet to obtain your pet's license.

Treasurer Van Os also mentioned that the Census Bureau is looking for employees.

**Trustees Reports:**

- 1. Mr. Johnson had nothing to report.
- 2. Mr. Ranka had nothing to report.
- 3. Mrs. Frucci informed everyone about Woman's History Month in March.
- 4. Mr. Kantz mentioned that the Yankee Air Force planes will be here until April and anyone is welcome to come and see them in the airport hanger. Clerk O'Connor asked if there was a fee to see the planes. Trustee Kantz responded that it is free to the public. Trustee Frucci asked if it is possible that the planes could stay permanently. Supervisor Loftus informed that he is trying everyday.

**Supervisor's Report:**

- 1. Mr. Loftus reported that the January 18<sup>th</sup> power outage was an intentional outage by DTE to repair equipment on a transformer. The Grosse Ile Fire Department was given a five minute window to get the word out to the island.
- 2. Blood Drive on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
- 3. Census employment - You will have to take a test to gain employment.
- 4. Trenton Federal Credit Union will be opening on February 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. This month is School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Loftus thanked all the members of the school board for their commitment.
- 6. Hockey Day in Michigan is this Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. Enchanted Evening Fundraiser for Opportunity Grosse Ile will be this Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Township Manager's Report:**

- 1. Water Treatment Plant Update - Should have a financial analysis done in 2 to 3 months.
- 2. Proposed Water Rates from the City of Detroit in Free Press - The figures in the paper do not match what Detroit has given the Township. At this point in time, we are not 100% sure what the rate will be.

**Public Comment:**

- 1. Mr. Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh Rd., Asked whether anyone had any information on the document concerning Open Space that he brought up last meeting. *Supervisor Loftus responded that he would call him.* Mr. Janowski asked why the kids who needed to be rescued on the water weren't held accountable for their actions. *Supervisor Loftus said that the overriding concern is that the Fire Department doesn't want people to be afraid to call for help for fear that they may have to pay.*
- 2. Gary Jones, 7738 Macomb St., asked if there was anything on the Consent Agenda regarding legal fees incurred by the township. *Finance Director, Ann Darzniek, reported that there were two invoices. The first one was to Look, Makowski, and Look in the amount of \$1,153.50 and the other is for Tim Galligan in the amount of \$942.11.*

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Johnson. All aye. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk