

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 28, 2010

Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

Call to Order by Supervisor Loftus at 7:38 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Loftus, Treasurer Van Os, Trustees Frucci, Johnson, Kantz, and Ranka

Absent: Clerk O'Connor

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

1. Walter Epps, a native of Detroit, introduced himself to the Board and provided an overview of his qualifications as a candidate for Wayne County Sherriff. Mr. Epps attended Wayne State University before going into the Navy. Mr. Epps joined the Wayne County Sherriff's Department in 1991 and retired in 2010.
2. William Costick, DPS Commission Chairman, talked about the DPS Road Improvement Program. Mr. Costick discussed two major points, declining road conditions and diminishing funds. On November 2, 2010 the Grosse Ile voters will be asked to consider a ballot proposal that calls for a one and three quarter (1 ¾) levy for five (5) years to provide funds for road improvements throughout the township.

Mr. Costick explained that all public streets on Grosse Ile are under the jurisdiction of Wayne County. Wayne County is faced with declining resources, severe budget cutbacks, and high demand traffic and congestion problems. The conclusion reached by public works officials is that communities like Grosse Ile are going to have to be more self reliant for road maintenance and improvement programs.

Mr. Van Os, Township Treasurer, thanked Bill Costick and the rest of the DPS Commission for their time and efforts on this project.

Public Comment:

Chuck Rossi, 8432 LaSalle Ct., asked if anyone with the Township had done the research to find out if Wayne County actually has no money and if anyone was looking into why LaSalle Ct. deteriorated so badly. *Mr. Costick informed the public that Mr. Pociask is the DPS Commission liaison with Wayne County and that poor cement used by the contractor over 20 years ago is the cause of the deterioration of LaSalle Ct. Mr. Costick added that it would be hard to hold Wayne County accountable for something that happened that long ago.*

Woody Clark, 19620 Parke Lane, inquired if the list of streets would be available for the residents to look at and also how the streets would be picked. *Mr. Costick announced that the list of streets would be available for the public to look at and that the streets would be picked according to traffic volume and safety issues.*

Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh Rd., asked if the Commerce Park roads came out of our last roads milage. *Treasurer Van Os answered yes.*

3. Pat Somerville, a candidate for State Legislature, 23rd District, presented his qualifications as a candidate for the State Legislature. Mr. Somerville is a Huron Township resident. Mr. Somerville is running because he is sick of all the games and politics in Michigan. Mr. Somerville believes that we need more jobs and less government and spending.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Motion Ranka, second Johnson, to move Action Item #5, Alternative Energy Ordinance Adoption, and Action Item #7, Lot Split/Combination #376, to Action Item #1 and Action Item #2 and to move the rest of the Action Items down one. Approved 6-0

Motion Ranka, second Loftus, to accept the Agenda as amended. Approved 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA 10-034:

1. Minutes of May 24, 2010
2. Special Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2010
3. Check Register dated June 11, 2010
4. Check Register dated June 25, 2010
5. Fireworks Permit for Grosse Ile Yacht Club
6. Fireworks Permit for Opportunity Grosse Ile/Ronald Morris
7. Institute Receiving Boards for Election Oversight
8. The Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services

Motion Van Os, second Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **10-035** Motion Ranka, second Johnson, to adopt the proposed zoning ordinance amendments to Article 1, Definitions and Article 19, General Provisions, of the Grosse Ile Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 285 of the Township of Grosse Ile Municipal Code, to provide for the Alternate Energy System based upon the recommendation of the Grosse Ile Township Planning Commission.

Jeff Purdy from LSL Planning gave a brief presentation explaining the scale and size of Alternate Energy Systems, which include turbines and solar panels.

Treasurer Van Os asked about the parts of the Grosse Ile where homeowner's lots are on top of one another. Mr. Purdy explained that those lots would not be able to have them. Trustee Johnson inquired about how many homes already have Alternate Energy Systems. Township Manager Reaume and Mr. Purdy indicated that they don't know of any.

YEAS: Frucci, Johnson, Kantz, Ranka, Van Os, Loftus

NAYS: None

ABSENT/EXCUSED: O'Connor

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 6-0

2. **10-036** Motion Ranka, second Johnson, to approve Lot Split/Combination #376; Lot # 142 and part of Lot # 143, Potawatomie Woods Sub #3; Applicants Mr. Charles Oldt of 20570 Canal and Mr. Norman Push of 20546 Canal. Motion approved 6-0.

3. **10-037** Motion Loftus, second Ranka, to approve the following resolution.

Whereas, there being few agenda items for the Board of Trustees to consider during the months of July and August, 2010, and

Whereas, there are unnecessary costs incurred by holding meetings in the Township Offices, and

Whereas, time productivity of Township employees and officials is not well utilized by holding unnecessary board meetings, now

Therefore, be it resolved: the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the cancellation of the July 12, 2010 Business Meeting and authorizes the Township Clerk and Township Treasurer to process payments from June 28, 2010 through July 26, 2010, and to direct the Finance Director and the Finance Department to prepare and disperse the necessary authorized payments, and

Be it further resolved: the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees hereby approves the cancellation of the August 9, 2010 Business Meeting and authorizes the Township Clerk and Township Treasurer to process payments from July 26, 2010 through August 23, 2010, and to direct the Finance Director and the Finance Department to prepare and disperse the necessary authorized payments.

YEAS: Frucci, Johnson, Kantz, Ranka, Van Os, Loftus

NAYS: None

ABSENT/EXCUSED: O'Connor

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 6-0

4. **10-038** Motion Johnson, second Van Os, to approve the purchase of an F-350 Ford pick-up truck from Gorno Ford. Trustee Frucci asked how long the truck would last and how many miles per gallon the truck would get. Chief Murdock responded that the truck should last 10-15 years and that it would get 16 MPG.

Supervisor Loftus asked how much the truck would cost and Chief Murdock replied that it is \$37,095. Motion approved 6-0.

5. **10-039** Motion Van Os, second Johnson, to approve the contract compensation adjustment of \$7,479.00 (approximately 2.158%) for the fiscal year 2010-2011 for United Water's contract services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This increases the monthly amount from \$28,892.52 to \$29,512.77.

Supervisor Loftus explained that the board asked for more information, at a previous board meeting, on this subject. Trustee Johnson inquired if all the new equipment in the plant was added before the new contract. Dave Dupruis replied that the contract had not been finalized. Trustee Kantz asked when the rebid on the contract is set to take place. Department of Public Services Manager Barry Sedlock answered that it would be in 2011 (3 year contract). Motion approved 5-1 (Johnson).

6. **10-040** Motion Van Os, second Johnson, to approve transfer of refuse contract from Capital Waste, Inc. to Waste Management, Inc. The contract terminates on November 15, 2012.

DPS Manager Sedlock explained that Capital Waste's assets were taken over by Waste Management. Waste Management would take over the current contract that is in place until 2012. Trustee Frucci asked if we could expect an increase in 2012. DPS Manager Sedlock stated that it would be a rebid. Motion approved 6-0.

7. **10-041** Motion Frucci, second Loftus, to rename and expand the scope of the Cable Communications Commission to include oversight of the Township's official website and all public communication assets. The commission to be renamed the Communications Commission. Chapter 67, Article X of the Grosse Ile Township Municipal Code of Ordinances will be amended to affect this change.

Public Comment:

Bill Morreau, 21814 Knudsen Dr., inquired why we can't get our cable channel on the Dish Network. Supervisor Loftus replied that that is because of legal ramifications.

YEAS: Frucci, Johnson, Kantz, Ranka, Van Os, Loftus
NAYS: None
ABSENT/EXCUSED: O'Connor
RESOLUTION ADOPTED 6-0

8. **10-042** Motion by Ranka, second by Frucci, that

Whereas, the Township of Grosse Ile believes quality roads are a vital part of any community, and

Whereas, the Township of Grosse Ile has committed to the installation of a public safety camera at the intersection of Macomb and Meridian Road and the County of Wayne will allow the use of its traffic signal pole; and

Whereas, the Township of Grosse Ile will pay the Project Costs (as found in Exhibit A to this Agreement) of the project.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Township of Grosse Ile Board of Trustees does hereby approve the proposed Agreement between the Township of Grosse Ile and the County of Wayne for the installation of a public safety camera at the intersection of Macomb and Meridian Roads; and

Be it further resolved, that the Supervisor and Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township of Grosse Ile.

YEAS: Frucci, Johnson, Kantz, Ranka, Van Os, Loftus
NAYS: None
ABSENT/EXCUSED: O'Connor
RESOLUTION ADOPTED 6-0

Clerk's Report - None

Treasurer's Report

Investment Report and Tax update:

For the month of May, Grosse Ile Township had \$ 11,204,039.00 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from .25% to 1.01% with terms ranging from 60-90 days. CD's earned \$3,454.73 in interest for the month of May.

The May balance of the MBIA Class investment pool is \$258,980.05, which earned investment interest of \$33.80 at a rate of .19%

\$1,994,605.00 is the amount in the sweep/investments accounts as of May, 2009 earning interest of \$160.00 at a rate of .10 %

The Treasurer's office is busy preparing for the summer 2010 tax bills. Notice will be published in the Ile Camera once the tax bills are mailed.

Applications will also be available in the Treasurer's office for Summer Tax deferments for those who qualify for the extension of due date of September 14, 2010 to February 14, 2011.

Trustees Reports

1. Trustee Johnson: Nothing to report
2. Trustee Kantz announced that the Airport Commerce Park Commission has an opening.
3. Trustee Frucci reported:
 1. Trustee Frucci and Spencer Johnson pulled weeds for four hours one afternoon at Centennial Farm. Mrs. Frucci would like to see this kept under control. Supervisor Loftus asked the Recreation Commission to look into this matter.

2. Update on the Entryway Improvement Committee. The Committee in conjunction with DTE created a large planter at the corner of W. Jefferson and Grosse Ile Parkway in Trenton. Now the Committee is working on a directional sign to point visitors to Grosse Ile and finding green slats to put up to hide the chain link fencing at the Bridge Road entranceway.
3. Mrs. Frucci provided an overview of the policies and procedures workshop that Trustee Frucci and Township Manager Reaume attended. Trustee Frucci was given a book on policies and procedures and would like to share it with anyone on the board who would be interested.
4. Trustee Ranka gave a presentation on the Bike Path Subcommittee Findings. He informed the board and public the reason for the subcommittee, the subcommittee goals, the subcommittee boundaries, the meeting history, the proposed and prioritized next 5 phases of the bike path, the complete list of the routes investigated, and the next steps. A special meeting will be held on July 12, 2010 in the Township Board room. Copies of the proposed bike paths can be found in the Department of Public Services.

Trustee Kantz inquired about how far off the road the bike path would be and about the possibility of a bike lane. Trustee Ranka responded that he would have to talk to Wayne County about how far off the road the bike path would be and that the Committee was trying to stay away from a bike lane to keep people out of the way of traffic.

Supervisor's Report

1. The Township Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010 for the 4th of July holiday.
2. Reminded drivers to be careful at intersections while driving.
3. New law for texting while driving will go in effect on July 1.
4. Sixty five MDOT road closures will be put on the website.
5. Opportunity Grosse Ile will be hosting a Pirate Weekend fundraiser on July 30th. You can find more information on their website.
6. Grosse Ile Township has not come to a settlement with the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club. The Township is continuing to review the situation and no decision had been made at this point.

Township Manager's Report

1. Grosse Ile Township Police and Fire report on our community response system

Chief Porcerelli explained that the Police and Fire Departments didn't decide to sound the alert system on the Friday night of IslandFest because the Township didn't have a serious threat in the area. In June we have had 9 tornado warning in Michigan, 4 of those in Wayne County. We usually average 5.5 in Michigan. If a tornado is sighted or the winds are in excess of 70 MPH, then the sirens will go off. Chief Porcerelli also warned that 911 is for emergencies only. Please do not call 911 for an informational path.

Supervisor Loftus invited Patrick Colbeck to the podium. Mr. Colbeck, a candidate for State Senate, 7th District, was born and raised in Michigan, graduated from the University of Michigan and became an aerospace engineer. Mr. Colbeck has worked as a consultant for the past 11 years. Mr. Colbeck is the only candidate endorsed by the Right for Life group and is a member of the Canton School Board.

Public Comment:

1. Bill Morreau, 21814 Knudsen, thanked the board for the lawnmower at Waterø Edge. Mr. Morreau explained that the golf course is doing well, but they have had to take down 29 trees this year. They were able to plant 7 trees to replace them and they have enough money for 6 more, but they will probably have to take down 9 more this year. Waterø Edge is accepting donations to purchase more trees. Mr. Morreau ended by thanking Township Manager Reaume for his assistance.
2. W. Clark, 19620 Parke Lane, asked if there were any legal expenses on the check register. *The Finance Director, Ann Darzniek, responded that on the check register dated June 10th, there is a bill from Look, Makowski, and Look for \$630, on the check register dated June 24 there is bill from Look, Makowski,*

and Look for \$1,125, and lastly on the check register dated June 24 there is a bill from Tim Gallighan for \$7,500. Mr. Clark inquired about a Township wide garage sale. Supervisor Loftus explained that a township wide garage sale is pending. Mr. Clark also asked about the status of a water holding tank and the water treatment plant. Supervisor Loftus replied that the Township is contracting with AECOM/United Water for a water holding tank and that the Township is still gathering information about a water treatment plant.

3. Ron Janowski, 9170 Groh, asked if the Township is appealing the Bridge Company lawsuit. *Supervisor Loftus replied that we are under appeal right now. Mr. Janowski inquired why the Township isn't putting effort into bridge litigation. Supervisor Loftus responded that there has been no movement and that we are open to negotiations.*

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Johnson, second Kantz. Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Sharon A. Gray, Deputy Clerk