

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 29, 2010

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

Call to Order by Supervisor Loftus at 8:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING # 1: Grant Application Airport Recreation Phase 2

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

Absent: None

Also present: Recreation Director Tim Rooney, Deputy Clerk Sharon Gray, Finance Director Ann Darzniek, Township Manager Dale Reaume and approximately thirty members of the community.

Recreation Director Tim Rooney presented an overview of the proposed project located within the Airport Recreation Area Phase 2; consisting of final grading of four (4) recreation athletic fields, installation of ADA compliant parking lot with accessible pathways to all seven (7) fields to establish a systematic plan to meet the goal of expanding the diversity

Total Project Cost is estimated at \$150,000.00, with matching funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant requested in the amount of \$75,000.00 and Grosse Ile Township matching fund amount of \$75,000.00.

Public comment and questions on the proposed grant application were solicited from the Board of Trustees and members of the audience by the Township Board Supervisor; receiving none, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING # 2: Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

Finance Director Ann Darzniek presented a summary of the Balanced Township Budget for 2010-2011 showing that the budget based on State Equalized Values and Taxable Values decreased 3.9 % for 2009 and is estimated conservatively to decrease by 10% for 2010.

The total millage breakdown per taxing entity is as follows: Township 13.160, Schools 13.018 and County 14.077 for total mills of 40.2568. The township millage is broken down into 4.15 for debt and 9.0101 for operating.

The 2010/2011 total Budget is 1.1 million dollars less or 1.69 % than last year due in part because of the conservative and careful management of costs by every department. The General Fund budget has decreased for 2010/2011 from \$5,078,717 last fiscal year to \$4,979,098 for this fiscal year; a difference of \$99,619 or decrease of 1.96%.

In addition to careful budgeting of revenues and expenses, the township was able to refinance three outstanding bonds which saved \$349,000 and the township's S & P (Standard & Poor) Bond Rating increased from AA- to AA which indicates the township's financial credibility.

Supervisor Loftus sought questions and comments from the Board and the audience. Receiving none the Budget Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Supervisor Loftus reconvened the Regular Business Meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Presentations:

Supervisor Loftus invited the Republican candidate for State Senate, Colleen McDonald to the podium to introduce herself to the board and those in attendance.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

1. Motion Loftus, second Johnson, to delete Action Item # 9, Amendment to the Cable Ordinance. Approved 7-0.
2. Motion Kantz, second Johnson, to delete Action Item # 3, items # 8 and 11, Appointment of Community Recreation Chairperson and Appointment of Cable Commission Chairperson.
Roll Call Vote to delete item # 8 and # 11.
Yes: Kantz, Johnson, Loftus
No: Ranka, Van Os, Frucci, O'Connor
Motion to delete items from Action Item # 3 Fails 4-3
3. Motion Loftus, second Ranka, to add Action Item # 10, Extension of term for members of Website Committee Members for six months. Approved 7-0.

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

CONSENT AGENDA 10-001:

1. Minutes of March 8, 2010
2. Check Register dated March 19, 2010

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **10-002** Motion Loftus, second Van Os, to adopt the Fiscal Year Ending 2011 Combined Township Budget effective April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Approved 7-0.
2. **10-003** The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Van Os, second Clerk O'Connor:
 1. To confirm the Supervisor's re-appointment of Jay Frucci to the Planning Commission for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013.
 2. To re-appoint to the Brownfield Authority James Weeks and Christopher Mans for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013.
 3. To re-appoint to the Greenways/Open Space Committee Rosanne Ellison, Woody Clark, Art Koester and Pam Frucci for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013.
 4. To confirm the Supervisor's re-appointment of Jim Morris and Alaa Herfi to the Construction Board of Appeals for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012.
 5. To re-appoint to the Airport Commerce Park Commission James Weeks and Christopher Mans for the term April 4, 2010 to April 3, 2013.
 6. To re-appoint to the Island Beautification Committee Pam Frucci and Marcia Woodley for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013.
 7. To re-appoint to the Fire Commission Dr. Frank Mitek and Stuart Keeler for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2016.

8. To re-appoint to the Airport Advisory Committee James Johnson Jr. for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013.
9. To re-appoint to the Elected Officials Compensation Commission Michael Moco for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015.
10. To re-appoint to the Police Commission James Jurecki for the term of April 3, 2010 to April 4, 2016.
11. To re-appoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals Thomas Esordi, Robert Pierce, James Binting and John Carnago for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013.
12. To appoint to the Police Commission Joseph Dixon for the term March 29, 2010 to April 3, 2012 to complete the un-expired term of George Gorno
Ayes: 7 Nays: None
Resolution approved.
3. **10-004** The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Van Os, second Trustee Ranka:
 1. To appoint John Schweickart as Chairperson of the Planning Commission for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 2. To appoint Ron Moran as Chairperson of the Brownfield Authority for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 3. To appoint Willam Costick as Chairperson of the Public Services Commission for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 4. To appoint Cliff St. Pierre as Chairperson of the Greenways/Open Space Committee for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 5. To appoint Dr. Frank Mitek as Chairperson of the Fire Commission for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 6. To appoint James Morris as Chairperson of the Construction Board of Appeals for the term April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 7. To appoint Carl Bloetscher as Chairperson of the Police Commission for the term April 4, 2010 to April 3, 2011.
 8. To appoint Walt Kacher as Chairperson of the Community Recreation Commission for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 9. To appoint Ron Moran as Chairperson of the Airport Commerce Park Commission for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 10. To appoint Amy Longton as Chairperson of the Festival Commission for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 11. To appoint Darryl Froehlich as Chairperson of the Cable Commission for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 12. To appoint Ron Moran as Chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 13. To appoint Art Koester as Chairperson of the Beautification Committee for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 14. To appoint Thomas Esordi as Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
 15. To appoint Al Anderson as Chairperson of the Airport Advisory Committee for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 3
Resolution Approved
4. **10-005** The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Van Os, second by Clerk O'Connor:
 - a) To appoint Look, Makowski, and Look to serve as Municipal Attorney for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
 - b) To appoint Hungerford & Company to serve as Township Auditors for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
 - c) To appoint the Charles E. Raines Company to serve as Township Engineers for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

- d) To appoint LSL Planning, Inc. to serve as Municipal Planners for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: None Resolution approved.

5. **10-006** Motion O'Connor, second Ranka to adopt the 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion Approved 7-0.

2010	2011
April 12	January 10
April 26	January 24
May 10	February 14
May 24	February 28
June 14	March 14
June 28	March 28
July 12	Annual Meeting: TBD
July 26	
August 9	
August 23	
September 13	
September 27	
October 11	
October 25	
November 8	
November 22	
December 13	

6. **10-007** Motion O'Connor, second Ranka, Consistent with Section 19.8 of the labor contract, the following holidays will be observed in Fiscal Year 2010-2011:

Friday, April 2	Good Friday
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Monday, July 5	Independence Day
-	(July 4 falls on a Sunday)
Monday, September 6	Labor Day
Thursday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26	Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 23	Christmas Day
-	(December 25 falls on a Saturday)
Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 30	New Year's Day
-	(January 1 falls on a Saturday)
Friday, December 31	New Year's Eve Day
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 21	President's Day

Motion approved 7-0

7. **10-008** Motion O'Connor, second Van Os, to adopt the following Resolution recommending an application be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for park improvements at the Airport Recreation Area.

WHEREAS The Grosse Ile Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010 was developed under the direction of the Grosse Ile Community Recreation Commission to establish a systematic plan to meet the goal of expanding the diversity of recreational facilities offered at active park areas to maximize the benefit of sites for the public; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Recreation Area Park was listed as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the location of Airport Recreation Area is ideal for the development of recreation athletic fields, parking lot, and ADA compliant pathways and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grosse Ile Community Recreation Commission recommends to the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees that an application be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requesting a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$75,000 to assist in the grading of four athletic fields (soccer & baseball), a paved barrier free parking lot with connecting ADA compliant pathways and drainage improvements, at the Airport Recreation Area with a total cost of \$150,000 as detailed below:

Grosse Ile Township Proposed Matching Funds	\$ 75,000
Safe Routes to School (SRTS 2008-0021) Meridian School	
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
TOTAL PROJECT COST	<u>\$150,000</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grosse Ile Township Board be asked to commit the local match of \$75,000, to be available in 2010 contingent upon the grant being approved.
Motion approved 7-0.

8. **10-009** Motion Van Os, second O'Connor, to amend the Fee Schedule for Community Development, Section 11-3, of the Township Fee Schedule, Effective July 1, 2010. Motion approved 6-1 (Johnson)
9. *Deleted*
10. **10-010** Motion Loftus, second Van Os, to extend the term of the Website Advisory Committee through September 30, 2010. Motion approved 7-0.

Clerk's Report

1. General Update: Notification to anyone who plans to apply for a Passport this spring or summer, the fees will be increasing soon, so this is the time to make an appointment for passport processing at the Clerk's Office.
2. Liaison Update: Nothing to report at this time

Treasurer's Report

1. Investment Report and Tax update: For the month of February Grosse Ile Township had \$9,912,697 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from .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 is earned investment interest of \$1,092 at a rate of .21%.

\$1,494,766.00 is the amount 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 www.waynecounty.com/pta.

- The balanced rolls for 2009 will be delivered this week.
- The treasurer's office continues to collect unpaid delinquent personal property taxes for 2009.

Trustees Reports

1. Trustee Kantz provided details of several events scheduled to take place this Spring at the Grosse Ile Municipal Airport as follows:
 - April 10th Annual Polishing Party and Bomber Buffing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org for more information. This is a Free Event open to the public
 - Saturday, May 22nd ó Grosse Ile Duathlon from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 - Saturday, May 22nd (11 a.m.- 7 p.m.) and Sunday, May 23rd (11 a.m.- 5 p.m.) the Grosse Ile Boat Show will take place in the hangar at the airport.
 - Saturday, May 22nd (11 a.m.- 7 p.m.) and Sunday, May 23rd (11 a.m.- 5 p.m.) Yankee Air Force display and presentation. For additional details visit www.grosseileairport.com
 - A Car Show and Motorcycle Rally currently in the planning stages.
2. Trustee Frucci reported that the final event for Women's History Month featuring Guest Speaker Patty Smart was held in the board room on Saturday, March 27th. Mrs. Frucci also invited residents to join her at the Grosse Ile Airport on Saturday, April 10th to help polish the historic airplanes from the Yankee Air Museum.
3. Trustee Ranka announced that the Planning Commission will hold their next meeting on April 5th at township hall.
4. Trustee Johnson: Nothing to report at this time.

Supervisor's Report

1. Supervisor Loftus reminded residents of the importance of returning their 2010 Census Forms by April 1st or as soon as possible thereafter and reminded residents that the count affects federal funding to states, local communities, schools and universities and can impact the number of representatives each state will have in Congress.
2. Yard waste pickup will resume beginning April 1st.
3. Mr. Loftus reported that the design work phase for the Macomb Street Pocket Park has begun at the Downtown Development Association level.
4. A reminder to residents of the La Crosse game between MSU and Illinois will be held on April 3rd at Grosse Ile High School.
5. Supervisor Loftus commented that a rumor is floating around that the township has entered into a financial arrangement with the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club. He assured residents that this rumor is unfounded and untrue.

Township Manager's Report

1. Manager Reaume reported that the Water Treatment Plant financial analysis report should be received by the township very soon.
2. Township offices with the exception of Police and Fire will be closed on Friday, April 2nd in observance of Good Friday.
3. Anyone needing help to complete their 2010 Census form may visit township hall between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays through mid-April for assistance or information from a Census representative.
4. Regular trash pickup will be done on Good Friday.

Public Comment: Three minute time limit per person

1. Bill Morreau, Grosse Ile Power Squadron representative asked the Police and Fire departments if they provide a demonstration of how to properly use and ignite emergency flares during the upcoming boat show.
2. Steve Lemoine, Hampton Road, informed the Board that he had applied for the Community Recreation Commission and had not heard anything about the status of his application. *Clerk O'Connor noted that the commission was focusing on work on the Master Plan and was not yet ready to conduct interviews for the vacancy.*
3. Thomas Esordi, Sarah Lane, noted that there is also a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals for an Alternate.
4. W. Clark, Parke Lane, inquired about any legal fees on the check registers. Response: *\$1,710.00 to the Township Attorney for his regular fees appears on the Check Register.*

Mr. Clark also asked the township to investigate some area roads that need repair and mentioned that the DPS department will have dumpsters available for another Dump the Junk/ Find a Treasure Days on May 15 and 16.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Kantz, second Trustee Ranka.
Motion approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk