

PROPOSED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 24, 2010

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

Call to Order by Supervisor Loftus at 7:40 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

1. Dan Osterman, of Van Buren Township, introduced himself to the Board and provided an overview of his qualifications as a Republican candidate for State Senator in the 7th District. Mr. Osterman is a former employee of the auto industry and a former small business owner. Mr. Osterman referred to himself as a "Constitutional Conservative" and is looking forward to meeting the residents of Grosse Ile.
2. Gordon Mobley, of Grosse Ile, introduced himself to the Board and provided an overview of his qualifications for Judge of the 33rd District Court. Mr. Mobley outlined his educational and legal background and has expertise in real estate and landlord/tenant law and maintains a law practice in Riverview. Mr. Mobley would like to improve on the efficiencies of the district court through additional technology.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Loftus convened the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming at 7:50 p.m.

This Public Hearing before the Grosse Ile Township Board is to consider the following budget amendment to the 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

Reduce	Airport/Commerce Park Demolition (09-09-04)	\$ 42,090.00
New Balance		\$ 0.00
Increase	ADA Compliance/Parking Lot Improvements (09-09-03F)	\$ 34,090.00
New Balance		\$ 34,090.00
Increase	Planning (09-09-20)	\$ 8,000.00
New Balance		\$ 8,000.00

Recreation Director Rooney provided an overview of the proposed projects and the proposed block grant amendments which would transfer unused money from the Airport Block Grant that is set to expire in December, 2010 to the Recreation block grant for use this spring and summer on projects at the Water's Edge Recreation Facility. The amount being reprogrammed to Recreation would be reprogrammed to the Airport out of CDBG funds received for 2010-2011.

The first objective of the budget amendment is to fund the installation of an ADA compliant parking lot adjacent to the public swimming pool located at the Water's Edge Recreation Facility. The second objective of the budget amendment is to fund the services of a professional planning firm to assist with the updating of the 2011-2015 Grosse Ile Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Comments/Questions from the Board of Trustees:

Mr. Kantz asked Airport Manager Derek Thiel to explain how the funds transfer would impact the airport.

Mr. Thiel indicated that the airport doesn't have any projects planned for this calendar year that would be allowed under the scope of the grant; by reprogramming it to Recreation for their immediate needs it will prevent losing the funding.

Mrs. Frucci asked what ADA access would be provided under the \$34,090 project. Mr. Rooney indicated that it would provide a new paved parking lot with several marked handicap parking spaces near the swimming pool to replace the current gravel lot.

Mr. Van Os asked if part of the ADA compliance would include providing access paths from the parking lot to the venues, such as the swimming pool and Restaurant. Mr. Rooney indicated that it would pave and mark the lot and provide accessible pathways to all of the facilities.

Mr. Van Os also asked what the remaining \$8,000 would be spent on. Mr. Rooney stated that it would pay for a portion of the engineering/planning for the work to complete the township's Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. Johnson asked if the planning will be done by the current planning firm or would there be an additional planning firm hired with the \$8,000. Mr. Rooney responded that the current firm would continue on the project.

Public Comment on CDBG Reprogramming:

W. Clark, Parke Lane, inquired what portion of the parking lot is involved and what portion of total cost is going to engineering? Mr. Rooney responded that approximately 15 percent of the cost is engineering related.

Adjourn Public Hearing:

Motion Van Os, Second Johnson to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m. Approved 7-0

Regular Meeting Reconvened:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Motion Ranka, second Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Approved 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA 10-031:

1. Minutes of May 10, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Check Register dated May 21, 2010

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **10-032** Motion Van Os, second Johnson, to award bid to Titus Welding Company, Inc., low bidder, for the Primary Settling Tanks Rehabilitation at the Grosse Ile Waste Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$126,429.90, based on the recommendation of the DPS Commission. Approved 7-0

2. **10-033** Motion Clerk O'Connor, second Trustee Johnson, to seek approval from the Wayne County Community Development Division for the following budget amendment to the 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

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Public Comment:

1. Jonathon Hocking, Stout Road, asked for an explanation of what the Community Development Block Grant Program is about.

Clerk's Report

1. General Update: a) Last Date to Register to Vote for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election is July 6th.
b) Applications for Election Inspectors are being accepted in the Clerk's Office.
c) All ballot containers have been certified by the Wayne County Election Commission and absentee ballots will be mailed out to permanent absentee voters as soon as the ballots are received from the County.
2. Liaison Update:
 - a) Recreation's Final touches are being completed for the township Five Year Master Plan for Recreation
 - b) Festival- This year is the 26th anniversary of the festival. The Clerk provided an overview of the wide variety of planned activities that begin on Friday evening June 4th and continue until 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th.
 - c) Zoning Board of Appeals- Nothing to report
 - d) Clerk O'Connor noted that Supervisor Loftus made a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Supervisor's Township Expense Account to help the non-profit group Opportunity Grosse Ile pay for the color advertisement about Grosse Ile that was placed in the Metro Detroit ASource Magazine. In addition to the donation from the Supervisor the Downtown Development Authority also contributed \$500.00 toward the total cost of the advertisement.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Van Os reported on the DPS Commission which handles the Capital Improvement Projects for the roads is looking at the potential for a Road Improvement Millage Proposal for road repairs to the county roads on the island that may be required in the future since Wayne County has reduced work forces and a reduced budget while the roads are continuing to deteriorate.

Mr. Van Os asked DPS Director Sedlock to report on the dust control program. Mr. Sedlock reported that the contractor is expected begin the application over the next several days to selected unpaved roads within the township.

Treasurer Van Os announced that the DPS Commission Chairman, Bill Costick has put together a comprehensive report on the status of the roads within the township and encourages anyone interested to pick up a copy of the report and become familiar with the road issues facing the township.

Investment Report and Tax update:

For the month of April, Grosse Ile Township had \$ 9,918,198.00 invested in Certificates of Deposit ranging from .25% to 1.21% with terms ranging from 60-90 days and CD's earned \$999.00 interest for the month.

The April balance of the MBIA Class investment pool is \$133,945.00, which earned investment interest of \$29.00 at a rate of .17%

\$1,953,234.00 is the amount in the sweep/investments accounts as of April 2009 earning interest of \$212.00 at a rate of .16 %

The treasurer's office is busy preparing for the upcoming audit and also for the upcoming summer tax session. The month of July brings warmer temperatures, summer vacations and of course summer tax bills.

The treasurer's office is still collecting payments for delinquent personal property taxes for Grosse Ile businesses. Those who have delinquent taxes are urged to pay as soon as possible to avoid accumulation of interest.

Trustees Reports

1. Trustee Johnson: Nothing to report
2. Trustee Frucci reported that plans are being drafted to improve the beautification of the raised berm at the corner of Groh and Meridian Roads. Mrs. Frucci suggested that a further report be received at a future meeting.
3. Trustee Ranka reported that the Planning Commission will be bringing a new ordinance on Wind & Solar Alternative Energy to the Board for consideration at the June 28th meeting. The Planning Commission has taken a very proactive stance on developing this ordinance. Clerk O'Connor asked Trustee Ranka if the ordinance also deals with external wood burning stoves. Mr. Ranka indicated that it does not.
4. Trustee Kantz provided a report on the Airport Festival and the Third Annual NASGI Duathlon held on the May 22nd and 23rd. Mr. Kantz estimated attendance over the weekend to have reached close to 2,000 visitors despite some rainy weather. The Grosse Ile Boat Show and Expo was very successful even though the weather caused the cancellation of the Motorcycle Rally and Classic Car Show.

Trustee Frucci commended Trustee Kantz for all his work on the event.

Supervisor's Report

1. Supervisor Loftus added compliments to Trustee Kantz, Airport Manager Derek Thiel, Airport Intern John Wycoff, another good group of volunteers that did the work involved in making the event a success.
2. The Grosse Ile Schools hosted the News-Herald Track Invitational two weekends ago which was well attended and on the same weekend a group of volunteers were at the corner of Grosse Ile Parkway and West Jefferson to help DTE install the new landscaping on the site to help beautify the entryway to Grosse Ile. Mr. Loftus extended appreciation to DTE and all the volunteers for their efforts.
3. Mr. Loftus expressed appreciation to Grosse Ile Police and Fire regular and auxiliary officers for the excellent job in crowd and traffic control as well as emergency medical services during all the recent events.
4. Supervisor Loftus thanked Mr. Van Os and DPS Manager Sedlock for taking on another project by developing a task force to work with DTE to solve the problem of recurrent power outages in the Potowotamie Woods Subdivision.
5. Mr. Loftus read a letter received from Liz Hugel of the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy that was sent to the Ford Motor Company expressing appreciation for sponsoring their Phase 3 work at the Intrepid Pond at the Airport Commerce Park by providing funding and the use of six of their employees for one day of work on May 14th to plant eight large trees, fifty bushes and thirty perennials and doing additional spring grooming of other plants placed at the site in 2009.

Mrs. Hugel also indicated that arrangements have been made with another contractor to keep the Conservancy's Thorofare Canal property maintained and will be monitoring it and will be meeting with the Ordinance Officer, Township Planner, the Police Department and neighbors to solve recent problems with the appearance and safety issues of the property.

Township Manager's Report

1. Mr. Reaume, as a participant in the Duathlon, thanked the volunteers for being out in the rain throughout the event.
2. Manager Reaume announced an upcoming event in conjunction with the VFW; a Veterans Salute which will be a Forties Themed Dance held at the airport on Friday, September 10, 2010. Mr. Reaume asked interested parties to sign up to volunteer their special skills by signing up on the book located in the lobby at township hall.

Treasurer Van Os reminded residents of the importance of obtaining and completing a Medical Information Card that is available at the Public Safety Building and posting it on the refrigerator at your home. Mr. Van Os stated that it could be the difference between surviving a medical emergency or not if you are unable to communicate to emergency medical service personnel.

Public Comment:

1. Maureen Budny, 8018 Burning Bush, requested the status of the Safe Routes to School Project. Township Manager Reaume reported that a meeting is planned with the residents in the impacted neighborhoods within the next 45-60 days. No construction is expected until at least September, 2010.

Mrs. Budny had additional budgetary questions regarding the project which were answered by the Finance Director.

2. W. Clark, Parke Lane, asked if there were any legal expenses on the check register. The Finance Director indicated there is one payment to Attorney Galligan, for the Sanitary Sewer lawsuit in the amount of \$842.98.

Inquired from Trustee Johnson whether the pool at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club would be open this summer.

Mr. Clark asked when the township would consider seeking bids for consultants.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Van Os, second Kantz. Approved 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk