

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 26, 2004
Grosse Ile Township Hall – Merle Solomon Board Room
9601 Groh Road

Present: Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Kobiljak, Trustees Wojewodzic, Raithel and Will
Absent: Supervisor Jones, and Trustee Neal

Treasurer Kobiljak opened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m..

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: brief comments limited to 3 minutes per person
None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion by Raithel, second Will to delete Action Items # 12 and # 17. All aye.

Motion by Wojewodzic, second Will to add Labor Negotiations, POAM and AFSCME to Executive Session. All aye.

Final Agenda

Consent Agenda: 04-001

1. Minutes of March 8, 2004 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of March 29, 2004 Special Meeting and Public Hearing
3. Cash Requirements List dated March 23, 2004
4. Cash Requirements List dated March 31, 2004
5. Cash Requirements List dated April 13, 2004
6. Cash Requirements List dated April 27, 2004
7. Purchase Order Summary dated March 23, 2004
8. Purchase Order Summary dated March 31, 2004
9. Purchase Order Summary dated April 13, 2004
10. Purchase Order Summary dated April 27, 2004

Clerk's Report:

1. Help America Vote Act Update
2. School Board Election Reminder
3. Amendment to Approve Minutes of February 9, 2004

Treasurer's Report:

1. Investment Report through February 29, 2004
2. Investment Report through March 31, 2004

Supervisor's Report:

- 1. Recognition of Road Committee Member
- 2. Recognition of Island Beautification Committee
- 3. 33rd District Court Annual Law Day

Township Manager's Report

- 1. IslandFest Update
- 2. Emerald Ash Borer

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Re-appointment to Greenways/Open Space Committee
- 2. Appointment to Island Beautification Committee
- 3. Community Development Job Revisions
 - A) Permits Coordinator
 - B) Ordinance Enforcement Officer
- 4. IslandFest Fireworks Permit
- 5. Accept 33rd District Court Annual Financial Report
- 6. Construction of a Nature Trail on Open Space Property, West of Playscape
- 7. Set Public Hearing Dates for Lake, Rucker and Ruthmere Roads Assessments
- 8. Drinking Water Week Proclamation
- 9. Earth Tech Contract Compensation Adjustment
- 10. Reallocate Water and Sewer Rates
- 11. Bid award Electrical Upgrade at Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 12. Deleted
- 13. MERS Resolution to Define Hours
- 14. Delete
- 15. Authorization for preliminary feasibility studies for West River-Parkway ramp reconfiguration
- 16. Approve Contract for Equestrian Center Operations
- 17. 2004 Dust Control Program

Discussion Items

Extended Public Comment

- Executive Session:
- 1. Parke Lane Villa Condos – Litigation
 - 2. Labor Negotiations – POAM/ AFSCME Unions

Adjourn

Consent Agenda # 04-001

The following "Consent Agenda" will be adopted without discussion, however, at the request of any Board Member or Citizen, any item may be removed from the "Consent Agenda" for Board discussion.

A motion is required to approve the Consent Agenda containing the items listed as either presented or amended.

Motion Wojewodzic, second Will to approve Consent Agenda # 04-001, containing the items listed as presented. All aye. Consent Agenda approved.

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Clerk's Report

1. Clerk O'Connor gave an update on the Help America Vote Act. The next School Board Election will be the last paper ballot election.
2. A reminder that the School Board Election will be held June 14, 2004.
3. **04-002** Motion by O'Connor, second Will to amend the approved minutes of February 9, 2004. All aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer Kobiljak reported on Investments through February 29, 2004.
2. Treasurer Kobiljak reported on Investment through March 31, 2004.

See the Treasurer's Office for a full report of our investments.

Supervisor's Report

1. George Delphy who recently resigned from the Road Committee received two recognitions. The first one was a proclamation from the Board of Trustees read by Treasurer Kurt Kobiljak and the second was certificate of appreciation read by Road Committee Chair Wally Pociask.
2. Recognition of Island Beautification Committee members was overlooked at the March 8th meeting. The Island Beautification Committee began meeting in 1964, formal charges were adopted in 1989. The committee is made up of the following 8 very hard working members; Art Koester, Chair, Pam Frucci, Marcia Woodley, Nancy Karmazin, Dee Howey, Karl Charlson, Bonnie Adams, Brian Medved and one vacancy to be filled. Two members have served 18 years, and two for 15 years.
3. **04-003** Motion by Raithel, second by Will, to proclaim Friday, April 30, 2004, as Law Day. Read into record by Clerk O'Connor.

WHEREAS, Law Day is a celebration of our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Supreme Court case of Brown v. Board of Education is a landmark in the nation's march towards equality and a testament to the legal system's ability to establish and protect our rights; and

WHEREAS, the work of dedicated lawyers in Brown and in hundreds of other cases challenging segregation demonstrated the highest standards of advocacy in the service of a great cause; and

WHEREAS, Brown v. Board of Education not only ended legally imposed segregation in the schools but was instrumental in ending it in parks, libraries, and all other public institutions; and

WHEREAS, the decision in Brown v. Board of Education inspired and gave heart to the

civil rights movement and helped usher in an unprecedented era of progress; and **WHEREAS**, May 17, 2004 is the fiftieth anniversary of the decision in Brown v. Board; **NOW, THEREFORE**, as we celebrate Law Day 2004, we acknowledge this great milestone case and its moral and legal imperative of equality under law, and we renew our commitment to a society of equality or opportunity and to a recognition of the value and richness of our diversity as a people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kurt M. Kobiljak, Acting Supervisor of Grosse Ile Township, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2004, as Law Day. I urge the citizens, schools, businesses, and media to use this occasion to dedicate ourselves to preserve and strengthen the rule of law and the independence of our courts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

All aye. Motion carried.

Township Manager's Report

1. Finance Director, Ann Silver gave an update on IslandFest. The dates of IslandFest are June, 4th, 5th, and 6th. If anyone is interested in participating in the Donkey Races please contact Township Hall.
2. Manager Reaume has been working with members of the Greenway's Committee and Trustee Kobiljak regarding our options, the type of treatments and the severity of the Emerald Ash Borer. Early detection and prevention appears to be the best way to address this problem. Treasurer Kobiljak offered that if we can help in any way we will do so. Art Koester has been looking into some potential remedies. This is the Township's first step in trying to figure out what we can do to help our residents.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **04-004** Motion Raithel, second O'Connor, to re-appoint Woody Clark to the Greenways/Open Space Committee for the term April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2007. All aye. Motion carried.
2. **04-005** Motion Raithel, second O'Connor, to appoint Darrin Moore to the Island Beautification Committee to fill a vacancy, for the term April 26, 2004 to March 31, 2005. All aye. Motion carried
3. **04-006** Motion O'Connor, second Raithel,
 - a) To approve the revised job description dated April 26, 2004 for the position of Permits Coordinator.
 - b) To approve the revised job description dated April 26, 2004 for the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer.All aye. Motion carried.
4. **04-007** Motion Raithel, second Wojewodzic, based on the recommendation of the Grosse Ile Fire Marshal to grant a fireworks permit to Colonial Fireworks Company to provide the Islandfest Fireworks Display on Saturday June 5, 2004 with a rain date of Sunday June 6, 2004. All aye. Motion carried.
5. **04-008** Motion O'Connor, second Raithel, to adopt the following Resolution to Accept the 33rd District Court Annual Financial Report.

WHEREAS, the governing body for the Township of Grosse Ile has received and reviewed the Annual Financial Report submitted by Darnell & Meyering, P.C., for the 33rd District Court for the year ending December 31, 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Grosse Ile hereby resolves that the Annual Financial Report be accepted as submitted. All aye. Resolution declared adopted

Copies on file in the Clerk's Office for review.

6. **04-009** Motion Raithel, second O'Connor, to approve construction of a closed loop foot path on Open Space property West of the Playscape. All aye. Motion carried.
7. **04-010** Moved Raithel, second Wojewodzic, to adopt a Resolution scheduling public hearings for Lake, Rucker, and Ruthmere Roads.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board will schedule Public Hearings on May 10, 2004, to review special assessment rolls for road improvements to the following roads:

7:00 p.m. for Lake Road property owners

7:05 p.m. for Rucker Road property owners

7:10 p.m. for Ruthmere Road property owners

Also, that the special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and available for public examination during regular working hours at the Township Clerk's Office; and, Also, that the Notice of Public Hearing and filing of the assessment roll shall be published twice in the Ile Camera and, further, that said Notice will also be mailed by First Class Mail to all owners of or persons interested in property within each individual assessment district.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Kobiljak, O'Connor, Raithel, Wojewodzic and Will

NAYS: Members None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

8. **04-011** Motion Raithel, second O'Connor, to approve based on recommendation from the DPW Commission at their regular meeting of April 13, 2004, that May 2nd – 8th, 2004 be proclaimed "Drinking Water Week". All aye. Motion carried.
9. **04-012** Motion Raithel, second Wojewodzic, to approve the contract compensation adjustment of 1.9%, for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2004, for Earth Tech operations based on the recommendation of the DPW Commission. All aye. Motion Carried.
10. **04-013** Motion Raithel, second Will, to approve to authorize reallocation of water and sewer rates from sewer \$1.79 / water \$2.98 per thousand to sewer \$1.04 / water to \$3.73 per thousand effective April 1, 2004, based on the recommendation of the DPW Commission.
All aye. Motion carried.
11. **04-014** Motion Raithel, second Wojewodzic, to approve that Maryland Electric Company, Inc., low bidder, be awarded the contract for the WWTP electrical upgrades in the amount of \$289,900.00 with the contract to include provisions for facilitation, mediation and binding arbitration. All aye. Motion carried.
12. *Delete Action Item # 12*

13. **04-015** Motion O'Connor, second Raithel, to approve the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan Resolution for defining a day of work or hours per month for MERS retirement purposes.

In accordance with Section 3 (1) of the MERS Plan Document, as the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees Grosse Ile Township, does hereby certify that 80 hours worked in one month shall be equal to one month of service credit for all employees for retirement purposes to be effective as of April 26, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried. Resolution approved.

14. *Delete Action Item # 14*

15. **04-016** Motion Will, second O'Connor, Upon unanimous motion from the Road Committee, that the Township Board request C. E. Raines Co. engineers to prepare a feasibility study to reconfigure the ramp from Grosse Ile Parkway to West River Road including examining traffic patterns. Funds for the study to come from the Road Improvement Fund reserves. All aye. Motion carried.

16. **04-017** Motion O'Connor, second Raithel, the Grosse Ile Recreation Department seeks approval to enter into contract negotiations with the Luton Riding Academy to operate the equestrian center at the Centennial Farm for the purpose of having a final draft for Township Board approval on Monday, May 10, 2004. All aye. Motion carried

17. **04-018** Motion Will, second Raithel, to accept the proposal from South Huron Industrial, Inc. for dust control to certain local roads with funds to come from Maintenance – Dust Control account. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: None

Extended Public Comment: None

Motion Raithel, second O'Connor, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for:

- 1) Litigation – Parke Lane Villa
- 2) Labor Negotiations – POAM and AFSCME

Roll call vote: all aye.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Motion Wojewodzic, second Raithel, to adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:16 p.m.. All aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk