

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 30, 2004
Grosse Ile Township Hall – Merle Solomon Board Room
9601 Groh Road

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

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Jones convened the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Budget Amendment at 7:35 p.m.

Township Manager Dale Reaume explained that during 2002, the airport manager had requested \$20,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant Program for a ramping project. Since that time the airport manager has decided not to use the funding for the project. In the same year, the recreation manager requested \$3,000.00 for a pathway project at the township hall that eventually cost \$1,990.00 to complete. At the end of 2003, the total for unused CDBG funding was \$21,010.00.

After reviewing eligible projects, it was determined that there was a need for additional funds to complete the ADA pathways and play pads at Parke Lane and Meridian Schools. In addition to the school projects, expenses for senior activities from 2002 to 2004 exceeded revenues (including block grants) by \$2,270.20.

With the requested budget amendments, this would prevent the loss of CDBG funds and support needed projects in the community.

Questions or comments from the Board or audience were requested. None were offered.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Motion O'Connor, second Raithel, to delete Action Item # 15, Bike Path Top Coating from the agenda. All aye.

Final Agenda

Consent Agenda 04-055

The following items will be adopted without discussion, however, at the request of any Board Member or Citizen, items may be removed for Board discussion or explanation.

1. Minutes of July 26, 2004
2. Cash Requirements List dated August 9, 2004
3. Purchase Order Summary dated August 9, 2004
4. Cash Requirements List dated August 23, 2004
5. Purchase Order Summary dated August 23, 2004

Clerk's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

1. Receive Investment Report through July 31, 2004
2. July, 2004 Summer Tax Collection Update
3. Delinquent Personal Property Update

Supervisor's Report:

Township Manager's Report:

1. Grosse Ile Duathlon- 2005

ACTION ITEMS

1. Hiring recommendation Airport Intern position
2. Contract Amendment, URS Corp. Construction Admin. Services, Rehab of Runway 4/22
3. Addendum to SINC (Shared Information Network Consortium) Agreement
4. Notice of Intent Resolution 2004 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds
5. Amend Zoning Ord. Article 1, 1.3 and Article 3,3.1 (H) and 3.4 (E) Infill Residential Standards
6. Amend approval date for Final Plat for Wyandot Woods Subdivision
7. Dog Park Fees
8. Revision to Township Policies & Procedures Manual
9. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 67 of Municipal Code governing the Cable Commission
10. Cable Equipment Purchase
11. Request for Community Development Block Grant Project & Budget amendment
12. Approval to change voting precinct location for Precinct 5 & Precinct 6
13. Grosse Ile United Resolution
14. Bike Path Seal Coating

Discussion Items

1. West River Connector Improvements
2. Sidewalks in Parkway Place Condominiums
3. Church Road Improvements

Extended Public Comment

Executive Session: a) Litigation: East River Road Project
b) AFSCME Negotiations
c) POAM Negotiations

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Jones requested observance of a Moment of Silence for Mr. Harold Hurschman, a long serving member of the Water's Edge Commission who passed away recently.

Public Comment:

1. W. Pfeiffer, 23477 W. River Road, wants the township board to be aware of a resident who is clear cutting an area of public space in the West Shore Estates subdivision.

Consent Agenda 04-055

The following items will be adopted without discussion, however, at the request of any Board Member or Citizen, items may be removed for Board discussion or explanation.

Motion Wojewodzic, second O'Connor, to approve Consent Agenda 04-055 as presented.
All aye.

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Clerk's Report:

1. Clerk O'Connor encouraged anyone who will be 18 years old by November 2nd to register to vote by October 4, 2004 in order to participate in the General Election. Registration forms are available online and at the Secretary of State branch offices or locally at Township Hall.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Kobiljak reported that approximately 25% of all township property taxes have been paid to date. There is approximately 5 million dollars still due by the September 14th deadline to pay without a 1% penalty.
2. Reminder to residents to use the Drop Box located on the circular driveway at township hall for tax or water bill payments any time day or night. Payments are collected by office staff daily.
3. Special Assessments for the Lake, Rucker and Ruthmere Road Improvements will appear on the Winter, 2004 tax bills.

4. Personal Property Taxes in the amount of \$291,000 are still due from MichCon and DTE and are currently pending with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. There is an additional \$7,000 still outstanding from other sources.
5. Township Investments as of July 31, 2004 totaled 9,003,952.62 at an average investment rate of 1.2154 %, earning a total investment interest amount of \$10,308.18.

Supervisor's Report

1. Supervisor Jones introduced guest speaker Senator Bruce Patterson to provide an overview of recent and ongoing business of the state legislature including budget deficits, public university tuition rates, gay marriage, electric provider choices, imported waste and land use issues.
2. Report on the West River Road – Grosse Ile Parkway Connector Ramp by the township engineer and Lt. Joseph Porcerelli who have been conducting a study of the area along with Wayne County Roads Division and the township road committee to develop a plan to make the connector area safer by reconfiguring the intersection. The group has studied several different options and has narrowed the choices down to a couple of plans to study further.
3. Church Road Improvement Project- Township Manager Reaume reported that staff, the township engineer and Wayne County have met in the field and developed a preliminary layout containing a compromise which maintains existing drainage ditches and removes only six trees without damaging the existing tree canopy. The plan would also require the widening of the apron at Meridian Road to make a safer turning radius for trucks and busses, including fire apparatus. The plan would also include the planting of some new trees further back from the easement to help fill in the tree canopy once they mature.

Township Manager's Report

1. Reported the Grosse Ile Kiwanis Club and Bikesport, Inc. have requested authorization to hold the 2005 Grosse Ile Duathlon on Saturday, May 14, 2005 with set up on May 13th and using the township hall parking lot for the staging site for the event.
04-056 Motion by Kobiljak, second Raithel, to authorize and support the 2005 Grosse Ile Duathlon be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 and further to grant the Grosse Ile Kiwanis and Bikesport, Inc. to use the parking area at township hall as a staging area for the event. All aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **04-057** Motion Neal, second Kobiljak, based on the recommendation of the Airport Commission, the Township Board of Trustees approves the selection of Mr. Michael O'Brien to fill the position of Airport Intern. All aye. Motion carried.
2. **04-058** Motion Neal, second Kobiljak, based upon the recommendation of the Airport Commission, the Township Board of Trustees hereby approves Contract Amendment No. 1 with URS Corporation for Construction Administration Services, Contract Number FM-82-05-C42, Rehabilitation of Runway 4/22 and Runway Safety Area Improvements, in the amount of \$103,000.00; furthermore, the Airport Commission approves the expenditure of \$5,150.00 from the appropriate Airport capital account to pay for the local share of the

Contract, such expenditure to be automatically adjusted upon approval of pending State Legislation; and further to designate the Township Supervisor to sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Neal thanked the airport manager and commission for their hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

3. **04-059** Motion Kobiljak, second Neal, to adopt the August, 2004 Amendments to the 1999 Shared Information Network Agreement, and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the addendum. All aye. Motion carried.

4. **04-060** Motion O'Connor, second Neal, to approve the attached Notice of Intent Resolution 2004 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds. All aye. Motion carried.

The text of the Notice of Intent is included at the end of the Minutes.

5. **04-061** Motion Kobiljak, second Neal, to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission regarding Section 1.3 of Article 1 and Section 3.1 (H), 3.4 (E) of Article 3. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

Yes: Jones, O'Connor, Kobiljak, Neal, Raithel and Will

No: None

Absent: Wojewodziec

Public Comment: A Macomb Street resident asked if all the articles listed pertain to the one problem ("Big Foot Houses"). Treasurer Kobiljak responded yes.

6. **04-062** Motion Kobiljak, second O'Connor, to approve the Final Subdivision Plat for Wyandot Woods Subdivision based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer and to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Final Plat. This approval includes the installation of sidewalks within the subdivision boundaries and landscape buffers along Meridian and Thorofare Roads. All aye. Motion carried.

7. **04-063** Motion Kobiljak, second Raithel, Be it resolved that fees be set for the usage of the Grosse Ile Township Dog Park with the fee structure as follows: \$10.00 per year for residents when the key is purchased with a current year pet tag. Pet tag licensing is required of any person desiring to use the Dog Park. Non-residents will be charged \$20.00 per year with proof of rabies vaccination required. In addition, amending Administrative Policies and Procedures by adding Section 11.5 Dog Park Fees. All aye. Motion carried.

8. **04-064** Motion Raithel, second Neal, to revise Administrative Policies and Procedures Chapter 9 governing vacancies and the appointment of members to township commissions and committees. All aye. Motion carried.

9. **04-065** Motion Will, second O'Connor, to adopt an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 67 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances by adding Article X entitled, Cable Commission". ROLL CALL VOTE. Motion carried.

Yes: O'Connor, Kobiljak, Raithel, Will, Neal, Jones

No: None

Absent: Wojewodziec

10. **04-066** Motion Will, second Neal, proposed the Cable Department purchase a Panasonic AG-MX 70 digital A/V Mix from Thalner Electronic Laboratories (TEL Systems) for the bid price of \$5,555.00. All aye. Motion carried.

11. **04-067** Motion O'Connor, second Raithel: Based on the recommendation of the Recreation Director, the Township Board grants approval to the Recreation Department to request permission from the Wayne County Community Development Division to amend the following Community Development Block Program projects and budgets:

Reduce	Ramping Airport for Public Access (2/9/03)	\$20,000.00
New Balance	(2/9/03)	0.00
Increase	ADA Compliance/Park Improvements (2/9/03F)	\$20,000.00
New Balance	(2/9/03)	\$20,000.00
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Reduce	ADA Compliance-Pathway (2/9/03F)	\$ 1,010.00
New Balance	(2/9/03F)	\$ 1,990.00
Increase	Senior Citizens Activities (2/9/05A)	\$ 1,010.00
New Balance	(2/9/05A)	\$19,010.00

Motion carried 6-0. Wojewodzic Absent.

12. **04-068** Motion O'Connor, second Kobiljak, due to ongoing scheduling difficulties for facility use for elections and pre-election day setup at St. James Episcopal Church, 25150 East River Road, and based upon the approval of the Recreation Director and Recreation Commission; to approve the Township clerk's recommendation to relocate the voting location for Precinct 5 and Precinct 6 to the Recreation Building located at the Centennial Farm at 25797 Third Street. All aye. Motion carried.
13. **04-069** Motion Raithel, second Kobiljak, to recognize, support and approve the Grosse Ile United Youth Organization located within our community for the purpose of providing drug-free youth activities; Whereas, the organization will utilize a Township of Grosse Ile escrow account entitled "Grosse Ile United Youth" for deposits and withdrawals until such time as the organization can establish a non-profit 501 © 3 status; Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that account 7010-000-00-389600 will be established in the escrow fund for such purposes. All aye. Motion carried.
14. **04-070** Motion Will, second Kobiljak, to authorize expenditure up to \$5,248.49 and contract approval with The Jeffrey Paving Co. to seal coat the bike path using a spray application in three locations from Voigt to Horsemill, East River to Southpointe, and from Groh to Boucher. Funds will come from the bike path maintenance account. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Jones called for a fifteen minute recess before beginning the discussion regarding the sidewalks in Parkway Place Condominiums. The meeting will reconvene at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting was reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

Discussion Items: Parkway Place Condominiums Sidewalks

At the request of Mr. William Leuffen, 24356 Parke Lane, the issue of sidewalk construction in the Parkway Place Condominiums was brought to the Board of Trustees for discussion. Mr. Leuffen is one of many residents questioning why this issue is being undertaken after a board decision at the May 10, 1999 meeting regarding sidewalks in the area.

Supervisor Jones and Treasurer Kobiljak explained that nine years ago the legal plat for the condominium community was recorded with the County; which requires the builder to fulfill his obligation to build the sidewalks as recorded on the legal plat of the property. Although many of the residents have invested in extensive landscaping of the areas that are located in the plated area designated for the sidewalk and which will require them to remove the landscaping; the township board cannot change a recorded plat and must require builders to fulfill the commitments required by the plat.

Treasurer Kobiljak questioned when the township authorities should be expected to apply the rules; and who will decide that in some instances the rules don't apply?

The following residents of the area submitted verbal or written opposition to the enforcement of the plat requirements:

Sandra & Doug Rhodes	Carl Rigg	Tom Edwards
Dave Tratechaud	Darcy Middlemas	William & Sue Leuffen
Jerry Hatley	James Macek	Larry Dalpiaz
Woody Clark	Barbara Noble	John Drew

Extended Public Comment:

1. Woody Clarke, Parke Lane, inquired about the county bridge repair schedule and the status of the toll bridge litigation. *The board responded that currently the county bridge is scheduled to close every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for routine maintenance. No comment was issued regarding toll bridge litigation.*

Executive Session:

Motion Neal, second Kobiljak, to adjourn to executive session at 10:33 p.m. for the following matters. A) Litigation- East River Road Project, B) AFSCME Labor Negotiations, C) POAM Labor Negotiations.

ROLL CALL- YES: O'Connor, Neal, Will, Raithel, Kobiljak, Jones

Motion carried. 6-0

Executive Session adjourned and Regular meeting reconvened at 10: 47 p.m.

Motion Kobiljak, second Raithel, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10: 48 p.m.

All aye. Motion carried.

Ute O'Connor. Township Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION
2004 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Township of Grosse Ile
County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Grosse Ile, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township") held on the 30th day of August, 2004, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

PRESENT: Members _____

ABSENT: Members _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to certain water and sanitary sewer facilities together with necessary related appurtenances and attachments (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.
2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form:

NOTICE TO ELECTORS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GROSSE ILE
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING
POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Grosse Ile, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to certain water and sewer improvements together with necessary and related appurtenances and attachments.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed eight percent (8%) per annum on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Ute O'Connor
Clerk, Township of Grosse Ile

3. The Township Board does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the Township's taxpayers and electors of this Board's intent to issue the bonds, the purpose of the bonds, the security for the bonds, and the right of referendum relating thereto, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Member _____

NAYS: Member _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.
