

APPROVED MINUTES
February 14, 2005
Grosse Ile Township Hall – Merle Solomon Board Room
9601 Groh Road

Present: Supervisor Kobiljak, Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Raithel, Trustees Will, Forrester, and Pociask

Absent: Trustee Wojewodzic

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: *Brief comments on items not contained on this agenda.
3 minute limit per person.*

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

1. Motion Raithel, second Pociask, to add Action Item #10 Recommendation of community Recreation Commission Chairperson.
2. Motion Will, second Pociask, to add Action Item # 11 FAA Impact Letter for Airport Runway 4-22.
3. Change motion number for the Consent Agenda from 04-148 to 04-150.

The above noted changes to the agenda were approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

1. W. Clark, 19620 Parke Lane, asked when the Meridian Road sewer project will be completed. *Manager Reaume replied we are still waiting on paperwork from Wayne County, which is expected to take approximately two weeks.*

Consent Agenda # 04-150: Motion Raithel, second O'Connor, to approve Consent Agenda 04-150 as presented with the change of one word in the Minutes (see below).

All aye. Motion carried.

1. Minutes of January 24, 2005
2. Cash Requirements List dated February 14, 2005
3. Purchase Order Summary dated February 14, 2005
4. Approval for Finance Department to pay bills through March 14, 2005

Supervisor Kobiljak reported a one- word correction made to the Minutes of January 24, 2005. The word imposed was replaced with the word increased within the ballot language for the Community Recreation Millage Proposal.

Clerk's Report:

1. Reminded residents of the May 3, 2005 Annual School Board Election and the Special Township Mileage Election. There will be three candidates for two seats and one Recreation Millage Renewal Proposal and one Community Recreation Additional Millage Proposal. If you are not currently registered to vote and are a qualified resident, contact the Clerk's office in person or by telephone prior to April 4, 2005.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Raithel suggested that residents having questions about the Special Assessment District (SAD) tax collection on their tax bills contact the Treasurer's Office at 676-4422, extensions 220 or 222, during business hours.

2. Announced that all tax payments deposited in the drop box at Township Hall by 8:00 a.m. on February 15th will be accepted without penalty.
3. February 28th is the last date to pay taxes at Township Hall before they are sent to Wayne County. The 3% late payment penalty will apply at either payment location.

Supervisor's Report:

1. There will be only one Regular Township Board Meeting held in February. The meeting that would normally be held on February 28, 2005 will instead be the first of regular quarterly Board/Department Manager/Commission Study Sessions.

Township Manager's Report:

1. Reminder that Islandfest will be held on June 3, 4, and 5 this year. Anyone interested in participating in or sponsoring events is asked to contact the Township Manager's Office or call Finance Director Ann Silver at Township Hall. Clerk O'Connor urges the community to come out on Sunday, June 5th for a Family Fun Day that will include a township wide talent show. If anyone is interested in performing please contact the Festival Commission through the Administrative Office at Township Hall. In addition, the Parade has been moved back to the previous 10 a.m. starting time on Saturday, June 4th.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **04-151** Motion O'Connor, second Forrester, to adopt by Proclamation March 4, 2005 as "Constitution Day" marking the 216th anniversary of the day the first United States Congress convened under a constitutionally limited republic and encourages citizens to renew their dedication to the preservation of the ideals upon which this great nation was founded. All aye. Motion carried.
- 2a. **04-152** Motion Raithel, second Will, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Frank DeMare Jr. from the Board of Review. All aye. Motion carried.
- 2b. **04-153** Motion Raithel, second Will, to appoint Shelly Schmidtke to the Board of Review for the term February 14, 2005 to December 31, 2005. All aye. Motion carried.
3. **04-154** Motion O'Connor, second Raithel, to approve the 2005 Election Agreement outlining the billing and cost sharing arrangements between the Township and School District for services, staffing and supplies to be used in conjunction with the May 3, 1005, Board of Education Election and joint Township Special Mileage election. All aye. Motion carried.
4. **04-155** Motion O'Connor, second Will, Whereas, the Grosse Ile Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system and related Election Management system (EMS) software to comply with Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Grosse Ile Township Clerk is authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of Grosse Ile Township, Wayne County, on this day of February, 2005. All aye. Motion carried.
5. **04-156** Motion Will, second O'Connor, to adopt the attached resolution for changing MERS Benefits for Division 02 – Police and Division 10 – Warden/Dispatch from a B-4 to a 2.8% multiplier with an employee contribution rate of 3.25% effective April 1, 2005. All aye. Motion carried.
6. **04-157** Motion Will, second Forrester, to adopt the Grosse Ile Police Officers Association labor contract for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2010. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Information Presentation:

Treasurer Raithel, Trustee Pociask, and the Community Recreation Commission presented an audio and visual program on the transformation process for the Community Recreation Department. Ms. Rubina Mustafa (Commission Chairperson) and Walt Kacher (Commission Co-Chairperson) introduced other members of the Commission and discussed four key points:

1. Brian McNally spoke of valuable recreation resources, which included, the soccer fields and snow hill, Centennial Farm, Grosse Ile Tennis Center, Equestrian Center and Tails Facility, Marina/Water's Edge, dog park, bike path, Water's Edge golf and pool, and the Playscape.
2. Terese Hunter spoke on current Community Recreation programs which serve residents no matter what age or stage of life, including, safety town, preschool programs, dance, special events, Harvest Days, Herb Fest, senior activities, morning walk, fitness and wellness programs, and partners in Island Fest.
3. Beverly Beltamo, Bob Wischer, and Tom Saunders spoke about what the future holds for residents , should the community support the Millage proposal.
 - a) Expansion of the bike path
 - b) After school transportation to various community recreation facilities for after school activities and programs
 - c) Improvement to airport recreation area
 - d) Water's Edge public facility
4. Ted VanOs spoke about the financial aspects of transforming the two facilities into a Community Recreation Department. The Commission is planning to maximize public use of outdoor areas, enhance recreation programming, improve park maintenance and infrastructure, promote public awareness and advocacy, and increase revenue and resource development.

Public Comment:

1. Woody Clarke, 19620 Parke Lane, asked if Water's Edge membership payments would be returned?
Supervisor Kobiljak answered that if the Millage is passed then yes, refunds will be made and the option to keep the fees paid as a credit for any and all services will be considered. He then added that it may become possible that if any non-resident boater leaves a slip, the slip will become available to residents first. Renters or homeowners on the island will be able to use the facility for the same fees.
2. Sean Freese, 28402 Elba Dr., voiced concern about putting a known asset (recreation department) with a known money losing venture (Water's Edge).
3. Jim Carson, 10484 Larkspur, wondered how long the road millage will be eliminated for?
Trustee Pociask responded that it will be several years before it needs to be reconsidered. Carson then continued on to say he likes some of what he's heard (plans) and he is glad to see a slight deflation of millage rates, and commends the Board's commitment to Water's Edge and Recreation services.
4. Gary Jones, 7738 Macomb Street, participated in the five year master plan meeting and is worried about the prospect of matching state funds requiring usage rights by anyone statewide, including marina facilities.
Clerk O'Connor commented the township is not dragging recreation into a sinking ship, we're already paying for it. We believe this plan will make both more viable.
 Supervisor Kobiljak received two e-mails:
 1. If we move recreation to Water's Edge, will we sell Centennial Farm?
Supervisor Kobiljak responded with a no.
 2. Will we still be able to access Centennial Farm facilities?
Supervisor Kobiljak answered yes.

7. **04-158** Motion Raithel, second Pociask, to amend the Municipal Code by adding Article XI, establishing the Community Recreation Commission and disbanding the former Recreation Commission and former Water's Edge Commission. Yes: Supervisor Kobiljak, Clerk O'Connor, Treasurer Raithel, Trustees Will, Forrester, and Pociask. No: none. Trustee Wojewodzcic – absent. Motion carried 6-0.
8. **04-159** Motion Pociask, second Raithel, based on recommendation of Community Recreation Commission, to adopt the Community Recreation Operations Plan dated February 14, 2005. All aye. Motion Carried.
9. **04-160** Motion Pociask, second O'Connor, to adopt the Community Recreation Department Organization Plan dated February 14, 2005. All aye. Motion carried.
10. **04-161** Motion Raithel, second Pociask, based on recommendation by the Community Recreation Commission, to appoint Rubina Mustafa as Chairperson of the Community Recreation Commission, Wally Kacher as Vice Chairperson, and Lea Shelke as Secretary. All aye. Motion carried.
11. **04-162** Motion Will, second Forrester, for the Township Board of Trustees to direct the Airport Manager to consult with the Federal Aviation Administration, Michigan State Department of Aeronautics, and GIMA Insurance Carrier regarding the impact of the letter dated February 4th, 2005 from the Michigan Department of Aeronautics as it concerns the interference of trees with the Approach Slope for Runway 4, and to present options to Mitigate the interference up to and including the closure of Runway 4 – 22. All aye. Motion carried.

Airport Manager John Lawson explained the need to provide safety precautions to mitigate issues (Runway 4 – 22).

Airport Manager Lawson also introduced the new Airport Intern Carol Saunders.

Extended Public Comment: None

Motion Raithel, second Pociask, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. All aye.
Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Ute O'Connor. Township Clerk