

Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting
March 14, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER: Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Biondo.

ROLL CALL: Schroeter, McDonald, Bieganowski, West, Kramer, Radtke, Biondo.

PLEDGE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved Bieganowski, Support Radtke to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of budget amendment under consent agenda. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved Radtke, Support Kramer to approve the consent agenda as noted. Carried.

REPORTS:

Andy Marek: Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Mr. Marek reported Grand Traverse County approved the ballot language for the millage renewal and the millage renewal will be on the November 2016 ballot. Cass Road Bridge will be shut down beginning March 28, 2016. Reported you can go on GTGRC.org to find a list of road projects with road closure information. MDOT will begin road work on M-113 soon.

Leslie Sickterman: Planning: Ms. Sickterman reported in January we had our walking audit tour which had a good turnout. Planning Commission has been pretty quiet but they will begin working on updating the recreation plan soon.

Supervisor Biondo: Supervisor Biondo reported everything looks good at the park. He has been contacted by residents of Bush Road looking to do a special assessment for a sewer project. 22 to 27 people currently are on holding tanks. Mr. Bieganowski asked about the FOIA case. Supervisor Biondo announced his retirement from Green Lake Township after 23 years of service **at the end of the term in November 2016.**

DISCUSSION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Rural Fire: Grand Traverse Rural Fire held a special meeting on March 4, 2016 to discuss hiring a new office administrator. The Rural Fire board also discussed RFP for ISO consultant and organizational consultant.

Property Purchase: No discussion.

Eurasian Water Milfoil: Ed Dewey: Duck Lake/Green Lake Association: Reviewed and discussed sealed project bids. Moved Bieganowski, Support Radtke to accept proposal from PLM Lake & Land Management Corporation in the amount of \$28,600.00 for treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Duck Lake this year provided Duck Lake/Green Lake Association agrees to donate \$10,000.00 towards the cost of the treatment and Green Lake Township will pay the remaining balance for the first year. Carried. (Exhibit A)

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Fire/EMS RFP: Moved Bieganowski, Support Radtke to approve the Fire/EMS RFP (request for proposal) as presented and authorize clerk to send RFP to individuals on the list provided.

Deadline date is May 2, 2016. Carried. (Exhibit B)

NEW BUSINESS:

Interlochen Farmers Market 2016 Dates: Moved Kramer, Support Radtke to approve the 2016 requested dates for the Interlochen Farmers Market as presented. Board requests a signature of approval be on file from Olesons who are the property owners. Carried.

Wade Trim Contract Renewal: Patrick Gallagher: Mr. Gallagher explained the price break down to the board. Wade Trim will absorb the \$600 additional cost for water sampling and lead and copper testing for 2016 if the board agrees to sign a three (3) year contract. If we do not pass the lead and copper testing, Green Lake Township will be responsible for the additional charges. Green Lake Township will have to pay for sampling for 2017 and 2018. The system was installed in 2009. Moved Sherry, Support Kramer to approve the renewal contract for three (3) years as presented. Carried. Bieganowski – No. (Exhibit C)

Cork – Line Shift Request: Moved Radtke, Support Schroeter to approve the lot line shift request as presented for Lot #82. (Exhibit D) Carried. Bieganowski – No.

Interlochen Family Fun Day: Bob Allard, President of the Interlochen Chamber of Commerce, asked for board approval to have a beer tent during the Interlochen Family Fun Day on June 18, 2016. The beer tent will open after children's baseball tournaments are done and will remain open until 9:00 p.m. Moved Bieganowski, Support Radtke to authorize the Interlochen Chamber of Commerce to use the Interlochen Memorial Park on June 18, 2016 for a beer tent as part of the Interlochen Family Fun Day festivities. Carried.

Ratify Signature on Grand Traverse Rural Fire Resolution: Moved Radtke, Support Biondo to accept signature of Marvin Radtke on the Grand Traverse Rural Fire resolution. Carried.

Request from Gary Beeman: Gary and Rod Beeman approached the board asking if they could buy back the property Green Lake Township purchased through tax sale. The board discussed this and agreed with the request due to extenuating circumstances. The board would like a breakdown of total expenses presented at the April 11, 2016 board meeting.

Moved Radtke, Support Bieganowski to authorize Green Lake Township to sell property located at 1854 Fairfield Drive, Grawn, Michigan and 1826 Fairfield Drive, Grawn, Michigan back to Gerald W. Beeman Trust for any and all expenses Green Lake Township has paid into the purchase of these lots. Roll call vote: Bieganowski – Yes, Schroeter – Yes, Radtke – Yes, West – Yes, McDonald – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Biondo – Yes. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Interlochen Elementary School: Pat McDonald: The board discussed the closing of Interlochen Community School. It was suggested we collect names and addresses of parents so a mailing can be sent to see if there is an interest in a charter school. Mr. McDonald stated he believes we would have to run this through our Economical Development Corporation (EDC) that has authority to develop commercial enterprises (school would be considered a commercial enterprise). That would be the townships legal authority for doing what the board discussed with the closure of the existing school.

Mr. McDonald checked and the board members appointed to the EDC do ~~not~~ have an ending term ~~but if they are deceased they can be replaced~~ **but they continue to act after the end of their term until they are replaced.** Biondo did report Grand Traverse County also has an EDC. Mr. McDonald suggested we give a little money to the EDC to pay for a mailing to see if there is any interest. A parent suggested the township prepare a flyer and they can be placed in the children's backpacks. Mr. Bieganowski suggested possibly hiring a public information firm. Mr. Bieganowski suggested we have three months involvement then let someone take the helm. Moved Bieganowski, Support Radtke to authorize Patrick McDonald, who is a member of the Economical Development Corporation, prepare a short term plan and budget and bring it back to the April 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting for approval. Carried.

Attendance Policy: Discussed the possibility of preparing an attendance policy. Moved Kramer, Support Radtke to authorize David Bieganowski to prepare a draft attendance policy to present to the board at the April 11, 2016 board meeting. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Thomas, 5754 Bush Road, Interlochen, Michigan would like to commend the board for taking action with Traverse City Area Schools with regards to Interlochen Community Schools. Mr. Thomas stressed he is in agreement with the decision of the board as there is a great value in having a school in your community.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved Radtke, Support Bieganowski to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer
Green Lake Township Clerk