**Green Lake Township Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 12, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

**ROLL CALL**: Radtke, West, Kramer, Marek, Bieganowski, McDonald and Biondo. Also present, Recording Secretary Mary Jo Barck.

Radtke reminded the audience to turn cellphones to vibrate or mute.

**PLEDGE**: Was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

**Motion by Marek, supported by McDonald to remove items; Township Employee Re-organization and Cash Receipting Policy, add Bank Signature Cards under new business and add Corrections to Nuisance Ordinance to postponed business. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Radtke polled the audience, staff, and members if any item needs to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Kramer said a clerical error in the March 5, 2024, special meeting minutes need to be correct to say Green, rather than Grene and the third paragraph in the Nuisance Ordinance needs to include “Green Lake Township Zoning Administrator”, which was in the motion. Bieganowski made change to the Nuisance Ordinance, removing item “Subsection 1 Exemption. This ~~subsection~~ shall…” and moving the exemption paragraph to the end of the preceding paragraph. Motion by Biondo, supported by Marek to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections as noted. **Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski – yes, McDonald- yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None on this date.

**REPORTS:**

Deputy Noffke was not able to attend the meeting and asked that Radtke notify the Board and community that wires for the Christmas Display were stolen from Tom’s Market. Scrap yards have been notified. If anyone has information on the theft they should contact the Grand Traverse County Sheriff’s Office.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Chief Case submitted a report to the members, and they were asked if there were any questions.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

Radtke informed the members the oil and gas lease signed has been released. Nothing was found. The roof on the township office should be done by April 15, weather permitting. Grand Traverse County has graciously given Green Lake Township $25,000 each year for five years for park enhancements.

**CLERK’S OFFICE:**

Kramer released the State of Michigan official voting numbers. Overall turnout was low. During the nine days of early voting in the township (Green Lake Township, Mayfield Township, Grant Township and Charter Township of Long Lake) 176 persons voted early. Green Lake precincts 1, 2, and 3 totaled 532 voters, or 9.5% of population. Absentee ballots returned was 883, sent was 1076 or 82.06%. She and her Deputy talked about doing an evening voting time during early voting, but if notices must be sent to all residents the expense would be too high. The Board of Canvassers report was good.

**ROAD COMMISSION**:

Dan Watkins, Grand Traverse County Road Commission gave report to members. Mr. Watkins has been with the Commission for nine years. Upcoming projects impacting Green Lake Township include the S. South Long Lake/West Long Lake intersection. The project requires EGLE approval for culvert replacement and is currently holding up a project timeline. Chip Seal will be applied on Fall Road, Youker Road, J. Maddy Parkway and Duck Lake Road.

Mr. Watkins also reported the website has been updated and includes a site for all townships to view roads and miles.

Brine orders should go in early, there is a shortage this year. Several municipalities are getting away from brine and going with calcium chloride.

Low snow totals are enabling road commission employees time to do tree cutting to help save existing roads. They are also removing high ridges to allow water to flow into the ditch. A review of roads and service they may need is over $1billion, and the budget is $221million.

Radtke said he appreciated Mr. Watkins’ time and energy in Green Lake Township. Are there dates for chip seal? Mr. Watkins said no exact dates, but he thinks May or June. Kramer asked if they would be done prior to August and the response was yes.

McDonald thought there was going to be hot asphalt on J. Maddy Parkway, Mr. Watkins will check.

Radtke asked about the Gonder and Riley Roads intersection. Needs tree trimming on SE corner. Marek said a temporary four way stop at the intersection would make a sensible decision. Marek also asked about reflective paint on the roads – could better–quality paint help to maintain reflective properties? Mr. Watkins said he will investigate both the 4-way stop and the paint.

Chief Case asked if they would be notified of lane closures. Mr. Watkins said Gregg Bird (Office of Emergency Management) will deal with all closures and notifications.

Roy Volkening, Deputy Supervisor commented on the new bridge on Diamond Park. Federal funds were received to replace it this summer. Mr. Watkins will investigate it.

Heather Lee, resident asked about tree trimming on First Street – Marek shared information available on the Grand Traverse County Road Commission website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Heather Lee 9649 First Street

The township has put employee reorganization on the back burner. When will it be discussed, April?

Calvin Wilson 8832 South Road

Sidewalks from the school to the corner would be great. Young children are walking the edge of the road. Also, brine. Leelanau County applies two times per year. See if the budget would allow.

West thought that was addressed with the wide shoulders. Radtke said the DDA and Township are working on easements to develop a path (trail) from Memorial Park to the school. Radtke is working with MDOT to place sidewalks from school to Tom’s.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

Memorial Park/Camp Saki

Radtke would like to postpone the Memorial Park bid and discuss work at Camp Saki. Grand Traverse County Commissioners awarded $25,000 per year for 5 years for park improvements. Radtke asked the members if they would support using the first $25,000, combined with township funds, to develop a road and parking area for Camp Saki. Johnson Outdoors would do the work, expected to be around $40,000 total. Motion by Marek, supported by McDonald to have Johnson Outdoors move forward with drive and parking lot at Camp Saki, not to exceed $40,000.00, money to come from the general fund. McDonald asked if Long Lake Township might contribute – their residents also use the park. Radtke will ask. **Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski – yes, McDonald- yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**NUISANCE ORDINANCE:**

**Motion by Marek, supported by McDonald to approve the Nuisance Ordinance as amended.** Marek asked if it needs to be published, Radtke said yes in accordance with statute. **Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Road Brine**

Volkening reviewed the proposed 2024 Road Brining plan. He suggested removing about one mile of Mud Lake Road, between Gonder and Betsie River Roads. That portion is primarily dirt, and the brine would not stick. Biondo thinks there may be some driveways on that portion of road. Volkening said the road is four-wheel drive and mud holes. McDonald suggested administration use discretion on Mud Lake Road. Kramer stated the State of Michigan does the State Park Campground. Marek asked about county seasonal road, Mr. Watkins said they are only maintained certain times of the year, when they can. West was grateful township only must pay 50%. **Motion by Kramer, supported by Biondo to authorize Supervisor and Deputy Clerk to enter a signed contract for two brinings per year with Grand Traverse County Road Commission, after evaluation of three-quarter mile area on Mud Lake Road between Gonder and Betsie River Road. Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski – yes, McDonald- yes, West – yes, Marek – no, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 6-1.**

**MDOT Watermain US 31 and J Maddy Pkwy:**

Radtke received a proposal from Gourdie-Fraser for engineering plans for water main expansion, while MDOT is in their design phase for the J Maddy Parkway/US 31 intersection. The expected cost is $9,750.00. Motion by Kramer, supported by Marek to enter into an agreement with Gourdie-Fraser not to exceed $9,750.00. Radtke added there may be money in the future through grant funding to help with the cost. **Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski – yes, McDonald- yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**BANK SIGNATURE CARDS:**

Radtke said financial institutions now require minutes and motions for changes to signatory. **Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to authorize Marek and Jason Hamilton as signatories on the Tax Account and Kramer, Marek, Hamilton, and P. Volkening for checking account. Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski – yes, McDonald- yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Colin Schworm 8755 US 31 S

The line painting on the road does not stick. If doing water main extension need 12” line.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Biondo, supported by Radtke to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald – yes, Bieganowski – yes, West – yes, Marek – no, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 6-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk