**Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**February 13, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL**: Radtke, West, Kramer, Marek, Bieganowski, Biondo. McDonald excused. 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 Biondo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote, 6-0.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**: Radtke polled the members, audience and staff if there were items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda**. Motion by Marek, supported by Bieganowski to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None on this date.

**REPORTS**:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF, Mike Shea:

Not available on this date.

DEPUTY MARK NOFFKE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

Deputy Noffke reported an unusual local activity with Chris Hanson modeled “sting” on older persons thinking they were meeting a 15-year-old.

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff’s Department is fully staffed for the first time in a number of years.

CHIEF DARYL CASE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Written reports provided in the agenda.

Chief Case shared he has been advised by Joe Miracle an arson case in our township has been resolved with a plea deal by the accused. Chief Case said kudos go out to Joe (Miracle) for his work and cooperation with the Michigan State Police and the Grand Traverse County prosecutor’s office.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Not available on this date.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Not available on this date.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Scot Richards 11802 Fredmar

The republican county chair meeting is this Thursday, and he has brought three petitions to tonight’s meeting (for candidates, not township concerns/requests).

Linda Poppich 1861 Outer Drive

Complimented the members on the purchase of the sculptures located on J. Maddy Pkwy. They reflect the art culture of the village. Also, thanked the members for the (Memorial) Park improvements. She personally loves it and enjoys watching the pickleball players.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

None on this date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sidewalk Discussion, US31 and J Maddy Parkway.**

Jennifer Hodges, Gourdie-Fraser (township’s engineering firm)

Ms. Graham has been working with MDOT on the pending US31/J Maddy intersection changes. Some design potential for sidewalks exists. She was asked to share an overview of MDOT plans. (map was distributed to members). Radtke said Ms. Graham has been our representative for MDOT, initially for water main design. MDOT will cover cost of sidewalks north of US31, at their cost from Hudson Development to Kozy Court. MDOT is promoting walk-ability and safe foot traffic projects. The township will have to cover cost from gas station to Tom’s Market, approximately $30,000.00.

Radtke shared that after the MDOT public input session at the library, plans will be brought back this spring with a 2025 start date.

West asked if there will be a center turn lane or a third lane. Ms. Graham said they are evaluating all options and the third lane is the one they settled on. West also asked if the round-about is a done deal or are there still taking input. Final plans will be out in the spring.

Biondo asked if there would be pedestrian flasher buttons. Ms. Graham said they will, and this is the type of feedback she is looking for from the members.

**Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to approve $5,000.00 to fund portion of sidewalk from gas station to Tom’s, contingent on round-about and other sidewalks going in. Roll call vote: West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

Ms. Graham will encourage flashers at pedestrian crossings.

**Extrication Equipment, presented by Chief Case.**

Chief Case asked the members to move $51,000.00 from fund balance to equipment line items. He has been able to secure demo extrication set. He added a grant was submitted but not funded from the Grand Traverse Band. He will ask about a trade-in allowance from the dealer. **Motion by Marek, supported by Biondo to follow Chief Cases’ recommendation and transfer $51,000.00 from fund balance to purchase extrication equipment. Roll call vote: West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

Radtke added that McDonald also supported the purchase.

**Lightbar for New Engine, presented by Chief Case.**

Chief Case has located a lightbar that will match was is on current engine. **Motion by Marek, supported by Bieganowski to approve $43,244.00, ($41,244.00 plus $2,000.00 for change order) for purchase of a light bar for new engine. Roll call vote: West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

**DISCUSSION:**

NUISANCE ORDINANCE: Radtke told the audience, staff and members he is asking the Board to schedule a special meeting for March 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm – Golden Fellowship Hall, for review of the draft nuisance ordinance. The meeting will also be made available on the townships YouTube channel.  **Motion by Kramer, supported by West to schedule a special meeting, March 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm to review nuisance ordinance. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote, 6-0.**

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING GRANT**:** Radtke said Ms. Graham has submitted a grant for the engineering and studies for the potential water system expansion – with no required match. The amount is awarded will be $400,000.00. An answer is anticipated for April 2024.

SPRING POSTCARDS: Radtke said the annual spring postcard mailing will be sent late February for March delivery. Contains date for township-wide clean-up day.

**CORRESPONDENCE**:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Marek said he met with the library, road commission and a private citizen to explore a cross-walk on J Maddy to the library. He believes there was a complete lack of follow-up by the road commission on the project. The Interlochen Library committed to extending the sidewalk to J Maddy Parkway, it was part of the initial library design plan. Radtke said he is meeting with the road commission tomorrow and the crosswalk will be part of the discussion. Marek added communication with the department is improving.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Caskie, Sr. 11717 US31

Keeps hearing complaints about road commission, they need to put a butt in the chair for township meetings.

Chris Selby 10280 Harmony

Harmony, Tenor and Melody are almost single lane roads at this point, no upkeep at all on the roads. He asked about special assessments and asked if residents can just repair the roads themselves.

Scot Richards 11802 Fredmar

Ask road commission to take out the rocks at the corner of J Maddy and Tenth Street – replace with asphalt.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Kramer, supported by Radtke to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski – yes, Biondo – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion Carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk