

**Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

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

Radtke reminded the audience to turn cellphones off or vibrate.

**PLEDGE*:*** Was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Radtke, supported by Marek to remove agenda items; "Airport Contracts" and "Resort Class C Licensure - lnterlochen Center for the Arts", both items will require further review before being acted upon. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote, 7-0.**

**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 Kramer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: West - yes, McDonald - yes,**

**Marek - yes, Kramer - yes, Biondo - yes, Bieganowski - yes, Radtke - yes. Motion carried 7-0.**

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

**REPORTS:**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF, Mike Shea: (out of sequence item)

Sheriff Shea introduced himself to the Board, staff and audience. His goal is to be available to assist all members of the community- providing his direct office phone number to those present. Radtke asked if he will continue to attend Trustee meetings? Sheriff Shea thanked Radtke for the invitation and answered he would be happy to attend when his schedule allows it. Radtke shared that he understands deputies are stretched thin right now, Sheriff Shea agreed and said full recruitment and retention programs are in progress. He explained that even though the GLT Community Police Officer might not be seen, that does not mean he is not working on behalf of the residents. He could be involved in an investigation which takes him outside of the township.

DEPUTY MARK NOFFKE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

Not available on this date.



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Shared a video (recording secretary did not see). He believes voting machines are linked to satellites.

Scot Richards

Greg Caskie

Ms. Ross thanked Mr. Radtke for addressing road concerns and Johnson Outdoors for the

CHIEF DARYL CASE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Written report attached.

Chief Case added the department provided staff and apparatus for the Ironman Race in Frankfort - they have bee asked to participate next year as well. The annual Halloween Party will be held in the new station this year. EMS Days are being moved to March, during EMS week. The event is held annual and Tom's Market hosts.

Chief Case called FF/Medic Jeff Lenten to join him at the podium. Chief Case congratulated Lenten on achieving the rank of Paramedic. Chief recognized the time and long hours it takes to achieve this status.

COUNTY COMMISSION:

Not available on this date.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Not available on this date.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Donna Ross

8790 Trezwood Trail

upkeep of the roads. When they met discussion included potential to raise the SAD tax to 9.9%,

allowing for additional road maintenance. First order will be to reaffirm right of way and Rogers Road/S. South Long Lake Road defined intersection.

11711 US31 South

Nuisance Ordinance. Green Lake Township is not a homeowner's association. Finds the

language atrocious, ugly. A public hearing should be held for those who are not involved in

township.

11802 Fredmar Drive

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**Agreement for Election Services:**

Kramer provided an Agreement for Election Services which defines agreement for "early" voting, participants, voter stats and precincts impacted. Participants are Green Lake Township, Long Lake Township, Mayfield Township and Grant Township. Document has been approved by counsel. Radtke said early voting is only required during State and Federal Elections. Kramer said each participating township will pay Green Lake Township $500.00 per election and are required to provide and pay for their own election workers. West asked about security. Kramer

**~~Resort Class C Licensure Interlochen Center for the Arts:~~**

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

**None on this date.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom Armintrout - Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal:

Mr. Armintrout referenced the materials the members received for review last month. The increase for 2024 is 3.9% well below the double digit increases in other sectors. Members will see changes in maximum out of pocket and prescription drugs.

Radtke polled the members for questions.

West, questioned Medicare age bands and BCBS primary. Mr. Armintrout said the BCBS primary is due to the number of persons employed by township, not age.

Marek asked about life events and coverage for domestic partners. Mr. Armintrout said BCBS is open for enrollment for major life events but domestic partner coverage is a special rider that would need to be purchased by the township.

Biondo wanted further clarification on the increase in deductibles. Mr. Armintrout said the medical will be covered, it is the out of pocket and prescriptions that were impacted.

Both Radtke and Biondo thanked Mr. Armintrout.

**Motion by Kramer, supported by Marek to approve renewal of the BCBS policy as presented. Roll call vote: West - yes, McDonald - yes, Marek - yes, Kramer - yes, Biondo - yes, Bieganowski - yes, Radtke - yes. Motion carried 7-0.**

**~~Airport Contracts:~~**



Kramer announced the pickleball courts will soon be under a camera. Also, she and Chief Case are looking at the potential of placing an AED at the park.

Bieganowski asked if the special assessment on the roads can be changed anytime? Radtke believes only at budget time, but he will check with counsel. Bieganowski also asked when the pickleball nets will be pulled. Radtke said probably after the first snowfall.

McDonald asked if pickleball had a reservation program. Radtke said no, but players can be asked to finish play at the end of their match.

Harm Reduction Boxes. Marek provided information to the residents on Harm Reduction Boxes placed in prominent positions in communities. The boxes contain NARCAN (naloxone HCI) at no charge. The boxes can save lives. Chief Case said the state already offers a "leave behind" program for family members. Bieganowski asked what would happen if a non-user accidently "jabbed" themselves. Chief said it is a nasal spray and no it does not have negative health affect. West asked if someone could OD [overdose]. Chief said no but it could lead to long term withdrawal risk, meaning it would take a long time to get help with their addiction. Narcan would act as a placebo to anyone without opioids in their system.

Radtke asked if it would appear we are encouraging bad behavior. Chief said data doesn't support increased use with availability of NARCAN. **Motion by Kramer, supported by McDonald to authorize Marek to place, under a camera, a Harm Reduction Box in Green Lake Township. Motion Carried, 7-0. Voice Vote.**

said the site is under lock and security cameras are on at all times. Kramer added the tabulator must be totaled each night before it is stored. **Motion by Marek, supported by West to authorize the Clerk to sign Agreement for Election Services.** McDonald asked if the fee is

based on voter numbers - Kramer said no it is a flat fee. Bieganowski asked about Mayfield Township, they have no Clerk. Kramer said both Mayfield and Grant will be appointing their Deputies to the Clerk position. He also asked about notification. Kramer said each voter will get

a postcard at lease 45 days prior to the election. Newspaper, webpage and office will also post notices. **Roll call vote: West** - **yes, McDonald** - **yes, Marek** - **yes, Kramer** - **yes, Biondo** - **yes, Bieganowski** - **yes, Radtke** - **yes. Motion carried 7-0.**

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**DISCUSSION:**

Marek shared with West the new cash management feature at Huntington Bank. Interest is accrued at a much higher rate and the banks notifies staff if a transfer is needed to cover checks.



Respectfully submitted,

Motion by Radtke supported by Biondo to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Bieganowski - yes, Biondo - yes, West - yes, Marek - no, McDonald - yes, Kramer - yes, Radtke - yes. Motion Carried 6-1.**

business in our township.

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Radtke said an RFP for HVAC bids for the administration building are being completed for mailing. The onset of winter and the age of the existing system, no parts available, may mean a sooner than later install.

West asked if the leaks to the roof have been made. Radtke responded, "hopefully."

Kramer said the fitness court video for exercise instruction can be accessed through the Township website at https:/[/www](http://www.gogreenlake.org/).[gogreenlake.org](http://www.gogreenlake.org/) or through the QR code on the sign at the site.

Kramer added the audit is complete and went well. It is expected that a presentation will be made at the December meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Donna Ross

8790 Trezwood

Will notification be sent out in the community to notify where the Narcan box is located.

11719 US31 South

Greg Caskie, Sr.

Echoes ordinance comments made earlier. He has been code enforcement and that one has no

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk