**Green Lake Township Special Board Meeting**

**Budget Workshop**

**Minutes**

**April 24, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

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

**PLEDGE**: Was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

Radtke said the line item for Road Brine can be struck from the Agenda, issue is resolved. **Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to approve the amended Agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None of this date.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

None on this date.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

NETWORKS NORTHWEST: METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY (MPO)

Rob Carson, Regional Director of Community Development presented on behalf of Networks Northwest. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) allows for cooperative transportation planning in the region represented. The Greater Traverse City-Garfield area has reached a population density allowing for communities in the zone to have a voice in traffic management and development. Joining the MPO would give Green Lake Township a larger voice on federal road spending and prioritization. Participation level in the MPO, by leadership of each qualified member, is set by the member. A Transportation Improvement Plan is developed by the MPO and submitted to the Governor for approval – every 4 years. All transportation projects receiving federal funding are fiscally constrained and conform with State Implementation Plan.

RESOLUTION #04242023.1 TRAVERSE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING INITIATIVE

Radtke told the members a sample resolution for joining the Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative was provided in the packet for member review. The resolution provides Green Lake Township membership in the TTCI, allowing input into future development and funding toward transportation design. McDonald questioned item 4. Bylaws…they are not attached hereto and it should be struck from the resolution. Bieganowski asked about dues and Radtke stated paragraph 7 states the resolution does not obligate Green Lake township to any dues, fees, or other financial commitments to the Intermunicipality Committee. Bieganowski also asked who has authority over the MPO, Mr. Carson referred to the structure diagram in the power point presentation, adding MDOT needs MPO approval to proceed with projects. McDonald asked if joining allows for Federal Funds to be allowed in Green Lake Township projects, answer yes – any portion of the MPO. When asked why no intergovernmental agreement, Mr. Carson responded the membership needs to be in place first – a lot of chicken/egg issues. Motion by Marek, supported by McDonald – with line item *4. the Bylaws, as approved by the Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative ~~and attached hereto, shall be the Bylaws of the Intermunicipality Committee;~~* be stricken as noted. Roll Call Vote: West – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Marek – yes, McDonald – yes, Radtke – yes, Kramer – yes.

Motion carried 6-0.

~~ROAD BRINE 2023 CONTRACT REDO~~

Item stricken from agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION DISCUSSION

Marek reviewed playground, benches, picnic table, ground padding and grill quotes with the members. This replacement has been discussed for 20 years and was part of the previous Master Plan community input sessions in 1998. Bieganowski and West would both like to have a Parks and Recreation Plan before committing to any further additions to the park. The existing Parks and Recreation Plan expired December 2022 and a new plan is being developed by our contracted planning professional. Bieganowski is ok with the money, but would still like to see a plan. Marek said there are drawings in the Supervisor’s office showing the plan as first presented and not followed. Kramer asked about grants and West added could ARPA funds be used. Marek said the park budget this year was $300,000.00 and after expenses for the exercise circuit and pickleball courts, approximately $90,000.00 is left. Cameras at the park do show a lot of playground activity. If there is interest from the Board a plan and alternative funding options could be brought forward.

West asked what is happening with the statues. Radtke said a plan to host the sculptures by local businesses and our own properties is being considered. Both Marek and McDonald will work with the Interlochen DDA to form a committee to enact a plan for the locations.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Radtke made sure everyone had a copy of the 2023-2024 Budget, dated April 10, 2023. Highlights of additional revenues from personal property taxes and fees was shared. The EMS budget has positive $2,000.00 ending balance for the fiscal year and the General fund and $85,000.00 positive balance. McDonald asked about the increase in fees, Radtke said it is a combination of STR, LUP, etc. Also, Radtke added was received more grants than anticipated during the current fiscal year. Revenue sharing will increase to about $110,000.00. Radtke said this is just a first draft and members should reach out with any questions.

Bieganowski asked Chief Case if the fees, insurance etc., were more accurate than in years past. Chief Case said the numbers are more realistic now. Kramer asked the Chief if he had figured overtime costs yet – he responded it is in the budget. Bieganowski also asked if the Chief feels the new wages are competitive. Chief Case feels they are, the amount is higher than some, but not the highest.

Bieganowski asked if other employees’ salaries should stand alone approved by Resolutions. Radtke told the members those numbers are in the attached Exhibit A.

McDonald would like to put the budget on the May Regular Board Agenda, and have a public hearing in June.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Radtke asked the members if they had thought anymore about the meeting dates and times. A few members liked the earlier time but have heard from residents that they cannot attend. The agreement was 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The members were polled by Radtke and each agreed.

The item will be brought to the next meeting and begin in July 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

**ADJOURNMENT**: **Motion by Bieganowski, supported by McDonald to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion Carried, 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk