**Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 13, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

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

**Radtke reminded the audience to turn off cellphones.**

**PLEDGE**: Was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

**Motion by Marek, supported by West to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**: **Motion by West, supported by Bieganowski to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes, Bieganowski – yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

**REPORTS**:

GRAND TRAVERSE ROAD COMMISSION, ALISA KORN, BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Ms. Korn is visiting and learning more about the townships assigned to her for representation.

She is aware there is a communication problem in reaching the Road Commission. Radtke telephoned after a recent fatal intersection incident, to talk about safety, and received no call back. Ms. Korn will set up time to meet with Radtke on safety concerns, grants are available for road safety improvements. Ms. Korn stated she would drive through the Riley/Gonder intersection after the meeting. Radtke would also like to address allocated road revenues available to the township. Radtke asked Ms. Korn if she had received a copy of the most recent MDOT safety audit, stating she had not – Radtke will forward a copy to her.

CHIEF DARYL CASE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Chief Case asked if there were any questions on the written reports provided. He will be providing more information later in the agenda under the Cornellie Trust Fund. Chief Case reviewed the motor vehicle accident at Riley/Gonder and said the fatality may be attributed to a medical issue. Still investigating the incident. There is lots of history at that intersection.

The department has received one vendor bid for replacement of our engine. Hopeful that working with Whitewater Township – who also is replacing their engine and maybe Peninsula Township, will generate a discount for the order of 2 or 3 of the apparatus. Bieganowski asked if the engine is on the capital replacement list and if it is next in line to be replaced. Chief said it is next and the issue is the frame is losing structural integrity due to corrosion. West and Bieganowski both asked about financing and if grants, notably Cherryland Electric have been researched. Chief said he has spoken with Cherryland and also financing with the vendor.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ROTH, MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 104:

Representative Roth said the first 3 months in Lansing have been interesting. He is hoping to get into committee work soon. Rep. Roth did say he is concerned with what he sees as a lack of transparency – rush to vote.

Rep. Roth addressed the new 9-day early voting, passed in November. He has learned that voting can be held at the county, no further details were available.

Revenue sharing is going up significantly.

Prevailing wage, all State funded and/or regulated programs will have to pay workers the prevailing wage.

MDOT projects will bring left turn lanes through on USHwy31 South. Trail projects are also being considered.

Rep. Roth was disappointed under foster care that kinship care did not get funded.

Rep. Roth currently has a seat on the EDC Small Business, Health Policy, Agriculture and MDOT committees.

**MAREK LEFT THE MEETING 5:35pm**

DEPUTY MARK NOFFKE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

In February there were 2 arrests, 5 citations, 10 crashes and 64 complaints. The department has made additional catalytic converter arrests and are looking for 3-4 others involved in the thefts. April 22 is Drug Takeback Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Caskie, Sr. 11717 US31 South

Mr. Caskie thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the Klondike Derby. All the accidents on 31 are blocking his driveway.

Greg Caskie, Jr. 11711 US31 South

Would like to see comments after Public Comment on right to farm from January meeting in minutes.

Casey McKenzie 2955 Gonder Road

Ms. McKenzie shared her family was first on scene for the last two accidents at Riley/Gonder. It is difficult to explain to her kids. She is encouraged that it is being talked about. Thank you, for talking about it.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

WATER USE ORDINANCE FOLLOW-UP:

Radtke explained this was received in January and both legal counsel and engineering have reviewed. The Board comments from previous meetings have been incorporated into this draft presented tonight. Benefit fees and rates will be discussed at the next meeting, going from one customer to forty. Bieganowski did not want the ordinance to go into effect without fees. Radtke said a current rate schedule is set and **new** rates will be presented at the April Board of Trustee meeting, if approved those rates go into effect 30 days after publication. **Motion by Radtke, supported by Kramer to adopt Water Ordinance (Ordinance #03132023.1) based on effective date of fee schedule. Roll Call Vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes, Bieganowski – yes. Motion carried 5-0**

**NEW BUSINESS**:

CORNELLIE TRUST FUND:

Radtke shared the history of the Cornellie Family and the Trust Fund. The funds were willed solely for fire improvements. Per the township attorney, we need approval to disburse the money from both the Fire Chief and Board. The balance is approximately $150,000.00.

Chief Case placed a letter to request the funds be transferred in tonight’s packet. Staff began moving in to the new building 3-4 weeks ago, meeting the wishes of Mrs. Cornellie. **Motion by Bieganowski, supported by Kramer to transfer the balance of the Cornellie Trust Fund, $159,057.24 to the Emergency Services Department (for EMS capital expenditures related to new building).** **Roll Call Vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes, Bieganowski – yes. Motion carried 5-0. The account will be closed after transfer.**

ZMA 23-002 REZONING REQUEST:

Radtke said the request is the result of the auction by the State of Michigan of some local parcels. Both Bieganowski and West asked if the zoning was in line with the Master Plan. Radtke said yes. **Motion by Bieganowski, supported by Kramer to approve ZMA 23-002 as presented. Roll Call Vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes, Bieganowski – yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

Z0A 23-001 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Radtke explained the proposed change removes the need for permits for structures under 200 square feet. The county also does not require permits for the buildings. Still need to meet zoning requirements, West asked about setback and was confirmed 2’ from property line for overhangs. **Motion by Bieganowksi, supported by Radtke to approve ZOA 23-001 as presented. Roll Call Vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes, Bieganowski – yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

CONCRETE/ASPHALT BIDS:

Radtke shared that initially both the pickleball and exercise circuit were to be concreted. He has discussed with the pickleball group and asphalt is the recommended base for the courts. Bids were sent and only one received back from Team Elmer’s for $89,525.00. The bid will provide a concrete pad for the exercise circuit and asphalt for pickleball courts. **Motion by Bieganowski, supported by McDonald to employ Elmer’s to provide asphalt & concrete surfaces in the amount of $89,525.00. Roll Call Vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes, Bieganowski – yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

DISCUSSION:

Radtke stated budget review and anticipated revenue has begun.

Radtke added that Marek would like a special meeting to discuss future plans for the park. This includes trails, tunnel, playground, ice skating and other park activities.

Kramer asked if any members were planning to attend MTA annual conference, (held in Traverse City this year), her office needs to submit registrations tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Caskie, Sr. 11717 US 31 South

Curious why all money being spent, $95,000 to buy someone’s artwork? Can see one, don’t understand need for 14.

**ADJOURNMENT**: **Motion by Kramer, supported by McDonald, to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Carried, 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk