**Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**January 9, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL**: West, Kramer, Marek, McDonald, & Radtke present. Biondo and Bieganowski absent. Also present, Jennifer Graham, Gourdie Frasier-Director of Engineering and Recording Secretary Mary Jo Barck.

**PLEDGE**: Was recited.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

McDonald asked to strike the SPARKS grant trail resolution noting the DDA is not yet prepared for this grant. Kramer asked to add Sewer Resolution under Water Use Ordinance. **Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to approve amended agenda as now presented. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**: **Motion by Kramer, supported by Marek to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**REPORTS**:

DEPUTY MARK NOFFKE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:

Not available on this date.

BRIAN MCALLISTER, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Not available on this date. Radtke will notify the new commissioner of date and time of meetings.

CHIEF DARYL CASE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Not available on this date and excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Greg Caskie, Sr. 11717 US31

Asked when the Master Plan survey will be completed. Lowes awarding hometown improvement grants, might be good for the pickleball and parks.

Dave Petrove 9988 Riley Road

Asked what the intent was with the medical marijuana fee. Said 25 years ago the township had an engineering study for public water, with a three-phase plan. Untreated ground water may have contaminants.

Greg Caskie, Jr. 11711 US31

Another month, radio silence. Will proceed with litigation. Radtke stated still waiting for judges’ opinion.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

ARPA FUNDS REVIEW:

Postponed until a full Board convenes.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

WATER USES ORDINANCE:

Radtke introduced Jennifer Graham, Director of Engineering with Gourdie Fraser. Radtke stated the existing system has only one current user, Tom’s Market. Recently a planned development nearby asked to tap into the system for their water source. Ms. Graham has provided this draft to begin that process by setting a Water Use Ordinance. Ms. Graham began with an overview of the existing system. When originally built it was considered a Type 1 system, but with just one customer it was downgraded to a Type 2 – requiring less sampling and reducing cost of operation. She is confident the system can be returned to a Type 1. This new ordinance will identify the means for a customer to use the system.

Radtke polled the members for comments and questions. McDonald asked about rates – was told those would be set next via a resolution. Ms. Graham would like a full financial review to ensure rates will cover expenses. Marek asked about amendments – and answer was yes, amendments happen often in the ordinances. Ms. Graham stated the goal is to be technically correct. West questioned the “90-day mandatory” hook up. After discussion, members agreed hook-ups should be mandatory, within a reasonable timeframe or when an existing well fails.

**Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to set a public hearing for February 13, 2023, the next regular meeting, to approve a Water Use Ordinance. Motion carried. 5-0. A draft of the Water Use Ordinance will be made available to the public for review prior to the meeting date.**

SEWER RESOLUTION:

Radtke stated the Sewer Resolution #01092023.2 is to identify billing dates and due dates. The Sewer Ordinance, under sections 7.07 and 7.09 require a resolution by the Township Board to set the dates. Current users are charged monthly and billed quarterly. The resolution sets the billing date as the first week of the quarter and due date as the last day of the current billed period. After the due date a 5% late fee is assessed and after three missed quarterly payments a notice of lien filed. **Motion by Kramer, supported by Marek to approve the Sewer Resolution #01092023.2 as presented. Roll call vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

ADOPT POVERTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 01092023.1:

**Motion by Kramer, supported by West to approve Poverty Resolution #01092023.1 as presented for 2023. Roll call vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Marek – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 5-0.**

**MAREK LEFT THE MEETING AT 5:40 P.M.**

REAPPOINT CALVIN WILSON TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

**Motion by Kramer, supported by McDonald to re-appoint Calvin Wilson to a three-year term beginning January 2023, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: West – yes, McDonald – yes, Kramer – yes, Radtke – yes. Motion carried 4-0.**

~~RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SPARKS GRANT FOR TRAIL:~~

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FEE REVIEW:

McDonald asked that the fee for application for an annual Medical Marijuana License be reduced to $1,650.00 annually to meet the new requirements for expense capture rather than arbitrary fees. The members agreed, however West suggested changing the language to match Recreational Licensing – should that fee change in the future. This would eliminate the need to come back to the Board for fee changes. **Motion by McDonald, supported by Kramer to reflect the Medical Marijuana Licensing Fee mirror the fee charged for Recreational Marijuana Licensing. Motion carried 4-0.**

DISCUSSION:

Radtke confirmed the Grand Traverse County Commissioners approved a $75,000.00 grant to support the proposed Pickleball Courts at Memorial Park. He thanked Jean Perkins, member of the Memorial Park Pickleball fundraising group and also a Parks & Recreation member for gathering community support for this project. RFPs for concrete will be due at the end of the month.

McDonald stated the DDA is in early discussion to obtain sculptures from the artists family. Kramer stated she has already reached out to the family to inquire of a donation of a sculpture for Memorial Park to pay tribute to the artist.

Kramer stated the Spring Postcards will share the YouTube Channel information for the broadcast of future Trustee Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Petrove 9988 Riley Road

Shared past experiences of the benefit of marijuana use.

**ADJOURNMENT**: **Motion by McDonald, supported by West, to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. Carried, 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk