**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Golden Fellowship Hall**

**9700 Riley Road, Interlochen, MI**

**JANUARY 14, 2019**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: By Supervisor Radtke at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present were: Kramer, Radtke, West, Bieganowski and McDonald. Biondo and Schroeter were absent and excused.
3. **PLEDGE:** was recited.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by McDonald and supported by Bieganowski to approve theAgenda, as amended. Memo in packet from Supervisor Radtke added to Correspondences. Carried.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by McDonald and seconded by Bieganowski to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Bills. Minutes of December 10, 2018 will be removed and added to New Business under Old Computer as Surplus. Roll Call: Yes-McDonald, Bieganowski, Kramer, West, Radtke. No-0. Carried.
6. **REPORTS:**

A. ANDY MAREK, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: reported that they have the search for a new Manager down to three candidates. The trucks have a brine tank now that helps the sand stick to the roads. There is a public input meeting tonight at 7 pm regarding the East/West corridor project.

B. RON CLOUS, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER: invited the public to their meetings and encouraged residents to contact him with any questions they might have.

C. MARY BETH HARDWICKE, INTERLOCHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY: reported that their numbers are up for all their programs and they are working on accommodating these new numbers.

D. CHIEF CUTWAY, GREEN LAKE FIRE SERVICES: reported that the transition to ALS was flawless and they continue to improve their services.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
2. **UNFINSHED BUSINESS:**
3. CONSUMER ENERGY CONTRACT FOLLOW UP: Kramer stated that the two streetlights in question last month were removed from the Township’s contract and the amended contract is correct.

Motion by Bieganowski and second by West to authorize the contract with Consumer Energy. Roll Call: Yes-McDonald, West, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. OFFICE TO LIBRARY FOLLOW UP: Radtke explained that the Engineering firm should have the rough draft of the floor plan completed by next week. It will be presented at the February Board Meeting.
2. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR FOLLOW UP: Radtke reported that the Board advertised for the job and did not receive an application for the Zoning Administrator position. They did have some interest in a Planner position. He would like to advertise for a full time Director of Planning and Zoning. Mary Jo and himself can continue filling the interim Zoning Administer position.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by McDonald to advertise for a Planner with a wage range of $55,000 to $65,000. Roll Call: Yes-West, Bieganowski, McDonald, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. BLAIR TOWNSHIP ALS/BLS AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Radtke stated that for billing purposes the contract with Blair Township for the dates of October 25, 2018, thru January 2, 2019, needs to be signed by Green Lake Township.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Kramer to enter into this agreement with the changes on page 6 section 6; dates of October 25, 2018, thru January 2, 2019. Roll Call: Yes- McDonald, West, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. SOLAR RFP FOLLOW UP: McDonald drafted the RFP in the packets. He would like to send it out and see what comes back. Bieganowski said without the Federal Credit this will never be a cost savings and is a waste of time. Kramer wants to go ahead and see what information they get back.

Motion by Kramer and support by McDonald to send out the Solar RFPs. Carried.

**9.** **PUBLIC HEARING-BUSH ROAD SAD PUBLIC HEARING:** Roger Swets explained that the intent of this Public Hearing is to hear objections to the Assessment Roll. The Township Board can then deliberate and determine if it wants to confirm the special assessment roll and move forward and complete the district and construct the project. There is still the question of the payments being spread over 15 or 20 years. Objections must be filed by the close of this meeting. There are four properties and three property owners who have filed a protest.

1. OPEN BUSH ROAD SAD PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Kramer and support by West to have Radtke open the Public Hearing at 6:38 pm. Carried.

**Spoke in Opposition to the Special Assessment District Roll:**

Ross Hammersley, legal consul for Frank Rydquest, 5411 Bush Road.

Charlie and Alaine Schumacker, 5199 and 5215 Bush Road.

Elizabeth Robbins, 7138 Sullivan Road.

Frank Rydquest, 5411 Bush Road.

**Letters in Opposition to the Special Assessment District Roll:**

David Presser

Susan Galligan

Schumachers

Rydquests

David Ritter

**Letters in Support of the Special Assessment District Roll:**

Roger Edgren

John Thomas

Patricia Thomas

Ed Dewey

Maxine and Paul Cleveland

**Spoke in Support of the Special Assessment District Roll:**

Ed Dewey, 5253 Bush Road.

Jill Coverdill asked about liens on the properties.

1. CLOSE BUSH ROAD SAD PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Kramer to have Radtke close the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm. Carried.

1. DISCUSSION/CORRESPONCENCE:

Roger Swets explained that every Special Assessment is secured with a lien, at the time of a property sale, it is a private negation between the parties if the lien is to be paid off at that time.

Bieganowski mentioned that the Ordinance will have to be amended before the construction of the step system is started. Kladder spoke on the integrity of the step system.

Roger Swets said if you can’t serve a property you can’t specially assess it. You would have to establish a solid factual reason why a property doesn’t need the service. A consequence of that for the Board would be rearranging the cost which would then require a new Public Hearing. Radtke said necessity was shown last month thru testimony from Mr. Kolbusz from the Grand Traverse County Health Department.

Kramer asked about doing appraisals. That would have to be done in the case of appeals.

Roger Swets said the interest would be lower with 15-year terms versus 20-year terms.

Radtke said he has empathy and there are avenues for relief. The Township didn’t initiate the special assessment and the project has over 75% support from the neighborhood.

1. BOARD ACTION ON BUSH ROAD PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Bieganowski and support by McDonald to adopt resolution #01142019.1, Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll, with a 15-year payment program. Roll Call: Yes-McDonald, Bieganowski, ~~Kramer~~, Radtke. No-West, Kramer (concerns about the Ordinance and that the whole Board isn’t present). Carried.

Motion by McDonald and support by West to exclude Schumackers. Withdrawn.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by McDonald to change 2019 to 2018 on page 6. Carried.

Radtke said those residents that are on record as opposing to the Special Assessment are able to pursue Michigan Tax Tribunal relief or any other avenue they see fit.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. APPROVE HIRING TWO PAID ON CALL EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL:

Motion by Kramer and support by West to hire Shawn Bottomley and Alexander Pajkowski as paid on call emergency service personnel, according to Chief Cutway’s recommendation, contingent on passing their background checks and physicals. Carried.

1. ELEVENTH STREET/EAST AVENUE STREET LIGHT: McDonald proposes shutting this light off because it isn’t necessary now that the Interlochen Public School isn’t housed there with night time activities. He said Consumers would remove the whole light pole at no cost to the Township. Kramer questioned if the light is in the area of a bus stop. Radtke said no.

Motion by McDonald and support by West to remove the service and light pole at Eleventh Street and East Avenue Street. Carried.

1. OLD COMPUTERS AS SURPLUS: Radtke explained that their new computers are in and they would like to declare their old computers as surplus. There will be a cost to erase the hard drive. Last time they removed the hard drives themselves, and Radtke would like to do that again. The computers are six years old.

Motion by Kramer and support by McDonald to remove the hard drives from each of the eleven old computers. Carried.

Motion by Kramer and support by McDonald to declare the 11 computers, with their hard drives removed, as surplus, and accept sealed bids. Carried with a vote of 4-1.

D. MINUTE OF DECEMBER 10, 2018:

Motion by West and support by McDonald to approve the amended Minutes of

December 10, 2018. Page 2 C. *recommend a 3-year payoff with a 5-year loan.*

*A 3-year payoff is allowed without penalty.* Page 2 C. add to *budget amendment*, *brought*

*back to the Board*. Page 7 O. *support by Biondo* changed to *support by West*. Page 6

I. *passing this* changed to *making our residents leave the Township to purchase their*

*marihuana.* Carried.

**11. DISCUSSION:** Radtke explained that Chief Cutway and Assistance Chief Stinson are under paid in comparison to other Chiefs in the County. He recommends raising Cutway’s salary by $2,500.00 for the remainder of the year and to allow Stinson to be paid for backfill and training. Bieganowski said there will be difficulty paying a salaried worker some of their pay by the hour. Radtke changed his recommendation to raise Stinson’s salary by $1,000.00 for the remainder of the year. Bieganowski said he doesn’t have enough information. West said she likes to give raises at budget time.

Motion by Kramer and support by Radtke to pay Chief Cutway an additional $2,500.00 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 fiscal year and Assistance Chief Stinson an additional $1,000.00 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Roll Call: Yes-Kramer, Radtke, McDonald. No-West, Bieganowski. Carried.

Radtke said there will be at least three employees making more ~~that~~ **than** the Chief and Assistant Chief, without the raise. That is part of the issue.

Bieganowski said he would like to spend more time on this and when they act it can always be made retroactive.

**12. CORRESPONDENCES:** Radtke said reservations for the MTA 2019 Conference are open.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jill Coverdill, asked to change the minutes on page 6 I. to: *Roll Call: Yes-Bieganowski, Biondo,*

*Schroeter, West, McDonald, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Radtke adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

JUDITH KRAMER, CLERK

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RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY

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