**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Golden Fellowship Hall**

**9700 Riley Road, Interlochen, MI**

**June 11, 2018**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: By Supervisor Radtke at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present were: Kramer, Schroeter, West, Bieganowski, Radtke, Biondo and McDonald. Also present was Ronda Robinson, Recording Secretary.
3. **PLEDGE:** Was recited.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Bieganowski and supported by McDonald to approve theAgenda, as amended. Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee with Township Board Joint Meeting will be added to Unfinished Business. Investment Sub Committee will be added to New Business. Carried.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by McDonald and supported by West to approve the amended Minutes of the meeting held on 5-14-2018, and the Minutes of the meetings held on 5-30-2018, and 6-4-2018, as presented. The minutes from 5-14-2018, have three corrections. In #4*, C* will be replaced with HIRING MICHAEL LEWIS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES. In #7, after Radtke *in his absence* will be inserted. On the top of page 4, *Police Power* will be replaced by *Zoning*. The Treasurer’s Report will be added to New Business. Roll Call: Yes-Biondo, West, Kramer, Bieganowski, Schroeter, McDonald, Radtke. N-0. Carried.
6. **REPORTS:**

A. TODD MILLAR, SAXONY SECURITIES: Millar explained that he has worked with Schroeter for more than 25 years and she has been a great steward of the Township’s funds. The funds have guaranteed interest for the term of the investments, the income from the accounts do not change. There is not a negative interest earned, there is a negative change of portfolio value. Bieganowski asked for copies of the statements.

B. CHIEF CUTWAY, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES: Cutway reported that the Department is 95 calls ahead of last year at this time. The Department has some good trainings coming up.

C. MARY BETH HARDWICKE, INTERLOCHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY: Hardwicke said the siding is being put on the library and the building will be opening in the fall. The Book Sale is going to be held the end of June.

D. ANDY MAREK, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Marek reported that Airport Road is open. East Duck Lake will be chipped/sealed next year. Tree trimming and general maintenance is in progress.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wade Adams, 5124 Orchestra Drive, commented on a notice he received from PLM Lake and Land Management. He received four notices. He asked if the language in the notice is the same as the contract the Township signed with PLM, to treat milfoil. He wishes to see the contract. He asked if the Board received his letter dated October 6, 2017. Answer is yes.

Ruth VerHey, 870 Torna Road, received three notices and is against the treatment of the lake.

Rudy Odziana, 4202 Shady Road, asked about the status of a judgement for his neighbor. Answer is the Township is proceeding to get compliance from the neighbor.

Melissa Card, 4205 Linden, is concerned about the safety of her children because of the incomplete fence on the above referenced neighbor’s property. She also could not sell her house because of the issue.

Wade Adams is concerned about the high-water levels on Duck Lake. He wants to know what the Board is doing about this.

Dennis Kevwitch, 2125 Gonder Road, is upset about the junk in his area and concerned about construction codes not being enforced.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Timothy Johnson in regards to business activities in the Diamond Park Association.
2. **POSTPONED BUSINESS:** None.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
4. GRANT TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SERVICES: Radtke explained that Green Lake Township, Blair Township and Buckley meet with Grant Township to reevaluate the agreement for fire protection service in Grant Township. It was negotiated, and the updated agreement was agreed on. Bieganowski said the dates need corrected.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Biondo to have the Supervisor sign the Grant Township Agreement for Fire Services, with the correct dates on the agreement. Carried.

1. TNT FIREWORKS SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST: Radtke explained that the request is from American Promotional Events dba TNT Fireworks, the same company that has sold fireworks at Ric’s Corner for years.

Motion by Kramer and support by West to grant the TNT Fireworks special event request, as presented. Carried.

1. MEDICAL MARIJUANA ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #18-04: Radtke explained that they are not required to hold a Public Hearing at the Township Board level, the Planning Commission did hold a Public Hearing on this issue.

McDonald stated that this is the final recommendation from the Planning Commission. At the last meeting they added to the proposed Ordinance that the smallest level grower will be allowed, with a special use permit, in the Commercial District for indoor growing only.

Bieganowski said that the State statute states growing is only allowed in Zoning Districts that allow Industrial or Agricultural uses. He does not believe Green Lake’s Commercial District has an agricultural use because of its allowance for a farmer’s market.

Kramer said the Township Board members have not been polled on their thoughts since October.

Biondo thinks they should stick to only growers in the Industrial District because Green Lake Township’s Commercial businesses and sizes vary greatly. He also thinks all the permits should be Special Use Permits.

Bieganowski said he won’t go along with the allowed facilities in the Gateway District.

Kramer doesn’t wish to have facilities in the Office District.

Kramer made a motion supported by Schroeter to schedule a workshop on both the Police Power Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance on June 18, 2018, at 6:00 pm with the Public Hearing on these Ordinances to be held at the July 9, 2018, meeting. Carried.

1. HIRE TAYLOR DORNBIER:

Motion by Kramer and second by Biondo to hire Taylor Dornbier, conditioned on a background check and meeting the hiring requirements. Carried.

1. ACCOUNTING SERVICES: Kramer reviewed that earlier the Board voted to go out for bids for accounting help for Kramer and Schroeter, when they have questions. The current company they hired is not working out. They want to be able to decide who they hire to help them, and pick someone who will get back to them in a timely matter. The accountant needs to have BS & A training.

Bieganowski said it can’t be the same firm that preforms the Township audit.

McDonald made a motion supported by West to go out for bids for third party Accounting Services that are certified and qualified in BS & A. Carried 6-1.

Schroeder asked if in the meantime, do they have permission to use Connie. Bieganowski said yes if they try the current Accountant first.

Kramer has an issue with the Board making the decision when it is Schroeter and her who are working with the books and responsible for them. She didn’t agree with the decision five months ago. She doesn’t care if it is the same accounting firm or not, she wants someone who can guide them when they have questions. Connie isn’t the one who does the audit.

Bieganowski said it was put in place as a control, the firm that does the audit should not help with the books.

1. INVESTMENT SUB COMMITTEE: McDonald said some of his questions were already answered tonight. After a conversation amongst the Board about the Financial Reports McDonald made a motion supported by Biondo to remove this item from the Agenda. Carried.
2. TREASURER’S REPORT: McDonald asked about the balance in the Ambulance Replacement Fund. He thought they depleted it last year. Radtke said they made the investment of $30,000 into the account.

McDonald said the Water System balance in their new paperwork might not be accurate.

Two of the accounts, in the BS&A forms, have the assets included in the fund balance. Kramer said it will be correct after the conversion.

Motion by Kramer and support by Schroeter to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Carried.

G. PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Biondo and second by McDonald to open the Budget Public Hearing at 7:34 pm. Carried.

Radtke reviewed a few points in the proposed budget; last year’s approved budget column, activity thru today’s column, projected liabilities, total revenues, actual liabilities. He said it is dependent on the comments they get to night if they act on the Budget tonight or not.

Wade Adams asked how much they spent on eurasian milfoil this year. He wants the Board to drop this money from the budget. Answer is $17,710.

Kristen Stalsonburg, 1465 North Betsy River Road, asked if the Fire Capital Improvement fund is being balance by a transfer of savings and is not being balanced by the revenue coming in. Answer is that the transfer is from the fund balance, prior savings already in the budget.

Cynthia Johnson, 4355 Euclid, asked if Green Lake Township has a Fireworks Ordinance.

Answer is yes, it is on the website. She asked what is happening with allowing Medical

Marihuana Dispensaries.

Andy Marek asked if the philosophy of the Board is to spend or hoard fund balance, to build a savings or provide services. What percentage are you at? Radtke said it is recommended to have three to four months of operation saved.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Kramer to close the Budget Public Hearing at 8:15 pm by Radtke.

Radtke recessed the meeting for a six-minute break.

Radtke called the meeting back to order at 8:21.

H. RESOLUTION #06112018.1:

Bieganowski doesn’t want to act on this resolution until there is Action on the Budget.

Biondo said he still needs clarification on some of the budgeted amounts. He wants to see all the numbers.

Radtke said they do not have to take action on the proposed budget tonight. They can take the comments from the public and the Board into consideration.

McDonald made a motion supported by Schroeter to postpone Resolution #06112018.1, #06112018.5, and Action on the Budget until the Special Meeting on June 18, 2018, prior to the Medical Marihuana Public Hearing. Carried.

I. RESOLUTION #06112018.2

Motion by West and support by Schroeter to approve Resolution #06112018.2 Township Board Meeting Schedule, as present. Roll Call: Yes-West, McDonald, Schroeter, Bieganowski, Biondo, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

J. RESOLUTION #06112018.3

Motion by Biondo and support by West to approve Resolution #06112018.3 Depository, as presented. Roll Call: Yes-McDonald, West, Schroder, Biondo, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

K. RESOLUTION #06112018.4

Motion by West and support by Biondo to approve Resolution ~~#06112018.3~~ **#06112018.4** Investment, as presented. Roll Call: Yes- Bieganowski, Biondo, West, Schroeter, McDonald, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

M. SALARIES/WAGES:

Bieganowski asked that the titles of EMS Medical Supervisor and EMT Medical Coordinator be changed to Assistant Chief and Emergency Service Medical Director/Chief.

The proposal is for what is currently in place for the Deputies.

Motion by McDonald and support by Bieganowski to approve the Salaries and Wages 2018/2019 Schedule with the title changes above. Roll Call: Yes-Bieganowski, McDonald. No-Schroeter, Biondo, West, Kramer. Failed.

**11. ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING:** Postponed.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. ICA ORDINANCE PROPOSAL FOLLOW-UP: Nothing at this time.
2. STREET LIGHTS FOLLOW-UP: Nothing at this time.
3. GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP HALL OFFICES RENOVATION FOLLOW-UP: Nothing at this time.
4. FIRE STATION ADDITION COST FOLLOW-UP: Nothing at this time.
5. MEDICAL MARIJUANA POLICE POWER ORDINANCE FOLLOW-UP: Bieganowski said the Board has to decide how many of each facility will be allowed or if it will be unlimited.

McDonald said after the **Township** Board did a straw poll, stacking of licensees was added to the statute. They need to decide about the inside growing in the Commercial District.

Schroeter asked if anything will change if recreational marihuana passes. Biondo said there will still be a market. Radtke said you can’t infringe on rights but you can regulate the secondary effects.

Kramer said they may have to make amendments to the Ordinances if it passes. Radtke said the caregivers is a separate act.

Radtke stated there is a provision for a fee for administration, investigation and enforcement. Bieganowski said in the first year the fee can not be challenged.

Straw Poll: West-no, Biondo-yes with some exceptions, questions about numbers and no growing in the Commercial District, Kramer- yes to one dispensary, Schroeter-no because it is available nearby, Bieganowski-yes but not on I-37 and no growing in the Commercial District, McDonald-yes and two indoor growers, Radtke-yes.

Kramer and Biondo are concerned with the odor in the Commercial District.

1. AD HOC JOINT COMMITTEE: Radtke said the Ad Hoc committee is meeting Friday.

Schroeter said the two Boards need to meet to understand each other, to respect each others’ opinions and to become a We instead of a THEM and US.

Radtke said the meeting is to talk about the possibilities of ALS service and share facts. Biondo said we have to balance the Fire Budget first.

Motion by McDonald and support by Schroeter to postpone the scheduling of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee to the July Township Board meeting. Carried.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mary Beth Hardwicke asked that when the Board discusses wages and salaries they take into account how employees represent themselves to the public and their effectiveness.

Kristen Stalsonburg, 1465 North Betsy River Road, when the Board Members make disparaging remarks about taxpayers who pay their salaries they need to be careful of the environment they are doing it in.

Steve Azell, Interlochen Alternative Health, asked if the workshop is informal, will there be time for input.

Dan Oniel, 130 E Ninth, introduced himself, he is running for the State House of Representatives 104th District as a Democrat.

Dennis Kevwitch, 2125 Gonder road, asked what is going on at the Interlochen School, IAC and if

the Township gets any tax money. He asked if there is a paramedic on duty at all times.

Andy Marek said the park is looking great.

1. **ADJOURNMENT:** By Radtke at 9:11 pm.

JUDITH KRAMER, CLERK

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RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY

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