**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**HELD VIA WEBEX**

**JANUARY 11, 2021**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: By Supervisor Radtke at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present via Webex were: Kramer, Radtke, West, Bieganowski, Marek, Biondo and McDonald. Also present was Ronda Robinson, Recording Secretary.
3. **PLEDGE:** was recited.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Marek and supported by Biondo to approve the Agenda, as amended. Andrew Marek replaces Suzaine Shroeter in the header. Bradens added to New Business as Item F. Roll Call: Yes-West, McDonald, Marek, Bieganowski, Biondo, Marek, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Marek and seconded by Kramer to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12-14-20, as presented. The Treasurers’ Report will be presented verbally, and the Bills will be added to New Business as Item G. Roll Call: Yes-Bieganowski, Biondo, Marek, West, McDonald, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.
6. **REPORTS:**
7. ANDY MAREK, TREASURER reported that from when he took office till January 10, 2021, 2473 tax payment have been received for a total of $1,719,000. The Taxes are due February 15th and delinquent taxes will be turned over to the County on March 1st. He received a State revenue payment, and it was $10,000 over the last estimate. Next year’s State revenue should be about the same. The Budget is pretty much where it should be. A couple of the Fire Department account lines are getting close to maxed out. His office hours are 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday -Thursday. It is best to make an appointment during this time.
8. DEPUTY MARK NOFFKE, COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER reported that in 2020 the Sherriff’s Department logged 82 car accidents, 40 citations and 42 criminal complaints in Green Lake Township.
9. DARYL CASE, CHIEF, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES asked the Board if there was any other information they would like to see in his monthly report. The Department had a busy end of the year. The Firefighters did an amazing job at a structure fire over the weekend. He will update the Board on the Engine grant next month.
10. PENNY MORRIS, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER reported that at the last meeting Rod Kivell was appointed to the Parks Board. They approved the purchase of 9 Dodge Chargers in the amount of $258,021 to replace vehicles that are at the end of their life cycle.
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rudy Odziana, 4202 Shady Lane, commented on the Junk Ordinance. He complimented Alycia Reiten the Township Zoning Administrator and Planner.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
2. EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL FOLLOW-UP: Radtke explained that a letter to the Cedar Hedge residents will be mailed out tomorrow. It will be on next month’s Agenda.
3. OFFICE HOURS FOLLOW-UP: Radtke said the shutdown order expires on January 15. They will wait and see if it is reinstated. Residents have been understanding about the need to call ahead for appointments.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
5. ANDREW NIEDZWIECKI-RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA: stated that recreational marijuana will soon be everywhere, and it would benefit Green Lake Township to adopt Police Power and Zoning Ordinances so it could move forward in the proper channels. His partner Shannon recapped the research she has done on other jurisdictions’ recreational marijuana ordinances.

Radtke explained that at last month’s meeting the Board members agreed to wait until they can meet in person and take public comment in-person to move forward with this issue.

1. POVERTY EXEMPTION #01112021.1: Muha explained that this resolution needs to be approve each year and it is the same as last year’s resolution.

Motion by West and support by Marek to adopt Poverty Exemption Resolution #01112021.1. Roll Call: Yes-McDonald, West, Marek, Biondo, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

Biondo left the meeting.

1. BOND RESOLUTION #01112021.2: Radtke explained that this is a boiler plate resolution to hold the door open and allow the purchase of materials before the bond is finalized and get reimbursed with Bond proceeds. Some of the needed steel is 10 months out.

Roger Swets, Dickerson Wright, added that it provides the main action from the Board for issuance of Bonds. The Bonds will be issued by Public Sale, the State dictates the rules and methods.

Marek, Kramer and Radtke are attending the meeting from 9394 10th Street, Interlochen, MI.

West is attending the meeting from 3725 Betsy River Road, Interlochen, MI.

Bieganowski and McDonald are attending from Green Lake Township, Grand Traverse County.

Motion by Kramer and support by Marek to adopt Bond Resolution #01112021.2, as presented in tonight’s packet. Roll Call: Yes-Kramer, Bieganowski, West, Marek, McDonald, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. DRONE GRANT: Chief Case explained that they received a 50/50 grant for the purchase of a Drone. The Department would use it for water rescues and search and rescues. The cost would be $5000. They would need to go out for bids, purchase the Drone for $5000, and then get reimbursed for $2500.

Motion by Marek and second by Kramer to accept the Drone Grant and spend up to $5000 on the purchase of the Drone. Roll Call: Yes: Marek, McDonald, Bieganowski, Kramer, West, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. EMERGENCY SERVICES STAFFING: Chief Case explained that three part time employees have been covering full-time hours. He would like to plan for future growth and hire the three employees as full-time employees. They are already being paid the hourly wages so the budget increase would come from the benefits earned as full-time employees. Currently it is very difficult to recruit Firefighter/Paramedics. They would be given three years to complete the required education and be licensed as a Firefighter/ Paramedics.

Motion by Marek and second by Bieganowski to post the three full-time FF/EMT positions, as the applications come in, for a two-week period, the hiring committee (Radtke, Kramer, Chief Case) will hold interviews. The applicants will have three years to complete the education and licensing to be a Firefighter/Paramedic. 50% of the education cost will be reimbursed by the Township. If they choose to leave the employment of Green Lake Township before working two years, they will be required to pay back half of the money they received from Green Lake Township towards education. They would be paid at their level of performance. Roll Call: Yes- Kramer, Bieganowski, Marek, McDonald, Radtke. No-West. Carried.

1. BRADENS: Bieganowski said he can see from the list of bills that the Township has entered into a lawsuit. He asked why the Board was not informed. He thinks the Board should be informed of any Township issues that proceed to District or Circuit Court.

Radtke explained that Reiten is doing a particularly good job, he has received many compliments from residents. He wants to make sure that it is known that this is not a reflection on anything Reiten has done wrong.

Kramer believes this is a case of micromanaging from the Board which should not be done.

Radtke said the Board will be informed of any cases that get filed with the District of Circuit Courts.

Motion by Marek and support by Bieganowski to approve the Bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes- West, McDonald, Marek, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. **DISCUSSION:** Radtke said Russ Marshall, member of the Planning Commission and Alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals passed away. McDonald has been the Board liaison on both the PC and ZBA Boards. If any Board member is interested in taking McDonald’s place on the ZBA please email him. It will be on the February Agenda.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **ADJOURNMENT:** By Radtke at 8:29 pm.

JUDITH KRAMER, CLERK

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RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY

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