**Green Lake Township Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 12, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Radtke.

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

Radtke reminded the members to silence cellphones during the meeting.

**PLEDGE**: Was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**:

**Motion by Marek, supported by West to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None on this date.

**REPORTS:**

**COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER:**

The community police officer asked that the following be shared with members; a) traffic enforcement is increasing on 633 and b) US31 Melody and Harmony intersections increasing enforcement. There is no increase in any form of crime – no crime streaks.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Chief Case provided written reports to the members and asked if there were any questions. He added the department is grateful to Tom’s Market for hosting Emergency Services Day. Safe kids Halloween, 42nd year, was held on Halloween from 6p-8p. Over 300 people attended and he gave a big shoutout to EMS crews, noting Doug Straughn’s work was tremendous.

**ELECTION REPORT:**

Clerk Kramer gave statistics for the November 26, 2024 election. Early voting stats were 3,305 over the 9 days, with 1,427 of those being Green Lake Township voters. She reminded everyone that we are a regional voting center. Overall, 4,387 of the 5,781 qualified voters in the township voted – 76%. Kramer thanked township staff and election workers for all of the hard work.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

Radtke stated MDOT, GTCRC and himself will attend a meeting November 13th to shore up detour routes for the upcoming US31 road projects. The meeting also includes EMS staff in route planning.

In 2027 the Green Lake Township website must become more accessible for our community. Next year, 2026 will see updates and changes on our gogreenlake.org website to comply with the mandate.

Future Master Plan updates must now include a detailed housing plan. West asked why housing? Radtke said it was based on a number of requirements for additional dwelling under one roof. Planning Commission can review and provide recommendations to meet the new requirements. Bieganowski thought housing was included in our plan. Radtke responded that it is but is now required for everyone.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Marek announced Franke Road will be a major road repair as selected by the TTCI.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**:

None on this date.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

McDonald said the ICA easement is on the way (trail project).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HEALTH AND DENTAL RENEWAL, MANNOR GROUP**

Radtke asked existing provider and went out for bids as well. Mannor Group met timeline and was asked to present this evening.

Kevin Mannor introduced himself to the members and introduced Matt Kaminsky, who will be our local representative and resides in Traverse City. Mr. Mannor said a health insurance analysis was completed on current plan and comparison with other providers and networks, and an executive summary completed. Blue Care Network, the current plan, would see a slight reduction for 2024 coverage.

Radtke summed up there would be no increase in cost of plan and no change in coverage? Mr. Mannor said that was correct. The only change is an increase in out-of-pocket costs. Kramer pointed to the line item in the proposal for HSA contributions, single from $2,000 to $2,500 and family $4,000 to $4,500. She added having a local representative is also a value of the plan.

Mr. Mannor shared the process for changeover in health plans. As part of a buying group his agency can offer good programs with competitive pricing. Bieganowski asked what the township involvement would be for the change. Mr. Mannor said they will handle all service pieces, know alternatives and manage staff changes.

Motion by Kramer to switch from Burham and Flowers/Accrusure to Mannor Group for health, and vision coverage as well as retirement plan management, motion supported by Marek. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Discussion continued with Kramer wanting to express staff problems with current provider; not getting a return call or paperwork and this was time for a change. West agreed with Kramer’s comments. The monthly fee to manage the accounts with Accrusure was getting pricey. Bieganowski did not know problems were out there. Kramer said most would not even know we were changing.

Motion by Kramer, supported by Marek to continue with current benefits, not including health coverage, as they are in place and revisiting in January or February. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Radtke echoed Biondo’s comment that an employee survey to gain input before changing services was needed.

The members agreed to review these plans earlier in the year going forward.

**FIRE HOSE PURCHASE REQUEST**:

Chief Case said the hose replacement being requested is to replace legacy hose, aged out hose. This was discovered during hose testing and it is a substantial amount of hose. Bieganowski asked why the request was coming to them, it’s only $3,000. Motion by Kramer, supported by West to approve an amount not to exceed $3,000 to WestShore Fire for replacement hose. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**RESIGNATION LETTER OF ISAAC ENTZ AND STAFFING CHANGES:**

Radtke reported Mr. Entz has accepted a position from East Bay Township. The position was posted but no serious inquiries were received, primarily due to salary. Changes to staffing for the Zoning Office were included in his report. West asked how the Treasurer’s Office would be covered. Marek said his Deputy will be in place for 30 days, he may have found a replacement.

The staffing change facilitates a move for the Assessing and Zoning Department to move back to the administrative offices. A draft layout was included in the member’s packet. Motion by Marek, supported by Bieganowski, to accept and implement staff changes as presented, including appropriate budget and salary amendments as required – including floorplan. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

**SPEED STUDY REQUEST:**

Radtke brought forward a resident request that the township and road commission authorize the required process to get a speed study. He is not sure if there is a cost for this. In the interim Radtke is authorizing CPO Noffke to place the two speed signs on S. South Long Lake Road. Members agreed with this step but postpone the speed study. Motion by Radtke, supported by McDonald to postpone a speed study on S. South Long Lake Road until further data and costs are received. Motion Carried; voice vote 6-1.

**INTERLOCHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM SUPPORT REQUEST:**  
Radtke explained this is an annual request. Motion by Biondo, supported by Werst to approve $6,000.00 for children’s programming at the Interlochen Public Library. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – no, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 6-1.**

**INTERLOCHEN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST:**

Motion by Radtke, supported by Marek to postpone until we receive final easement from ICA. **Roll Call Vote: McDonald- yes, Radtke – yes, West – yes, Marek – yes, Bieganowski – yes, Kramer – yes, Biondo – yes. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Radtke added this will be the next step to apply for grants.

**DISCUSSION:**

McDonald asked where we were with trail work to be completed by AJ’s. Radtke said it is still scheduled for this year. McDonald would like to see more work done on parking area to improve drainage.

Kramer asked the members of their availability for a swearing in meeting on November 20, 2024 at noon, Golden Fellowship Hall. The date and time met with favor. Radtke will also bring several committee and board member reappointments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jill Coverdill 5648 Wrenwood

Delta Dental should not be considered until reimbursement rates increase. UNUM is very aggressive with those that participate in plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by McDonald, supported by Kramer to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion Carried, voice vote 6-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk