**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Golden Fellowship Hall**

**9700 Riley Road, Interlochen, MI**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: By Supervisor Radtke at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present were: Kramer, Biondo, Radtke, West, Bieganowski, McDonald and Schroeter. Also present was Ronda Robinson, Recording Secretary.
3. **PLEDGE:** was recited. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the fallen on 9-11.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Bieganowski and supported by West to approve theAgenda, as amended. #9E *March 2002* was changed to *March 2020*. Carried.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by McDonald, seconded by West to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. In the August 12 Minutes, #9C strike *also but did not hold the Public Hearing because of a mistake in the legal ad*. In the August 27 Minutes, #4a *August 21* changed to *August 12.*  Roll Call: Yes-Kramer, Biondo, Bieganowski, Biondo, West, Schroeter, McDonald, Radtke. No-0. Carried.
6. **REPORTS:**

A. MARK NOFFKE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP’S COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: Introduced himself and said he is excited to be working in Green Lake Township. He will have a phone line with a voice mail and an email address for the community to be able to reach him.

B. CHIEF CUTWAY, GREEN LAKE EMERGENCY SERVICES: reported that Bravo 2 is gone out for chasis rebuild, it will be out of service for 75 days. Afterwards it will have a useful life of 15 to 20 years.

C. BRAD KLUCZYNSKI AND ANDY MAREK, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: On the 17th the discussion will start about the east/west corridor. They have been in discussion with the State of Michigan and the State will be turning over M-137 for a jurisdictional transfer, it comes with a $900,000, one-time payment, to spend on this stretch of road. They have put together an agreement for snow removal, at no cost, for the private section of Bush Road. The Township will need to sign the agreement with the Road Commission. The GTCRC cannot sign a contract with citizens. Bush Road cannot come into the County system in the condition it is in now. Biondo said he is not in favor of M-137 being taken over if they will lose enhancement money.

D. RON CLOUSE, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER: On August 21, 2019 the Board passed a resolution in support of Line 5. Silver Lake and Duck Lake’s special assessment for lake levels was placed by the Drain Commissioner, who was running a deficit. The Veterans Mileage was lowered from .12 mils to .08 mils because the Director said he can do the job with .08 mils. They are working thru a mold and bat problem in the new courthouse. They passed a resolution asking the City to terminate their TIFF after the 30 years are up. Radtke thanked Clouse for supporting the hiring of the CPO Officer.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ed Dewey, 5253 Bush Road, thanked Brad and Andy for their attention to the snow plowing issue. He stated their private portion of Bush road has been used as a connecting road for over 50 years. He thinks it is really a public road. He thinks collectively they can figure this out.

Joan Dewey, 5253 Bush Road, said thanks for the plowing but it isn’t enough because they need Emergency Services to be able to come down their road. It has been a public road. Everyone on this road shouldn’t have to suffer because of one person.

Roy Pinner, 5449 Bush Road, said the Road Commission’s portion is in worse shape than the private portion. It should be taken over by the Road Commission.

Rodger Edgen, 5367 Bush Road, challenged them to take the private section and compare it to the public section. There isn’t any difference, so he doesn’t understand the million-dollar upgrade needed. Who owns this section of road?

Rene Bernardi, 5265 Bush Road, is thankful for the snowplowing but the grading and mowing is a factor. How can one person hold this up.

Mrs. Pinner, 5449 Bush Road, asked Brad and Andy to come sit on her property and watch the activity on Bush Road.

John Thomas, 5457 Bush Road, asked, could the County use adverse possession to take the Road.

Biondo said there is lots of history to this piece. It has been maintained by the Road Commission for years. There was, at one time, a public road next to the private road. This problem comes up about every ten years. It needs to be solved for good.

Radtke said the Board is pursuing a legal opinion that will withstand time.

Linda Pepper, 4306 Central Park Drive, said she is an active member of the Green Lake Senior Group. The Green Lake Senior Center has been moved from the Golden Fellowship Hall to the Redeemer Lutheran Church without any public input or knowledge. She would like to have a discussion. She asked what is the plan for the Golden Fellowship Hall because it will make a difference to the Senior Group.

Kramer said the Township welcomes the Seniors and would be happy for them to stay.

West asked Pepper what would she ~~would~~ like to have happen to the building. She said she would like it to be maintained and the other side be turned into a meeting room.

1. **UNFINSHED BUSINESS:**
2. BUSH ROAD MAINTENANCE FOLLOW-UP: Radtke said they have had years and years of discussion regarding Bush Road. The Board received the proposed contract from GTCRC legal counsel at 5:59 tonight.

Bieganowski stated that the Township doesn’t have authority to sign a contract for something they don’t own. He advised the Bush Road residents to investigate litigation and force the Road Commission to take the road. If they lose, they could enact a special assessment district.

Biondo said they need to come to an agreement for snow removal now and then they can later deal with the permanent decision.

Kluczynski explained that they are not allowed to take a road that is not brought up to current road standards. They would have to create a special assessment district to pay for the upgrade. If they want more than winter maintenance, they will have to pay for the upgrade. The Road Commission doesn’t have funding to upgrade every private road that wants to be taken over by the Road Commission.

West asked the Bush Road residents if they have contacted their Representatives. If there is a special assessment district in place, the Township can sign a contract.

Bieganowski said it is not unusual for residents to pay for their own road maintenance.

Biondo said they oversee public safety and they have full authority to sign the agreement.

Motion by Kramer, support by McDonald to send the proposed contract with the Road Commission to the Township Attorney for review and input and then discuss it at the study session later this month. Carried.

1. SUNSET PARK FOLLOW UP: Radtke said the Township Attorney’s opinion is that Sunset Park is a Public Township Park. It has been used for a communal dumping ground and marina. They can send this to the Park and Rec Committee for recommended hours and other rules to join the park system. They make recommendations and the Township Board then takes action.

Bieganowski said they should sell it because it isn’t conducive for parking. If it only needs cleaned up, they could keep it.

Kramer said once people find out it is a public park it will probably be busy. Can the residents park on Lakeview and walk to the park? Answer is yes.

Biondo said it is platted and isn’t theirs to sell.

Ken Wallace, 4062 Waterview drive, lot 7, next to the park, said his concern is the use intended and the permitted use; docks, boats, parties, fireworks, junk, snowmobiles. There are currently three docks, five boats and five hoists. What are the environmental issues because it is a wetland? Two neighbors mow the park now, as a public park they don’t have legal standing to do this, but he doesn’t want their enjoyment of the property taken away. Where do people park if it becomes a Township park. Every year it becomes more of a nuisance. He wants to find a good consensus.

Dick Townsend, 3942 E Duck Lake Road, Lot 1, has owned the property for over 30 years and there has not been a problem or marina until the last few years. It is an eyesore. There needs to be some regulations soon.

Bieganowski said until a few months ago this property wasn’t on their radar it may take some time to figure out.

Biondo said if they spend time and money on this park it will be available to the public.

This item will be on the Parks and Rec Committee agenda on September 18, 2019.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR POWER LOAD COT: Chief Cutway is asking for a budget amendment to buy a power load cot. The manual cot in the ambulance has issues. They need a new cot and a power load cot is much better. It will last 15 years. It is a good time to buy this because the ambulance can be equipped for it while it is being worked on.

Radtke stated it is a safety issue.

Kramer made a motion, supported by Biondo to amend the Emergency Services budget as requested. Taking out of his fund balance $34,995.42 and putting it in line item #207336727000. Roll Call: Yes-Schroeter, Biondo, McDonald, Bieganowski, Kramer, West, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. BS&S CEMETERY PROGRAM FOR THE CLERK OFFICE: Kramer explained that she would like permission to buy the BS&A Cemetery Program. There will be annual maintenance fees. Right now, the Cemetery records are in a book and a rolodex. The BS&A system is a much better way to keep track of the Cemetery records.

Motion by Radtke and second by West to authorize the Clerk to purchase the BS&A Cemetery Program not to exceed $4,570.00, which includes training and travel expenses. Roll Call: Yes- Biondo, West, Kramer, Bieganowski, Schroeter, McDonald, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. APPROVAL OF DDA REGULATION:

Motion by Radtke and second by Kramer to postpone for further research. Carried.

1. DDA/TOWNSHIP TRAILS MASTER PLAN: McDonald explained that they applied for a grant for a trail between the ICA and Interlochen school, but they did not receive the grant. The DDA wants to choose a project and Fleis and VandenBrink has put together a biking and walking trail from the Township park to the US 31 intersection. The project is just under $10,000.00 and the DDA has committed to $2,500.00 and are asking the Township to pay $7,500.00.

Kramer wants to ask ICA to partner with them on the trail. She also wants three bids.

Motion by Kramer and support by Schroeter to send out RFPs for three bids and ask ICA and the DDA to go thirds with the Township. Carried.

1. MARCH 9, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Kramer explained that the March 9th meeting is the day before the March 10, 2020 election. The Fellowship Hall would be set up for the Election and Kramer will not be able to attend.

Bieganowski wants to keep the date and move the meeting to the new Library. Kramer said the meeting could be held in the other side of the Fellowship Hall.

Motion by McDonald and support by Schroeter to move the March 9, 2020, meeting to the other side of the Golden Fellowship Hall. Carried with a vote of 5-2.

Kramer would like to move the meeting date to the 16th so Kramer and Robinson can attend.

Motion by McDonald and support by Schroeter to rescind the previous motion and move the March 9, 2020, meeting to March 16, 2020. Carried with a vote of 6-1.

**11. DISCUSSION:** Kramer explained that the insurance rates went up 4.84% this year. The renewal is December 1 instead of January 1 because it gets them a better rate. So, they run a special policy for December. The actual policy starts January 1. It is the same policy as last year.

Motion by Kramer and support by Schroeter to approve the estimate from Burnham and Flowers for health insurance for the 2019/2020 year, as presented. Roll Call: Yes-McDonald, West, Schroeter, Biondo, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

**12. CORRESPONDENCES:** Letter from Michigan Fiddlers.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Radtke adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

JUDITH KRAMER, CLERK

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD

NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT AND /OR CORRECTION PRIOR TO THEIR ADOPTION.