**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Golden Fellowship Hall**

**9700 Riley Road, Interlochen, MI**

**MARCH 16, 2020**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: By Supervisor Radtke at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present were: Kramer, Bieganowski, Radtke, West and McDonald. Biondo and Schroeter were absent and excused. 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 presented. Carried.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Bieganowski and seconded by Radtke to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll Call: Yes- McDonald, West, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.
6. **REPORTS:**

A. DEPUTY MARK NOFFKE, COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: The Sheriff’s Department is still providing services. Their main office is closed to the general public, but residents can still call with issues. The prescription drug take back day has been cancelled but will be rescheduled.

B. ANDY MAREK, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONOR: They will soon be working on the gravel roads. There is even more confusion about the Governor’s road maintenance program. All ~~park~~ **government** buildings are now closed.

C. CHIEF CUTWAY, GREEN LAKE EMERGENCY SERVICES: They are still open for business and have taken preventative measures to keep the public and fire fighters safe.

D. CLERK JUDITH KRAMER, ELECTION REPORT: The election went well. There were 553 voters at Precinct 2 and 407 voters in Precinct 1. 619 Absentee Ballots were issued, and 583 Absentee Ballots were returned. 25 to 30 people were registered to vote on Election Day. The turnout was not as big as expected.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
2. **UNFINSHED BUSINESS:**
3. FIRE STATION BOND ISSUE FOLLOW UP: Radtke explained that the cost estimate is 3.1 million dollars. In the Board packet is the breakdown of the mileage amounts needed for the first year of bond payback by 15- and 20-year options. Biondo called in earlier and said he supports putting it to the votes because it is such a big project. They also have the ballot language proposal and the engineers’ estimate. West wants to go with 15 years, to get it paid off fast. Kramer wants to go with 20 years, so it isn’t such a hit to the residents. Radtke said after seven years they can pay it off or refinance it. The ballot language ask, shall we go out for bonds not to exceed 3.1 million dollars. The Township would be obligated, on the taxable value, to make two payments annually, a principle payment and an interest payment. If the taxable value goes up the mileage rate would go down. Bieganowski doesn’t like calling it a fire station, he likes Emergency Services Building better.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Kramer to approve a resolution for a 20-year bond issue for 3.2 million dollars for an Emergency Services Facility, to be placed on the August 4, 2020 Ballot. Roll Call: Yes- Bieganowski, West, Kramer, McDonald, Radtke. No-0. Motion passed.

Motion by Bieganowski and second by Radtke to approve Resolution #03162020.2. In #5 remove the word *special* and change *fire station* to *Emergency Service Facility*. Roll Call: Yes- McDonald, West, Bieganowski, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CAMP SAKI: Radtke explained that the last couple of years they have applied for the Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant to acquire Camp Saki. They are attempting to apply again this year. The DNR changed the application process and a Public Hearing must be held to apply for the grant.
3. Motion by Bieganowski and second by West to have Radtke open the Public Hearing to public comment at 6:31 pm.

Elsie Randall, 60 Bass Lake Road, said the nearby neighborhood is interested in what is planned for the property and she is here to get some information.

1. Motion by Bieganowski and second by Kramer to have Radtke close the Public Hearing to public comment at 6:33 pm.

Radtke explained that Camp Saki was a Girl Scout Camp for many generations. It is owned by The Rotary. The Girl Scouts have been reducing facilities recently. The Rotary sold the Camp area to a private summer camp and has offered the remaining 515 acres to the Township for $750,00, to be paid for with a grant, and the Township would pay $60,000. The property would stay a passive nonmotorized park.

Mr. Smith called the Office today and is in favor of applying for the grant, if the park isn’t accessed from the north. His neighbors are in support of this resolution, too.

1. Action on Public Hearing RESOLUTION #03162020.1:

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Kramer to adopt Resolution #03162020.1 to authorize $60,000 in matching funds to be spread over three years. Roll Call: Yes-Kramer, Bieganowski, West, McDonald, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. SEWER ORDINANCE:

Radtke explained that this is an amendment to the Sewer Ordinance to define and clarify the step system.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by West to adopt Ordinance amendment 03162020.1 with the date in the Ordinance changed to 2020. Roll Call: Yes- McDonald, Bieganowski, Kramer, West, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. REQUEST EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: Reiten explained that occasionally when she needs advice from the Township Attorney and he isn’t available, she must wait for a reply. She would like authorization to reach out to Kuhn’s co-workers in his absence.

Bieganowski said usually the attorney passes on request to coworkers when he can’t reply to a request. He said the motion would be just a clarification.

Motion by Radtke and second by McDonald to allow the Township to utilize Attorneys within Kuhn’s Law Firm when Kuhn isn’t available. Carried.

1. BAM FIREWORKS SPECIAL EVENT/TEMPORARY USE: Radtke explained that the fireworks sale will be moved two parcels from where it has previously been held. Reiten has fixed errors, that took place in the past, with this permit. License and insurance have been turned in. There were no complaints last year and Chief Cutway said they are in compliance.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by Kramer to approve the Special Event/Temporary Use permit for Bam Fireworks, LLC. Carried.

1. PICNIC IN THE PARK JUNE 20, 2020: Radtke said that the Parks and Recreation Committee and Mary Jo Barck are heading up this year’s event. They plan on limiting the expenses and highlighting what is already in the park.

Bieganowski asked if there is enough energy and volunteers to get it off the ground this year. Radtke said the Interlochen Chamber used to sponsor Family Fun Day with the Township’s help. This is a greatly reduced event; in prior years the budget was $1,800 for the event.

Motion by Radtke and support by Kramer to authorize the 1st annual Picnic in the Park not to exceed $1000. Carried.

1. CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE INTERLOCHEN WOMEN’S CLUB:

Motion by Kramer and second by West to approve the Charitable Gaming License for the Interlochen Women’s Club, as presented. Roll Call: Yes- West, Kramer, Bieganowski, McDonald, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. EURASIN WATERMILFOIL CEDAR HEDGE LAKE: The first treatment in Duck Lake was funded by The Township. Bieganowski said we jumped out in front of this, but do we even know if the residents of Cedar Hedge want it? Kramer wants to hear what the 98 lake front homes have to say.

A motion by Bieganowski and second by West to have the Township Office send out a postcard survey to the residents on Cedar Hedge Lake to collect their thoughts about treatment of Cedar Hedge Lake. Carried.

1. **DISCUSSION:**
2. Radtke explained that Steve Ezell approached the Township Board last month with a request to allow adult use marihuana. 76.4% of Green Lake voters voted for adult use marijuana in the Township. The Township has one grower in the process of getting licensed and two approved dispensaries. Ezell hasn’t had an issue in years with the business. Radtke recommends having the Ordinance amended to allow adult use marihuana. Bieganowski said the police power Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance would need redone. He thinks there are good model amendments out there. Radtke said you would have to be a licensed Medical Marihuana Dispensary first to be an Adult Recreational Dispensary. Radtke and Reiten will work on drafting the amendments. West doesn’t want it on the corner. Kramer wants it limited to one.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Bieganowski asked about the DDA loan, they will be at the next Board meeting. The County Payserve report is just for information purposes.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Radtke adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

JUDITH KRAMER, CLERK

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RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY

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