

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2009 WORK SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo, Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, Treasurer Larry Doe, Trustees Jean Hall Currie, Stan Eldridge, Mike Martin (arriving at 5:18 p.m.) and Dee Sizemore

**Members Absent:** None

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corp. (Interlocal Agreement)**

**A. Presentation by Marsha Ennis, Aerotropolis Project Manager; Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive; and Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County Administrator**

Supervisor Stumbo recognized Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano; Aerotropolis Project Manager Marsha Ennis; Project Development Specialist Geoff Young; Ann Arbor SPARK Director Mike Finney; Washtenaw County Administrator Robert Guenzel; Washtenaw County Commissioner Rolland Sizemore; and Washtenaw County Planning and Environment Director Tony VanDerworp.

Mr. Ficano provided a brief overview of the plan and explained the advantages of being part of the Aerotropolis Interlocal Agreement.

Ms. Ennis provided an in-depth presentation on the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development. She explained the Interlocal Agreement included Ypsilanti Township, the City of Ypsilanti, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Huron Township, Romulus, Taylor, Washtenaw County and Wayne County and the mission was to create jobs through economic development. Aerotropolis was projected to have a 10 billion dollar economic impact on the region, including the creation of approximately 60,000 jobs.

Attorney Winters stated he had reviewed the agreement and it was in proper form for signing. He suggested trying at the legislative level to have the Enterprise Zone give consideration for hiring from within the communities that participated.

Trustee Eldridge expressed his support and inquired about the LDFA and TIF funds, additional community participation and the success of other Aerotropolis type ventures in Louisville and Memphis.

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Mr. Ficano replied that TIF funds could be used toward the membership. He said the Aerotropolis venture could eventually include the entire region, depending on how many communities participated. He said both the Louisville and Memphis Aerotropolis' had been extremely successful.

Trustee Martin asked for information on the Green Standards and the business that would be generated.

Ms. Ennis explained that the Green Standards would only apply to the Renaissance Zone and the State of Michigan offered a tax credit as an incentive to go green. The design standards would be developed through the Development Corporation, with input from the participating communities.

Supervisor Stumbo and Clerk Lovejoy Roe thanked the leadership for bringing Aerotropolis forward.

## **2. REVIEW AGENDA**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Board agenda.

Attorney McLain provided a brief summary of the public nuisance located at 6196 Whittaker Road.

Treasurer Doe stated that Debbie Agdorny, Deputy Treasurer; Mike Radzik, Community Standards Director and the Huron Valley Humane Society were developing a system to allow pet owners to purchase a dog license at the Humane Society. He said this would be an added convenience for Township residents.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident asked if Detroit's water rate increase would be passed through to Township residents.

## **3. BOARD MEMBERS – OTHER DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Stumbo briefly summarized the Complaint and Notice of Hearing filed by the Ypsilanti Township Fire Fighters Union, Local 1830.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident stated that bids should be awarded to the lowest bidder as long as they were qualified to do the work.

## **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Charter Township of Ypsilanti v Washtenaw One, LLC, et al Case No. 08-429-CZ - 7160 Textile Road (This item will be discussed in Executive Session)**

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**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to go into Executive Session to discuss the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, et al v Washtenaw One, LLC, et al Case No. 08-429-CZ - 7160 Textile Road. The motion carried as follows:**

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| <b>Martin:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Eldridge:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Currie:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Sizemore:</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Roe:</b>    | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Doe:</b>      | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Stumbo:</b> | <b>Yes</b> |                  |            |

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:22 p.m. The Board returned to the Work Session at approximately 6:41 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti