

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009 WORK SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 6:00 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, Mike Martin and Dee Sizemore

Members Absent: Trustee Stan Eldridge

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

1. DISCUSS CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING ORDINANCE REGULATING NON-PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER (STUMBO AND ROE)

Supervisor Stumbo briefly summarized the proposed ordinance and the associated problems with phosphorus runoff into Ford Lake. She explained that the ordinance would require commercial applicators to register with the Township.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated enforcement of the ordinance would be through education and awareness of the adverse effects of phosphorus on the rivers and lakes.

At the Board's direction, the proposed ordinance would be placed on a future agenda.

2. DISCUSS AMENDING WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE TO ACCOMMODATE, ENCOURAGE AND STREAMLINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Supervisor Stumbo explained that connecting to water and sewer mains was very expensive and reducing the fees would encourage development by relieving some of the cost. She stated that connection fees were regulated by Township ordinance and any amendment to decrease fees would take Board action. Discussion followed.

3. REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Board agenda.

Attorney Winters provided a brief summary of the public nuisances located at 2686 Woodruff Lane and 669 Calder Street. He requested that authorization to initiate legal action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to abate the public nuisance for the property located at 2686 Woodruff Lane be added to the agenda.

Sharon Frischman, Assessor provided an update on the ACH/Ford tax appeal and on the recent Board of Review.

Attorney Winters provided a brief legal update on Ypsi Mobile Village, 6196 Whittaker Road and the Bunton Road demolition project.

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

4. BOARD MEMBERS – OTHER DISCUSSION

Trustee Martin questioned if the community would be adversely affected by the elimination of the Community Work Program Supervisor position.

Mike Radzik, Community Standards Director stated that the Community Work Program was a service provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. He explained the anticipated deficit to the Police Services budget and the savings that would be realized by the elimination of the program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti