

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 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, Stan Eldridge, Mike Martin and Dee Sizemore

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters and Angela King

Supervisor Stumbo asked to have three items placed on the agenda under Other Business.

1. Set salary of the Fire Chief position at \$75,000 and authorize the three full-time officials and HR to negotiate the contract.

Supervisor Stumbo reported the second candidate on the fire chief hiring list had passed all the required tests and an employment contract needed to be negotiated. She asked the Board to consider raising the salary from \$70,000 to 75,000 in lieu of the Township providing healthcare coverage.

Trustee Eldridge suggested raising the salary to \$77,000, which was half of the healthcare savings.

2. 1st Reading, Proposed Ordinance 2009-394, Grass and Weeds (lawn height)

Supervisor Stumbo explained the need to change the lawn height in the Noxious Weeds Ordinance from 10 inches to 8 inches. She said it would be the first reading of the ordinance and it was the number one complaint from residents.

3. Request of the Ypsilanti Panthers for a Charitable Gaming License

Supervisor Stumbo stated a request was received from the Ypsilanti Panthers for a Charitable Gaming License to help raise money for their athletic team.

The Board agreed to place the items on the agenda under Other Business.

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REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Board agenda.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney King provided a brief update on the Blue Linx case, which was scheduled before the full Tax Tribunal on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12 – ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER/SEWER SUBSIDY INCOME LEVELS (tabled at the April 21, 2009 Regular Meeting)

Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief explanation of the resolution and answered questions raised at the previous Board Meeting. The Board agreed to leave the resolution as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF:

- A. AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POPPY DAYS**
- B. I.B.P.O.E.W. WEEK – JUNE 8-14, 2009**

Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief explanation of the proclamations.

2. 1st READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-393 AMENDING THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTERS 42 AND 58 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES

Attorney King provided a brief overview of the proposed ordinance. She explained the ordinance would adopt many of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code and a small section of the Insurance Code.

3. SUBMITTAL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE SIGNING BY SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Stumbo stated this grant would award the Township \$477,000.

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4. BUDGET AMENDMENT #5

Clerk Lovejoy Roe briefly reviewed the budget amendments.

**5. 2009 YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW
COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM
#212.970.000.974.013.**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agreement and stated other areas would be done with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars.

**6. APPOINT BRENDA L. STUMBO AS REPRESENTATIVE TO LOCAL MTA
ASSOCIATION AND KAREN LOVEJOY ROE AS ALTERNATE**

Trustee Currie stated she would like to have Trustee Eldridge appointed.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe provided a brief overview of what the meetings entailed. She said all Board Members were encouraged to attend the meetings. Discussion followed.

Trustee Martin said he was in support of any Board Member that had the time and energy and would commit to attending the meetings. Discussion followed.

**7. REQUEST OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCE CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF
A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE**

Supervisor Stumbo briefly explained how charitable organizations were using gaming licenses.

8. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

- A. TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M. TO HEAR
REQUEST OF CAS-MI LABORATORIES, LOCATED ON LOT 10,
WASHTENAW BUSINESS PARK IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP, FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the full-time officials had attended an MEDC meeting in Lansing where CAS-MI Laboratories' tax abatement was approved at the State level, contingent upon Ypsilanti Township's approval. She provided a brief overview of the company. Discussion followed.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

Supervisor Stumbo briefly reviewed the Authorization and Bids.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Martin questioned why John Hancock was brought into AFSCME negotiations if the meetings had been as fruitful as stated in the RSD Monthly Report.

Supervisor Stumbo explained the labor attorney was brought into negotiations because the union had an experienced negotiator at the table and the five members of the management team had never negotiated.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated that when the management team was assembled, they thought it would be traditional negotiations but the Union did not want interest-based bargaining. Discussion followed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Board briefly discussed the roundabout proposed for the intersection of Whittaker and Stony Creek.

Supervisor Stumbo provided an in-depth report of the meetings attended by staff and Board members.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the millage election was a huge success and Election Day went smoothly. She attributed the ease of the election to the strong foundation laid by former Clerk Stumbo and Deputy Clerk Keen. She also thanked the employees and election workers for the role they played in the May election.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe provided a brief overview of dollars available through Urban County and federal stimulus package. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti**