

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 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 and Mike Martin

**Members Absent:** Trustee Dee Sizemore

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. DISCUSS BOARD MEETING & NHW SCHEDULES**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated Bill Elling had assumed the duties of the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator along with his full-time position as Ordinance Officer. She explained there were many evenings with more than one Neighborhood Watch(NHW) meeting scheduled, making it impossible for Mr. Elling to attending them all. Clerk Lovejoy Roe said three full-time officials were asking the Board to sign-up to attend NHW meetings.

She further explained the three full-time officials were inquiring if the Trustees were interested in canceling the first meeting of the month for the remainder of the year due to lack of agenda items, with review at the end of the year. She stressed the meetings would be canceled, only if the entire Board agreed. Discussion followed.

Trustees Currie, Eldridge and Martin expressed their opposition to cancelling the first board meeting of the month but agreed to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Treasurer Doe suggested moving the Board meeting to 5 p.m., which would allow Board Members to also attending a 7 p.m. NHW meeting.

Supervisor Stumbo said the Community Forums had been very successful and asked if the Board was interested in continuing them on the first Tuesday of the month for May, June, July, August and September of 2010. The Board agreed.

**2. DISCUSS REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE CONTRACTING ASSESSOR SERVICES**

Supervisor Stumbo explained that many communities were utilizing the County or contracting through a firm for assessor services as a way to reduce costs. She said legal counsel was currently reviewing an opinion issued by MTA regarding contracting for these services. Supervisor Stumbo asked if the Board concurred with investigating contracting for services, part-time versus full-time or other approaches that could be done for a Level 4 Assessor. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to proceed.

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**3. REVIEW AGENDA**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Board agenda and further discussion was provided for the following items:

**CLERK REPORT**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated her office was preparing for the November election. She said it would be necessary to budget for four elections next year, including two large ones.

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Eldridge asked about the website update; the card pass system; the fire hydrant location project and business information update; why Judge Pope's revenue was up but caseloads were down, if the Sheriff's Department could provide prior year statistics for comparison and if there was a completion date for the photographing being done by the Assessing Department. Discussion followed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

- A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 880 N. FORD BLVD.**
- B. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS WHICH THREATEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1724 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE.**
- C. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS WHICH THREATEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8636 SHAWN DRIVE**

Attorney Winters provided a brief overview of 1724 W. Michigan Avenue, 8636 Shawn Drive and 880 N. Ford Blvd. He requested 1724 W Michigan Avenue and 8636 Shawn Drive be added to the Board agenda under Attorney Report. The Board agreed to add both items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22 – POLICE SERVICE BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR NEW MILLAGE**

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Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the ballot proposal had been reviewed by the attorney and if approved by the Board, it would be forwarded to the county for the November 3, 2009 election. Discussion followed.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-24 – RELOCATION OF PRECINCT 10 TO ERICKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 1427 LEVONA AVENUE**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the relocation was because Kettering Elementary School had been permanently closed, making it necessary to find a new location for Precinct #10.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-25 –WAGE RESOLUTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES (AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-41)**

Supervisor Stumbo said the amended resolution eliminated the Planning Director position, reflected the salary of the Fire Chief and the pay cuts taken by the Golf Pro, Assistant Golf Pro, Greens Superintendent and Assistant Greens Superintendent due to loss in revenue. She commended the golf course leadership for bringing their wage recommendation to the Board in light of the revenue loss at the golf course.

**4. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-396, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, -TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

Supervisor Stumbo stated a previously amended ordinance inadvertently repealed a needed section and this ordinance restored that section.

**5. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-27, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-397, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES – ANIMAL CONTROL**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Township had received a number of complaints about aggressive dogs in residential areas. The ordinance would allow the Humane Society to help manage the growth of vicious dogs. She explained the ordinance would require owners of stray dogs that were picked up to be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and licensed before being released to the owner. Discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti