

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
WORK SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2009**

The Work Session was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the 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. WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PROPOSED 2010-2014  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the three full-time officials met with the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) to review the proposed plan. The plan contained both funded and unfunded improvements. She stated that Holmes Road, Phase III was on the list for 2010 but unless DWARF funds were received by YCUA, the project would be delayed. The Whittaker Road Roundabout was also on the list.

Jeff Allen, RSD Director said he attended the preliminary construction meeting to request the postponement of the roundabout project but the WCRC was not receptive and planned to move forward.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident expressed her dissatisfaction with the WCRC's intent to move forward with the roundabout project.

Supervisor Stumbo said the projects on the list for 2010 were Holmes Road, Phase III which would be delayed, the Whittaker Road Roundabout and the Rawsonville/Bemis intersection. Improvements to Ford Blvd. were on the project list for 2011.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Board agenda and further discussion was provided for the following item.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PA 116 FARMLAND AGREEMENT APPLICATION – MARK AND LINDA GIRUARD YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP (116-PAB-865-2009), CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING COUNTY REVIEWS**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated approval did not need to be contingent upon receiving the County reviews. She explained the circumstances surrounding the Girard's \$35,000 property taxes and stated they were concerned they could end up in bankruptcy. Clerk Lovejoy Roe said if approved, this would be the third PA 116 Farmland Agreement in Ypsilanti Township. Discussion followed.

Attorney Winters stated the Township needed to obtain a release from the Girards so the house located on this property could be demolished. He explained this was the property where the fire department damaged the house without obtaining permission from the owner of record. Attorney Winters further explained the property had been sold on land contract and the taxes were uncapped but the developer later defaulted. The property was returned to the Girards at a much higher tax rate and with a burned out house. He said fire department had received permission from the developer to burn the house as a training exercise although he was not the owner of record. Discussion followed.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Stumbo stated that she and Joe Lawson, Planning Coordinator had met with a potential purchaser of the General Motors facility. She said if a decision was made to purchase, it would be done by December 31, 2009.

The Work Session adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk