

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 5:30 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 and John Hancock

**1. FIREFIGHTER NEGOTIATIONS**

Supervisor Stumbo stated a motion would be in order to go into Executive Session.

**A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Treasurer Doe to go into Executive Session to discuss firefighter negotiations. The motion carried as follows:**

<b>Martin:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Eldridge:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Currie:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Sizemore:</b>	<b>Absent</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 5:31 p.m. and returned to the Work Session at approximately 6:40 p.m.

**1. SHERIFF UPDATE**

Sheriff Clayton provided an update on the proposed layoff of ten deputies in Ypsilanti Township. He stated it was apparent there would not be fewer calls for service regardless of whether there were 38 deputies or 28 deputies. The challenge for the department would be how to manage the consistent number of calls for service with 10 fewer deputies. He said it was a challenge that caused him great concern. Sheriff Clayton asked the Board to consider going back to voters for another millage election in 2010. He felt education was the key and stressed he was available to the residents of Ypsilanti Township to answer any questions regarding public safety. Sheriff Clayton stressed that his department would support Township if there was another attempt to pass a millage.

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Supervisor Stumbo stated Sheriff Clayton had suggested holding public forums to discuss strategy and educate residents. If meeting dates were available, information could be included in the newsletter mailed with the water bills and in separate mailing.

Sheriff Clayton stated the biggest issue was aligning residents with the County's ability to provide service with the reduced number of deputies.

Dieter Heren, Commander of Police Services stated his office was reviewing historical information in an effort to position the 28 deputies where they could provide the best possible response to different calls for service. He said preliminary information regarding the deployment of the 28 deputies was sent to Mike Radzik.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the County Administrator would be setting up a meeting to discuss the reduction of officers in Ypsilanti Township with the out-county Supervisors because the reduction would affect the entire county. She said the millage vote was very close and she felt residents would express their desire to have it placed on another ballot. Supervisor Stumbo explained that the 2010 budget included the reduction of 10 deputies.

Mr. Herring stated the deployment plan would be rolled out within the next several weeks.

**2. DISCUSS INCLUDING NEWSLETTER WITH WATER BILL**

Supervisor Stumbo stated there had been discussion with YCUA regarding Ypsilanti Township including a one-page, two-sided flyer with the water bill. The flyer would contain information updating the community on issues within the township. If the Board agreed, it would be a way to reach the residents at a much lower cost. She said in order to establish the cost, YCUA would do the first mailing at no cost. The Board agreed.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated residents living in mobile homes and apartments did not receive a water bill. If the Board agreed, those addresses would be compiled and the flyer would be mailed to those residents. She said the total amount would be brought back to the Board at the December 1, 2009 meeting. The Board agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti