

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 WORK SESSION

Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 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 Stan Eldridge, Jean Hall Currie and Mike Martin

Members Absent: Trustee Dee Sizemore

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters and Dennis McLain

1. DISCUSS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2158 WOODALE

Attorney McLain reminded the Board that authorization for legal action against the property owners of 2158 Woodale was approved earlier in the year. He explained the property was not in foreclosure but the mortgage company wanted to come to some type of resolution of their interest, even though they did not have legal authority to possess the property. Attorney McLain stated the property owners had finally consented to the order to find the property a public nuisance and had agreed to the demolition. He stated the bank had agreed to pay the costs associated with the demolition contractor and the administrative costs, in the amount of \$16,785.44. The Township would receive a refund of their costs, including attorney fees, through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) fund. He said the judicial lien would be filed for approximately \$31,000. Attorney McLain further explained the dollars received from the bank (\$16,785.44) would be returned to the NSP fund for additional demolition projects. He asked for the Board's consideration to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the settlement agreement.

2. DISCUSS LUNCH HOUR

Supervisor Stumbo stated the three full-time officials had met with department directors to discuss if closing the building for lunch would be beneficial. She said the reduction in staff made it difficult to cover lunches and if the Civic Center closed, it would alleviate that issue. Supervisor Stumbo said there would be an exception on Election Day because the law required the Clerk's office to be open and there may be other exceptions. Supervisor Stumbo stated that the three full-time officials and the department heads had agreed that Noon to 1:00 p.m. was the easiest time for most

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people to remember. She said residents would be notified of the change and she asked for the Board's consideration.

Trustee Eldridge asked if everyone would go to lunch at Noon.

Treasurer Doe said yes, unless there was a customer at the counter and that employee would finish with the customer before leaving for lunch.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said there had been a brief discussion about using that time, only when necessary, to meet with management staff. It would allow for a completely uninterrupted hour, with no customers or phone calls.

Discussion regarding the date of implementation followed. The Board agreed the lunch hour change would be implemented the first week of December.

Chris Oshelske, Accounting Director suggested the closing of the building for lunch be included on the December 1, 2010 tax bill.

3. POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE MAILING

Supervisor Stumbo said residents appreciated receiving a letter indicating with the exact amount their taxes would increase if the millage passed. She stated there had been a lot of positive comments and a lot of questions about the millage. Supervisor Stumbo felt another mailing should be done to provide a breakdown of the cost charged by the County because residents were questioning if a deputy made \$160,000.

Trustee Martin said information regarding research into other alternatives or collaboration should be included in the mailing.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the closing of the building from Noon to 1:00 p.m. could also be included in the mailing. She clarified the millage was for police services and it was not specific for Washtenaw County Deputies.

Trustee Eldridge stated that should the police study be positive, it would still take months or even years to implement a joint authority.

4. ISO UPDATE BY CHIEF COPELAND

Eric Copeland, Fire Chief began by stating the last ISO review was completed in 1986. Chief Copeland explained the fire department was rated on the number of engine companies; the number of reserve trucks; pump capacity; deficiency; ladder service; the number of reserve ladders; company personnel and training. The Chief briefly reviewed each of the items listed in the classification details (see attached).

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Trustee Eldridge questioned if Human Resource had records for the completed training. He also asked if the types of calls had any bearing on the rating.

Chief Copeland explained that the ISO review rated the fire department on company training such as a controlled burn that would include multiple companies, as well as mutual aid responders. He stated individual training was up-to-date and the types of calls had no bearing on the rating. Chief Copeland said the ladder issue would be resolved with an automatic mutual aid package.

5. REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo stated on the revised agenda, the item under Old Business was tabled at the September 21, 2010 meeting and a motion to remove it from the table would be needed. She also said the item under Authorizations and Bids, requesting authorization for the Supervisor and Clerk to sign documents was removed. She clarified the request was for seeking bids only.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk