

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 WORK SESSION**

PROPOSED

Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo called the meeting to order 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 (arrived at 6:50 pm), Mike Martin and Scott Martin

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

1. DISCUSS 2012 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Supervisor Stumbo asked for direction from the Board about the Fire Department and/or the Police Department coming in to give a presentation on the budget.

Supervisor Stumbo said the following assumptions had been made for this draft:

- **Prosecution**
Rates reduced to \$110 an hour
- **Litigation**
Increased to \$500,000 for Public Nuisance (\$500,000 is expected to be used in 2011 alone – only \$400,000 was budgeted)
- **Building Operations Department:**
One person is retiring and Jell Allen, Director, is proposing not to fill that position. It was suggested to be reviewed in six months.
- **Computer Support**
Budgeted for two part-time employees that will not have Health Care or Retirement; one programming position and one help desk position included
- **Sheriff's Department**
Proposed contracting for four deputies that had been previously reduced.
Discussed reopening of Holmes Road Station

Note: Supervisor Stumbo said the County Board of Commissioners is supposed to approve the four-year contract this month. The proposed Police Services contract for policing includes a 0%, 1%, 1% and 2% increase over four years, with a six-month cancellation clause

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Clerk Lovejoy Roe expressed that it would help to reopen the Holmes Road Station in regard to service and maintenance of the building and our insurance coverage requirements. She said it would be beneficial for Police Services and deployment during the 2012-13 closing and renovation of the Ford Boulevard bridge.

Supervisor Stumbo answered a question from Arloa Kaiser regarding the State Police. The Supervisor shared that the township was looking at the possibility of purchasing the State Police Post to be used as a station for the Sheriff Department personnel. She said if we keep it open the State will keep State Troopers there as well. She said that we have only had one meeting with the State, so far, but another one has been scheduled.

➤ **Parks & Recreation**

Put in \$15,000 in Fund 208 for the Master Plan: \$10,000 in 2012 and \$5,000 in 2013. The Master Plan has to be updated every five years.

Arloa Kaiser, Township resident, offered her objection to spending so much for the parks.

Supervisor Stumbo explained that the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation has to be in place in order to apply for grants. She continued to review the proposed 2012 Budget.

➤ **Waste Management**

\$2,000 increase in Tipping Fees

➤ **Health Care**

15% increase budgeted, but the new rates are only .023% increase

➤ **Community Stabilization**

Continue to fund the Land Bank

➤ **Human Resources**

Possibility of budgeting for training funds for Team Building

Trustee Scott Martin felt training was very important, especially concerning hazardous situations.

Supervisor Stumbo said there were no road improvements budgeted. She said those could be taken out of Fund Balance. She said there had been discussion on a bond for this purpose.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe felt it was important to keep up with the road maintenance because it costs more in the long run if things are not kept up properly. She also explained there should be substantial savings in health care. There could be another savings on the retirees side but the problem is that an agent has to be hired and forms have to be filled out for the Medicare Advantage 70 to 90 days in advance of January 1, 2012. She said the Health Care Committee would have a recommendation to take to the board by the second Board Meeting in October, if not sooner.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe brought up the issue of sidewalk and bike path construction requested by residents as a Budget Discussion Item.

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Jeff Allen, Residential Services Director, said the "Connecting Communities Grant", concerning sidewalk and bike path construction, would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Arloa Kaiser asked if any money for the bike and walking paths came out of Parks and Recreation. The Supervisor replied it would come out of the Millage Fund 212 which is Parks, Recreation and Roads.

Supervisor Stumbo asked if the Board wanted a Work Session and Budget presentation to the Board. Trustee Scott Martin replied that would be great.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said she appreciated the clear manner and detailed work that Supervisor Stumbo and Deputy Supervisor Tammie Keen had done on the Budget, as well as the Department Heads. She voiced her concerns with the Court Budget and long-term Fire Department Fund Budget. She explained the need to look further ahead when doing the budget and felt we could not continue, long term, to utilize Fund Balance every year to balance these departmental budgets.

Supervisor Stumbo said the Fire Chief would do a presentation. She said she was aware that courts across the county and state are down in revenue and have cut a lot of personnel.

Treasurer Doe voiced his hope that the additional four officers would be able to help the court revenue to some degree. He felt those two departments should do a presentation at a Work Session.

Supervisor Stumbo said the Public Hearing would be on Nov. 1, 2011. She reiterated that a Work Session would be held and the Fire Chief and Court would present their budgets.

REVIEW AGENDA

Trustee Scott Martin said he had two letters to the Golf Course and suggested they be added to the Minutes. (See Attached)

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda with additional information provided on the following items:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Supervisor Stumbo said a Public Hearing would be held. Clerk Lovejoy Roe presented the Resolution that would need to be adopted.

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ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Winters provided a brief overview of the deplorable conditions of the property located at 1593 Wingate. He credited the Wingate Condominium Association for maintaining the exterior of the complex so well. He explained that was why the condition at this address was so shocking.

Attorney Winters pointed out to the Board that he felt the Nuisance Abatement Procedural Manual that was developed with Mike Radzik, Ron Fulton, Dennis McLain and himself, Fire Chief Copeland, Joe Lawson and the Deputy Fire Marshal had proven to be a very valuable tool in dealing with these issues, since it's inception three or four years ago.

Attorney Winters provided a timeline addressing the nuisance at 1593 Wingate.

Attorney Winters addressed the 1290 Clark Road property, which was the subject of a serious fire. He said we have received a check from the insurance company for the Escrow account. He relayed the good news that the owners' intention was to demolish and rebuild the structure.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. REQUEST TO NAME THE INTERNAL ROAD INTO THE CIVIC CENTER, VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DRIVE IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND TO PURCHASE THE ROAD SIGN FROM THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212.212.000.818.006**

Supervisor Stumbo said it had been requested that the internal road at the Civic Center be named Veteran's Memorial Drive. She said this coming Veteran's Day, November 11, 2011, would be the 20th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial and felt it would be appropriate to announce the naming of the road at that time.

Trustee Scott Martin said he was in favor of doing this but asked if there was a special process that had to be followed. Supervisor Stumbo said the process was to bring the request to the Township Board.

- 2. REQUEST OF WASHTENAW AREA COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN FOR A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE**

Debbie Shaw, Washtenaw Area Council, said the event would be held in Saline but explained that a resolution had to come from wherever the Non-Profit was located. She gave a brief description of the event and the fund raising that would take place.

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**3. REQUEST TO APPROVE AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN YPSILANTI
TOWNSHIP AND MICHIGAN ABILITY PARTNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000,
BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #226.226.000.707.000 AND TO AUTHORIZE
SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Stumbo gave a brief description of the program and shared the need to utilize MAP further since the arrangement had worked so well and there was more work to do.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Ypsilanti Township

Township Supervisor

7200 S. huron River Rd.

Ypsilanti Twp., Mi. 48107

To whom it may concern,

First let me say this letter is long overdue.

I am writing to commend one of your longtime township employees, Mr. Leon Jackson, the head Golf Pro at Green Oaks Golf Course.

I have been playing golf regularly at Green Oaks for almost 35 years. Leon has been the pro there for all of those years. During this time I have never once failed to be greeted with courtesy, enthusiasm and made to feel more than welcome. I truly feel like my patronage is appreciated at Green Oaks.

Over the years I have noticed that Leon does all that is humanly possible to accommodate those who come to play Green Oaks. I have had discussions with countless other golfers who share my opinion that Leon is the absolute best golf professional they have come into contact with (and I have played golf from Florida to Hawaii).

Leon's leadership is evident in the attitudes and behaviors of other Pro shop employees. Danny Roberts, in the time he has been at Green Oaks has exhibited some of the same qualities possessed by Mr. Jackson. He will be a fine replacement when the day comes. Ernie, Mel Long, and others over the years, have demonstrated the same level of service and professionalism displayed by Leon. And, Tim Smith, the Green's Superintendant has done a wonderful job maintaining the course since taking over for Norm Brown. So I guess this is not only a commendation of Leon, but all the employees of Green Oaks.

Again, my thanks to those who make Green Oaks such a pleasurable golfing experience, but especially to Leon Jackson.

Sincerely



Don Chastain

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July 31, 2011

Supervisor B. Stumbo,

I want to take the time to let you know how much I appreciate the excellent job you and the other public servants are doing. Every time the residence have a Troublesome Complaint, you all get right on the case. If I knew when the Neighborhood watch meetings were held and the time I would go to everyone of them.

Judging from the letter I got in the mail from the Charter township about the complaints and concerns the residence have, I see we all have the same complaints.

The loud music, playing basketball in the middle of the street, I would like to let you know about another ^{one} they walk in the middle of the street and expect people to drive up on the sidewalk to go around them. 😊

I don't understand how people can

live in such beautiful homes
like the whispering meadows
and have that type of behavior.
Well, keep up the good work
and thank everyone else.

James Gray