

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

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Lovejoy Roe 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, Mike Martin (arrived at 6:15 p.m.) and Scott Martin

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

1. REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Agenda with additional information on the following items:

- A.** Supervisor Stumbo explained the Board needed to do a Plan Sponsor Certification concerning a Health Care Agent and the Board agreed to place it under Other Business.
- B.** Other Business

Scott Martin said the WCAC had questioned if the Park Commission appointee could vote.

Arloa Kaiser expressed her appreciation for the Ordinance Department employees.

C. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Stumbo provided a detailed list of meetings attended by the three full-time officials and staff.

D. Clerk Report. (written report)

- On Monday, November 29, 2011 the Shape Transit in Ypsilanti and Augusta Townships, Southeast Washtenaw County District Advisory meeting was held at the Whittaker Rd. Ypsilanti District Library at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was attended by over 50 residents. Lots of input was provided by the residents regarding transit needs in Ypsilanti and Augusta Townships. Supervisor Stumbo, Clerk Lovejoy Roe, Trustee Eldridge and Ypsilanti Township Planning Director Joe Lawson attended the transit-planning meeting.

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- On Wednesday, November 30, 2011, Supervisor Stumbo and Clerk Lovejoy Roe met with representatives from Ann Arbor Spark, Wayne County EDGE and RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust. Discussions revolved around marketing strategies and processes for the GM facility and land.
- On Thursday, December 1, 2011, Supervisor Stumbo and Clerk Lovejoy Roe met with Labor Attorney John Hancock and Fire Chief Eric Copeland to discuss a contract proposal presented by the fire fighters. It was agreed to present the proposal to the Township Board during executive session at the Tuesday, December 6, 2011 Board Meeting.
- A meeting was held on Friday, December 2, 2011 with Kirk Profit of GCSI, Curtis Hertel and Leonard Rancilio to discuss the process for foreclosures and options for addressing problems regarding stabilizing vacant homes in Ypsilanti Township. Supervisor Stumbo, Clerk Lovejoy Roe and Treasurer Doe attended this meeting.
- The Clerk's office would like to encourage residents to apply to be an election inspector for elections in 2012. There are currently three known elections in 2012: February, August and November. You must be a registered voter and have some computer experience. Please contact the Clerk's office at 734.484.4700 or email klovejoyroe@ytown.org to get an application for the position of election inspector. Training is provided and no prior experience is necessary.
- Clerk Lovejoy Roe, Supervisor Stumbo and Treasurer Doe attended a meeting with IT Manager, Travis McDugald and Office of Community Standards Director Michael Radzik to discuss purchasing new phone service for the township and the options available for electronic communication using cell phone devices.
- Javonna Neel, Accounting Director presented options regarding collaborative future work and a report on current and past work on projects with other municipalities on Friday, December 2, 2011 to Clerk Lovejoy Roe and Supervisor Stumbo. Many projects and programs were discussed as a part of the requirement for continued state shared revenue. Ms. Neel will be reporting this information to the State to meet the deadline.
- Clerk Lovejoy Roe and Deputy Clerk Wrybkowski attended the Washtenaw County Clerk's meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at Pittsfield Township. Information was shared regarding the upcoming Presidential Primary scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012. This will be a closed primary requiring voters to identify their political party since there will be two separate ballots: Republican and Democrat. Voters will also have to declare that they are a U.S. Citizen on their voter application form.

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- Supervisor Stumbo and Clerk Lovejoy Roe met with the Willow Run Airport Manager and an engineer from Metro Airport on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 to discuss plans to invest in runway upgrades over the next three years. Engineering plans are currently underway with projected construction scheduled for 2012. There was a discussion on snow removal at Willow Run Airport.
 - Roy Townsend from the Washtenaw County Road Commission met with Supervisor Stumbo and Clerk Lovejoy Roe on Thursday, December 8, 2011 to discuss road issues in Ypsilanti Township. Mr. Townsend reported they were compiling a list of road needs in Ypsilanti Township that could possibly be utilized for the issuance of a new bonds. Several possible projects were discussed including paving Bemis Road from Hitchingham to Stony Creek; Merritt Rd. repairs from Stony Creek to Munger and possible solutions to improvements for Collegewood, an uncertified road. It was also reported that work was continuing on installation of a light at Rawsonville and Martz as a shared project with the Road Commission, Van Buren Township and Ypsilanti Township. The Golfside project plans were reported to be moving forward with repaving, some sidewalk improvements and mid-block crossings. The Golfside project was being funded through MDOT, Pittsfield and Ypsilanti Townships and the Washtenaw County Road Commission.
 - The Clerk explained that a lot of requests for maps were received in her office and since most people didn't really care about the precincts, a new black and white map would be printed to sell.
- E.** Treasurer Doe also gave the Treasurer Report. Mr. Doe thanked everyone for their support during this time at the passing of his brother and mother and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

F. Attorney Report

Attorney Winters said that the television program, 60 Minutes had a segment on Sunday night dealing with the same issues facing Ypsilanti Township for the last four years in regard to blight and foreclosed properties. Mr. Winters said a January meeting was scheduled with Congressman Dingell to seek federal assistance in this matter. He spoke at length concerning the challenge facing the Township in their efforts to stabilize affected neighborhoods.

Attorney Winters provided a brief summary on the deplorable condition of 254 Kansas.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk