

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2012 WORK SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo 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 Stan Eldridge, Jean Hall Currie, Mike Martin and Scott Martin

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

1. RIVER GAUGE – HURON RIVER DISCUSSION

Jeff Allen provided a brief explanation of the River Gauge. He explained USGS might have grant monies available for additional monitors in the Huron River and requested a verbal endorsement to do some further checking to see if it would be worth pursuing.

Discussion followed and it was mentioned that the Huron River Watershed might collaborate with us regarding the monitors.

2. PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Evan Pratt, Spicer Group provided a slideshow presentation of the “before and after” of the improvements done on the basketball courts at Appleridge, Ford Lake and West Willow Parks.

3. LIBERTY SQUARE DEMOLITION PROJECT UPDATE

Mike Radzik, OCS Director said they were moving forward to comply with the Washtenaw County Circuit Court order. He said Ron Fulton had reviewed the four bid proposals that were received and he was ready to make a recommendation to the Board in the near future. Mr. Radzik said the Township was continuing to meet with a representative from the State Attorney General’s office and the Michigan State Senate in an effort to lobby for funds for this project. He said a meeting with the chair of the committee in charge of fund distribution was scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

Supervisor Stumbo asked Mr. Radzik to share with the Board the type of information the State had asked for.

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Mr. Radzik said they had presented our Nuisance Abatement Policies & Procedures, which we already had in place to utilize funds. He felt it had made an impression and put us well above the curve set for their consideration.

Supervisor Stumbo and Mr. Radzik said these meetings with the state officials had been made possible by the efforts of Kirk Profit with GCSI.

4. REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo said Jeff Allen asked to add an item to the agenda under Other Business regarding the Community Center Roof Replacement.

She briefly reviewed the agenda:

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Some schools in the Willow Run District were not being maintained. Building Director, Ron Fulton was trying to set up a meeting with the school district to find out the long-term plans so they did not become blighted properties.

The Humane Society proposed doing a mailing with them, paying for printing costs with leftover grant dollars and the Township paying for postage, to provide information on spaying and neutering at no cost for pit bulls.

Mr. Radzik provided information on the Humane Society and their dealings with the growing feral cat issue. He felt they could address that issue with the same mailing.

The cost of postage was discussed and the Board agreed to cover postage costs for the mailing.

Arloa Kaiser described problems with feral cats in her neighborhood.

Supervisor Stumbo reported the Planning Commission public hearing regarding the proposed chicken ordinance would be rescheduled.

Supervisor Stumbo briefly reviewed other meetings attended by the three full-time officials and staff.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said her office staff was busy with the upcoming election.

She provided information on CDBG dollars.

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Re-Imaging was moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Amendment #5

Clerk Lovejoy Roe briefly reviewed the Amendments

2. Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan

Art Serafinski provided a brief explanation regarding the revision and answered questions.

3. Contract with Las Dos Fuentes

Attorney Winters explained the contract required them to keep their Class C license in Ypsilanti Township for three years.

AUTHORIZATIONS & BIDS

Request of Mike Radzik, OCS Director for authorization to solicit bids for the removal and/or demolition and disposal of remaining abandoned trailers and structures at 117 S. Harris & 2590 E. Michigan Avenue. Mr. Radzik provided an explanation regarding the Emergency Court Order, since it was a tax-foreclosed property. He said the mobile homes were being stripped and there was a danger of squatters moving in, thus requiring the Township to move forward quickly.

Discussion followed on the termination of water and electric service.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk