

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 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. DISCUSS LONG TERM AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT REGARDING TYLER DAM LOCATED NEAR WILLOW RUN AIRPORT

Mike Saranen, Hydro Operator provided a brief explanation of the need for a long-term solution for Tyler Dam. He asked for direction from the Board and said he would like to review the information and hire an engineering firm to see what options were available.

Trustee Scott Martin asked if there were guidelines in place for hiring an engineering firm. Mr. Saranen replied there was, but indicated he had not asked for any costs at this time.

Supervisor Stumbo said the Washtenaw County Road Commission had suggested abandoning the dam.

Jeff Allen, Residential Services Director said there had been difficulty getting the Road Commission to do repairs because of the deteriorating condition of the decking and concrete. He said his understanding of the original use of the pond was for fire safety for the airport, which was no longer needed. He said it was not a FERC regulated dam.

Treasurer Doe asked if the study would include whether or not the Township needed the dam.

Mr. Saranen briefly provided several different modifications but said he would ultimately like to see it declassified and transfer the property to the Road Commission.

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Trustee Scott Martin asked if this was something that needed to be done right away.

Mr. Saranen said there was no real time constraint but was something that needed to be done.

Mr. Allen explained they would like to have something to bring back to the next Board meeting.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe wondered if all the environmental clean-up funds had been used.

Attorney Winters said there was a detailed settlement from the 80's going into the 90's regarding this. He felt that agreement should be reviewed to determine if the dam and other ponds were part of that settlement.

Trustee Scott Martin asked if they were sure, the fire pump station was no longer used by the plant. Mr. Saranen said he had been told they had connected to YCUA but he would check on the status.

The Board agreed to move forward.

Supervisor Stumbo said there was a request from Powerhouse Gym for a Temporary Road Closure. The Board agreed to place the item under Other Business.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Doe reported that Friday, September 14, 2012 would be the last day to pay summer taxes without penalty.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Winters provided a brief update on the conditions at Meadowridge Apartments (f.k.a. Riley Court). He said there were 102 police calls so far in 2012 and they ranged from assault & battery, medical assists for drug overdose, shots fired, robbery and stolen vehicles. Attorney Winters said it brought to memory the Liberty Square complex, but this only involved 30 units averaging three police calls a week.

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated if the demolition at 117 S. Harris was completed by Citadel on Wednesday and they were able to get DTE to do the disconnect, they would move on to the Kingsley Mobile Home park by Friday. The worst-case scenario would be one more week waiting on the disconnects.

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Discussion took place concerning the fact that the Meadowridge Apartments bordered the mobile home parks and the trespassing issues occurring there.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Amendment #7

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained it was a pass through from the insurance to the Township for the golf course pump.

2. WCRC Third Agreement

Supervisor Stumbo and Trustee Scott Martin said there had been numerous calls with positive feedback regarding the road projects and the Township was expecting the list for 2013 road improvements soon. She also mentioned there were more requests for traffic calming devices than ever before.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident wanted to know how the WCRC selected which roads would be done and she voiced her opinion that certain projects should have waited to be done as the need arose and the roads that needed attention should be done first.

3. EMU Addendum to Ground Lease

Attorney Winters explained that the Township ordinances would be adhered to with this agreement. He said it would take approximately 5 years to make the improvements to the golf course due to the fact there were only certain times of the year in which they could do the work. He explained the upgrading with the Marriot brand.

Trustee Scott Martin voiced his concern that they might need to be reminded to follow the rules for that long period of time, so something else like the issue with the trees didn't happen again.

Discussion followed about recording the Addendum at the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds in an effort to ensure there was a permanent record of the requirements in the Addendum and Ground Lease forever.

4. Groundcover News

Joe Lawson explained Groundcover News had requested a Peddler's Permit but it did not meet the criteria of the Peddler's Ordinance. He said he was not making a recommendation either way, but was letting the Board know they could approve non-profit/charitable permits and could do so for a shorter period of time if they chose.

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Clerk Lovejoy Roe confirmed that she had contact with Greg Hoffman, who would be coming to the Board meeting and she understood the request was to sell newspapers on Washtenaw Avenue.

Mr. Lawson briefly explained how the vendors purchased and sold the papers.

Trustee Mike Martin said he had done some research and found this organization had started on the West Coast. He explained they printed a newspaper, usually politically driven that homeless and/or jobless people could purchase for a quarter each, then accept a dollar donation per paper and keep the profit. He said in theory, it sounded like a positive thing for anyone looking to become self-sufficient. He felt the fallback was that since this was their source of income, vendors could become aggressive. He wasn't saying he was against them but felt more information was needed before a decision could be reached.

Arloa Kaiser asked if this was similar to the beggars that stood on the corner and said she felt uncomfortable with the idea.

Greg Hoffman arrived and provided samples of the paper and explained the process, explaining the vendors underwent training. He said they had been in operation since 2010.

Supervisor Stumbo asked where they were proposing to have the vendors operate.

Mr. Hoffman said they were interested in the fast food chains on Washtenaw, not door-to-door or on the street, since their access would be dependent on public transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk