

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 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, Mike Martin and Scott Martin

Members Absent: Trustee Jean Hall Currie

Legal Counsel: Dennis McLain and Wm. Douglas Winters

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CELL TOWER LEASE

Joe Lawson gave a brief presentation on the acquisition of SBA for two of the Township's cell towers from T-Mobile. He said SBA had presented two proposals to the Township as part of the ownership change. Mr. Lawson asked the Board for direction. He gave a recommendation for the lease payments to remain the same.

Discussion followed on several scenarios that could take place.

Supervisor Stumbo suggested that Attorney Winters, Mr. Lawson and Mr. McDugald review the options and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Attorney Winters said he felt this was not the best offer.

Travis McDugald, IS Department said he really could not speculate on the projected future use of the cell towers and phones, except that the towers would be still be needed for a while, just maybe not as many of them.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda with additional discussion on the following items:

- **CLERK REPORT**

URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--The Washtenaw Urban County Executive Committee met on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Food Gatherers made a presentation on what is available for those with food needs in Washtenaw County. They are planning on an expansion, which will allow

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for a large increase in the distribution of food in our county. You can find sites for food distribution by going to www.foodgatherers.org. You will also find volunteer opportunities at this site and places for food drop off. The need is great and they provide food all year to those in need. The Washtenaw County Urban Executive Committee increased the allocation to Habitat for Humanity by \$105,000 for down payment assistance. This increase will provide down payment assistance for seven new homes located in Ypsilanti Township. This will bring the number of habitat homes to 52 in just three years, since 2012-2015. They have also provided weatherization help to 90 homes.

PUBLIC HEARING NEEDS ASSESSMENT ON WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY 2013-2018 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2013-2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM—4135

Washtenaw Avenue, Learning Resource Center, Room B, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. This public hearing will be held to solicit citizen input for the Washtenaw Urban County 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan and the 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan. The plan will outline specific objectives for housing and community development needs in the Urban County with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. The Annual Action Plan will identify specific projects and programs that the County intends to implement with these funds for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. The public comment period will begin on December 18, 2012 and end on January 17, 2013. If you would like to submit comments or request additional information, contact Brett Lenart at lenartb@ewashtenaw.org or 734.622.9006.

DOROTHY'S DAYCARE--Elected officials attended a meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 with staff and township attorney to discuss the issues raised by township residents at the Monday, November 26, 2012 Township Board meeting in regards to the expansion of Dorothy's Daycare located on Merritt Rd.

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION--On Wednesday, November 28, 2012, the elected officials met with the Washtenaw County Road Commission in regards to several road issues. The meeting included discussion regarding the suggestions for road bond projects for 2013. The road commission reported that a raised pedestrian road crossing would be installed on S. Ivanhoe to help with residents visiting the Tot Park safely and to assist in slowing traffic on S. Ivanhoe. This project will be designed by the road commission and brought to the township board for financing and approval. The road commission agreed that the speed humps on Parkwood and Crestwood would be rebuilt because they were not constructed properly. This would occur in 2013 due to the closure of the asphalt plants. It was agreed that the road commission would have bi-monthly meetings with the township in 2013 during the development team meetings on Thursday mornings. The bond road projects that were completed in 2012 were discussed. Martz Road resurfacing concerns were discussed and the road commission agreed to review the inspections that were conducted on this

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paving project. It was agreed that Collegewood and Senate paving projects would proceed in 2013. The road commission will design both of these projects and meetings with the residents would be conducted.

AATA REGIONAL TRANSIT—The elected officials met with Michael Ford, Director of AATA and other AATA staff on Thursday, November 29, 2012 to discuss the future of regional transportation in the urban corridor of Washtenaw County. All agreed to support efforts to participate in plans to expand bus service in the urban corridor of the county including the cities of Ann Arbor, Saline and Ypsilanti along with the townships of Pittsfield and Ypsilanti. Discussion included reaching out to Superior Township for support for the expansion of transportation in the urban areas. AATA agreed to work with the urban municipalities to facilitate discussion and support for a plan to expand transportation in the urban areas of Washtenaw County.

NEW TOWNSHIP WEBSITE DESIGN--On Monday, December 3, 2012 the Information Systems Director, Travis McDugald along with the Website Designer/Programmer, Rebecca Bush presented the conceptual plan for the township's new website to township elected officials and management staff. The website project is under way and will continue to be developed through the first quarter of 2013.

YCUA BOND PROPOSALS FOR 2013—YCUA staff along with bond attorney and financial advisor presented possible proposals for bonds for water and sewer projects for 2013 to the elected officials on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. It was agreed that more research was needed and another meeting would be scheduled in January, 2013 to continue the discussion.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEETING—Several planning issues including flag replacement at the cell tower located at 444 James L. Hart Parkway, Woodard's Junk Yard and the Planning Commission Agenda were included in a discussion with the elected officials, the attorney and staff on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

ELECTION PLANS—The Washtenaw County Clerk's office offered to pay for 50% of the costs for new memory cards. The Clerk's office is ordering 22 new memory cards for all Ypsilanti Township precincts and for three receiving boards. The new memory cards will improve the efficiency of elections by drastically reducing the need to replace the memory cards during an election.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL—The Clerk's office wishes all Ypsilanti Township residents and staff a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Our offices will be closed beginning on Saturday, December 22, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

- **ATTORNEY REPORT – GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE**

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Attorney Dennis McLain provided an overview of the issues regarding Dorothy's Discovery Daycare and what had occurred prior to the November 13, 2012 Planning Commission.

Mr. McLain said he and Joe Lawson would reinstate their practice of meeting prior to the Planning Commission meeting to review planning issues.

Trustee Scott Martin wanted to ensure that there were no personal agendas regarding our Planning Commissioners.

Attorney McLain stated that Mr. Lawson had planned for the Commissioners to attend an in-depth training session on how to deal with protocol and the public after the first of the year.

Mr. Lawson said the training would occur January 8, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Park Commission and if they should wish to attend, the Township Board as well. He gave a brief description of the items the training would cover.

Supervisor Stumbo said the three full-time officials had met with Commissioner Sally Ritchie and she agreed that additional training would be helpful.

Attorney Winters provided a general legal update. He referred to a graph that was provided by Michael Radzik, OCS Director showing the OIUL arrests.

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- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Budget Amendment #12**

(At this point the recording picked back up)

Supervisor Stumbo explained that the amendments were made within the General Fund.

2. **Resolution No. 2012-39 – Wage Resolution**

Supervisor Stumbo said Ronnie Peterson was a new person on the LDFA and Greg Peoples would no longer be on the YCUA Board.

3. **Resolution No. 2012-40**

Jeff Allen, Residential Services Director provided a brief overview of the Connecting Communities grant for which he would be applying.

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Clerk Lovejoy Roe requested a change for the Resolution to include Tuttlehill and Whittaker.

Supervisor Stumbo said she and Jeff had met with SEMCOG regarding non-motorized trails.

Mr. Allen said the program had many options. He said there was about five million dollars available statewide with a 20% match and the deadline for projects in 2013 would be this Friday, December 14, 2012.

Mr. Allen said he had talked to Roy Townsend and he was willing to sign a sponsorship agreement and had suggested other areas that could be incorporated.

Supervisor Stumbo requested to add under Other Business, a motion to authorize Jeff Allen to formally submit a grant through MDOT/SEMCOG to work with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for a non-motorized path on Grove Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk