

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 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, and Scott Martin

Members Absent: Trustees Jean Hall Currie and Mike Martin

Legal Counsel: Dennis McLain and Wm. Douglas Winters

A. REIMAGINE WASHTENAW PRESENTATION – NATHAN VOGHT

Supervisor Stumbo stated the presentation had been rescheduled for the February 25, 2013 Work Session.

B. RUTHERFORD POOL SUPPORT DISCUSSION

Supervisor Stumbo explained the fund raising group had experienced a \$40,000 shortfall and had requested an additional \$5,000 from Ypsilanti Township. She said the Township was trying to help raise more dollars by contacting businesses such as ITC and Waste Management in order to have the pool constructed in the 2013 season.

Trustee Scott Martin said Trustee Mike Martin asked him to voice his support for the donation. He indicated he also supported the donation.

Trustee Eldridge said he too, supported the donation and asked if other municipalities were been asked to donate.

The Board agreed to place the request under Other Business.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident said she supported the donation and suggested approaching the Boys & Girls Club, which was located close to the pool.

Supervisor Stumbo stated she would get an update on everyone that had contributed toward the pool renovation.

Trustee Eldridge asked if the donation would qualify as collaboration.

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C. OTHER DISCUSSION

Supervisor Stumbo said the vehicle checklist, which was requested by the Trustees was available on the left side of the packet.

Trustee Eldridge stated there were many cell towers with flags that were in various states of disrepair, the wrong size and missing flags. He wondered what steps could be taken to make sure the flags were taken care of in a timely manner.

Attorney Winters said he would get with Joe Lawson, Planning Director to compose a letter to the cell tower owners pertaining flag maintenance.

Trustee Eldridge requested that any cost pertaining to the renovation of the Michigan State Police post be brought to the Board for approval. Supervisor Stumbo assured him it would.

D. REVIEW AGENDA

The Board reviewed the following agenda items:

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo gave the following report:

- The Township received a 1.2 million grant for resurfacing the Grove Road Bike Path (from the City of Ypsilanti to Rawsonville Road) with a \$300,000 match.
- She had attended the Girl Scout Open House and reported they have an area that could be rented out to the public. On March 2, 2013 they would celebrate their 100 year anniversary with "A Bridge to the Future" affair.
- The three full time officials had two conference calls with Mark Perry, our new Economic Development Director and Luke Bonner from Ann Arbor Spark regarding the Re-Development Plan for the GM site.
- She had a meeting with Racer Trust regarding a tax appeal.
- Two conference calls were made to the Federal Agency of Economic Development regarding the availability of grant dollars for redevelopment of the GM site.

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- We had attended a meeting at the Racer/Charette to discuss future redevelopment. A follow up meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2013 with Mark Perry and Racer Trust.
- Attended the Oaklawn/Hawthorne Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- Attended an Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Chamber event last Friday with 300-400 people in attendance.
- Attended a Fire Service meeting with Chief Eric Copeland in which a phone call with the City Manager of Ypsilanti let us know the City is not interested in collaborating fire services at this time.
- Met with the Humane Society regarding feral cats and they had identified three areas where they were rampant and had given a plan to address the problem. She said they would have an update at the next meeting.

CLERK REPORT

- GM-Racer Trust-The Elected officials and Mark Perry, Economic Development Professional for Ypsilanti Township met with representatives from the RACER Trust, Washtenaw County, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Wayne County EDGE, MEDC, Willow Run Airport and several brokers and developers to plan for the future of the Willow Run General Motors property on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.
- Storage Room Clean Up-Work is underway for file organization and clean up in the Clerk's Storage Room for 2012 year end.
- New Mono Pad Presentation BOARD -Training was held for staff on the use of the new mono pad board for conference and board room presentations on Thursday, January 31, 2013. The training was conducted by Travis McDugald, IS Department Director.
- Passports-Clerk's staff continues to process passports daily. As travels plans are being made for 2013 the passport requests are increasing during this time of year.
- Office Of Recovery For Auto Communities And Workers-Supervisor Stumbo, Treasurer Doe and Clerk Lovejoy Roe met through a conference call with staff from the Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, a Federal Government Agency to discuss support and help with marketing the Willow Run GM Property on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Follow up meeting/calls are planned as Ypsilanti Township continues to seek help in marketing this property for job creation.

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- Economic Development Meeting-Supervisor Stumbo, Treasurer Doe, Clerk Lovejoy Roe, Attorney Doug Winters and Economic Development Professional Mark Perry met on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 to discuss plans for economic development in Ypsilanti Township.
- Washtenaw County Election Coordinating Meeting-Clerk Lovejoy Roe attended a meeting for coordinating elections in Washtenaw County at Pittsfield Township on Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Clerk Lovejoy Roe also announced there would be a celebration for the Ypsilanti Township, UAW Local 898 and Habitat Build to be held at 1115 Parkwood on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL FROM DEUTSCHE BANK IN THE SUM OF \$8,100.00 IN SETTLEMENT OF ANY LIABILITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1650 E. FOREST AVENUE

Attorney McLain provided background information on the property and explained Deutsche Bank had offered an \$8,100 settlement in this disputed claim, which should cover the majority of the demolition cost. He requested the Board to allow Township Counsel to proceed and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the settlement agreement. He further requested 1650 E. Forest be added to the demolition bid request later on the agenda. The Board agreed to add.

B. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winters provided an update on Lucas Coney Island, located at 2469 Washtenaw. He said Office of Community Standards had compiled a list of 69 calls for service at this location over the last 18-months, many of which occurred in the early morning hours between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Attorney Winters stated at a meeting with the owner and the person that leases the property, it was indicated that the Township would proceed with legal action unless they could reach a voluntary resolution of closing between the hours of Midnight and 5:00 a.m. He asked the Board to re-authorize legal action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to abate the public nuisance if they did not agree to the recommended closure.

Trustee Scott Martin asked if any DUI arrests had been made around the area of Lucas' during the early morning hours.

Mike Radzik said there had been several drunk driving and gun related arrests. He briefly reviewed scenarios that had tied up several police officers from four jurisdictions. He said the only viable solution was for the business to close between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

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Trustee Eldridge requested a list of the arrests made at this location.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE SIX (6) NEW VEHICLES THROUGH STATE OF MICHIGAN PURCHASING PLAN (MI DEAL) IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$145,000, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #595.595.000.985.000**

Supervisor Stumbo explained that the questions raised at the last meeting had been addressed in the memo included in the board packet.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #2**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained this item was expenditures for Paid Time Off and the Eastern Leaders Group donation for Economic Development.

Trustee Scott Martin questioned why Township officials did not have time banks. He did not feel the full-time officials were being compensated for what they deserved.

- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-2, GIRLS ON THE RUN ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST**

Supervisor Stumbo stated this was an annual road closure by Girls on the Run.

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3, YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY (YCUA) WASTEWATER SYSTEM BONDS (CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI – 3RD QUARTER SFR – RETENTION HEADER/SEPTAGE PROJECTS)**

Trustee Scott Martin said this was a great opportunity for the citizens of Ypsilanti Township to get a low interest loan and the work needed to be done. He commended the Board for their hard work in getting this accomplished.

Jeff Castro, YCUA Director provided a brief overview of the improvements that would be made with the bond funds

- 4. REQUEST OF JOE LAWSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR TO APPROVE LAKEWOOD FARMS SOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Manny Kianicky, Vice President of S. R. Jacobson Companies said 72 lots were ready to build. He provided a brief overview of progress that had already been made since they had started the project again after being dormant since 2006.

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He also outlined their intentions were for the completion of the project. He said Allen Edwin Homes, based in Grand Rapids was the builder for the project. Supervisor Stumbo asked if the Street lighting District paperwork had been submitted and she explained the importance of doing that right away. She asked him to come back to the Board with a presentation.

Attorney Winters provided a brief history of the development and explained approval was contingent upon a few minor changes to the development agreement

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk