

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2013 WORK SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 5:00 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 and Scott Martin

**Members Absent:** Trustee Mike Martin

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. BASKETBALL HOOP ORDINANCE DISCUSSION – ATTORNEY ANGELA KING**

Angela King, Township Attorney explained the proposed ordinance, which would prohibit basketball hoops from being located in the public right-of-way or on a public sidewalk. She further explained the public right-of way was defined to include lawn extensions and the driveway apron. Attorney King stated a violation of the ordinance would be a civil infraction and the basketball hoop could be confiscated.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the ordinance was requested by Lt. Jim Anuskiewicz, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to help with enforcement.

Mike Radzik, OCS Director said he and Attorney King had discussed implementation and she recommended the development of an administrative policy. He stated the policy would include a fee structure for cost recovery if the property owner wished to get their property back, how long the property would be held and how unclaimed property would be disposed.

**2. DISCUSSION WITH TOM COLIS, YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP BONDING ATTORNEY ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-7, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF 2013 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BONDS, SERIES 2005A AND SERIES 2006**
- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-8, APPROVING REFUNDING CONTRACT OF YCUA WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM NO. 4 BONDS**

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**C. CONTRACT BETWEEN YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY (YCUA) AND YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING  
REFUNDING OF YCUA WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM NO. 4 BONDS  
(CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI)**

Tom Colis, Ypsilanti Township Bonding Attorney clarified Item A was regarding Township bonds. He provided a brief summary of the original bonds and said the bonds were good candidates for refunding, which required Board approval by resolution. Mr. Colis explained the resolution would authorize up to \$3.5 million and the existing debt of \$3,215,000 would be paid off. He stated if rates remained the same, Paul Stauder projected a savings of \$458,000, which equaled an 11% savings. Mr. Colis explained the resolution put the Township in the position to take advantage of the market and it did not require issuance of the bonds.

Treasurer Doe asked if the smaller bond could be paid off later even though it had been included in the refinancing.

Mr. Colis explained the new bonds could not be refunded for 10 years but the smaller bond could be removed before the bond sale.

Mr. Colis stated Items B & C were the same thing and were related to YCUA water main improvements in the Township. He said the resolution approved the refunding contract between Ypsilanti Township and YCUA. He further said refunding the YCUA Water Supply System No. 4 Bonds would generate an estimated 8% savings

Mr. Colis explained Item D provided a brief explanation of the YCUA request. He said approval would authorize YCUA to use Township Division of Reserve for Construction Funds for water main improvements in Ypsilanti Township.

**3. REVIEW AGENDA**

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

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

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

**March 26, 2013**

- Karen Roe & I attended Urban County Executive Meeting
- Attended Ann Arbor SPARK Public Sector Committee meeting

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- 3/27/13 - 3 Full-time Officials, Jeff Allen and Carl Girbach met with Washtenaw County Road Commission
- Larry Doe and I met regarding possible pipelines – installation from Ohio to the MichCon facility on E. Michigan Avenue
- Larry & I attended YCUA Board meeting

**March 28, 2013**

- Met with Karen Wallin regarding Human Resource issues
- 3 Full-time Officials Mike Radzik, Charlie Pope and Mark Nelson met regarding the WCSD substation and safety needs for our court
- Karen Roe and I attended Urban Core Transit Meeting

**March 29, 2013**

- Township Offices Closed – Good Friday

**April 1, 2013**

- Larry Doe, Mike Radzik and I met with Catherine McClary regarding purchasing homes for public purpose. She was supportive of this request.
- Attended weekly police meeting
- Larry Doe and I met with John Hancock on HR issues

**April 2, 2013**

- Mike Radzik and I met with Derrick Jackson regarding police millage

**April 3, 2013**

- Joe Lawson and I attended WATS technical meeting
- Mike Radzik and I attended Police Services Steering Committee meeting

**April 4, 2013**

- Larry Doe and I met with Luke Bonner of Ann Arbor SPARK regarding potential investors in GM plant
- Larry Doe, Mike Radzik, Ron Fulton, Joe Lawson, Doug Winters and I met with Mark Perry regarding YAM development plan review
- Larry Doe and I met with the City of Ypsilanti – Collaboration Committee meeting. We discussed our past collaboration and identified street sweeping, possible bid of joint garbage and rubbish and Compost Site as future discussion items.
  
- Attended Congressman Dingell's District meeting at UAW, it was very well attended

**April 8, 2013**

- Attended meeting regarding new website logo review
- Attended weekly police meeting

**Other Updates**

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- Mailer was sent to approximately 350 homes notifying them of the public meeting for the West Michigan Avenue project. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at New Testament Baptist Church, 1230 W. Michigan Avenue.
- Continuing to work with legal counsel on proposed ordinance for basketball hoops in the street.
- MAP began picking up trash in our community. They were working 2 days per week and since April 1<sup>st</sup>, they increased their days/hours to 4 days per week. We are responding to resident call- ins and a list we compiled. We may need to increase the amount allocated.
- Yard waste and brush pick up began the week of April 1, 2013.
- We are continuing to hire seasonal employees
- We are collaborating with the Humane Society on the Trap/Neuter/Return training.
- Proposed conversion of Oak Ridge Apartments on Holmes Road to Veterans Housing.

**CLERK REPORT**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe briefly reviewed her report that was included in the packet:

- **Unity Vibrations Tour**-On Wednesday, March 20, 2014 Clerk Lovejoy Roe along with Supervisor Stumbo and Treasurer Doe toured Unity Vibrations. Unity Vibrations is a growing business and is looking at expanding at the current location on Ecorse Road. The tour resulted in support from the township to help Unity Vibrations expansion into the local market.
- **Meals on Wheels**-Annual Fundraiser was held at the Ypsilanti Marriott on Thursday, March 21, 2013 and was well attended and was a great success. Supervisor Stumbo, Treasurer Doe and Clerk Lovejoy Roe all helped with the event. Many staff also attended and supported this great community organization providing meals to our seniors on a daily basis.
- **Urban County Executive Committee**-A meeting was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 and was attended by Clerk Lovejoy Roe and Supervisor Stumbo. Discussion was held regarding the annual funding plan. It was recommended that meetings be held with Ypsilanti Township development team regarding two proposed funding recipients of HOME funds for the proposed 2013-14 funding cycle. The two organizations are Community Alliance and Oakridge Apartments. Both organizations are seeking funding

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from the HOME funds for two projects in Ypsilanti Township. Meetings with the organizations are currently being planned. A decision was made regarding the funding allocations for HOME and CDBG funds and it was decided to keep the allocation model the same for the 2013-14 funding cycle as in the past years. It was also agreed to set aside a part of each municipality's allocation for this funding cycle to contribute to a large project that the participating communities will agree upon.

- **Reading Project at Bishop Elementary (Lincoln Consolidated Schools)-** Clerk Lovejoy Roe participated in reading to students and parents on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.
- **Washtenaw County Clerk's Meeting-**Clerk Lovejoy Roe, Angela Robinson and Maria Batianis, Election Specialists in the Clerk's office attended the Washtenaw County Clerk's Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Scio Township. Updates on elections for 2013 were discussed. A presentation was made by two groups working to increase organ donations in the State of Michigan. Michigan is one of the lowest donor states in the United States and because of the low numbers of residents donating organs and signing up to be a donor in Michigan many Michigan residents die while waiting for an organ. The Secretary of State and the Washtenaw County Clerk have programs promoting organ donation and have asked for help in promoting organ donation and signing up donors. Clerk Lovejoy Roe is working to have information located on the Ypsilanti Township website and to have information available in Ypsilanti Township for this very important program. Information will be coming to the township board regarding becoming a donor and ways to promote the donor program throughout Ypsilanti Township.
- **Washtenaw County Road Commission Annual Meeting-**The annual meeting with Ypsilanti Township and representatives from the Washtenaw Road Commission was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at the Township Civic Center. Supervisor Stumbo, Treasurer Doe, Clerk Lovejoy Roe, and Ypsilanti Township staff, Jeff Allen and Carl Girbach attended the annual meeting. Many plans were discussed regarding roads in Ypsilanti Township.
- **14-B District Court-**Supervisor Stumbo, Clerk Lovejoy Roe and Treasurer Doe met with Judge Pope and Magistrate Nelson to discuss revenue and expenditures for 2013 related to the approved budget. It was reported that currently the 14-B Court budget is on track for the first quarter of 2013.
- **AATA Urban Core Transit Meeting-**Clerk Lovejoy Roe and Supervisor Stumbo attended a meeting of the AATA Urban Core Transit group on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Pittsfield Township. The meeting was well attended by members of the public. The municipalities that met to discuss the future of AATA transit in the Urban Core communities of Washtenaw County were the Cities of Ann Arbor and Saline, the Townships of Pittsfield and Ypsilanti. The next meeting of the AATA URBAN CORE is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. The location is to be determined.

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- **2012 Audit**-The Charter Township of Ypsilanti 2012 Audit is currently underway with the auditors working at the township with Javonna Neel, Accounting Director and township staff.

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Eldridge said he hoped to have a draft of the Community Camera Policy ready for the April 22, 2013 meeting.

Trustee Eldridge expressed his concern about the roadway at Merritt and Whittaker due to the occurrence of another fatality. He suggested asking Trustee Scott Martin to meet with the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners to see if changes could be made to make the roadway safer.

Supervisor Stumbo said the full-time officials had discussed the concerns with Road Commission staff. She stated the Road Commission had proposed a roundabout there in 2016.

Trustee Scott Martin said he would be happy to meet with the Commissioners.

Trustee Eldridge thanked Tom Perkins, AnnArbor.com Reporter for the positive coverage on the Wood Creek apartment complex and Liberty Square.

Trustee Eldridge asked for an update on the OUIL enforcement and Lucas Coney Island.

Supervisor Stumbo said she had attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting and there had been no issues since the new hours had taken effect. She reported the police made regular checks but residents said they were concerned about what might transpire in the summer.

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated the OUIL enforcement had positive results but there was still work to be done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1301 SHIRLEY AND 716 WOOD CREEK COURT**

Mike Radzik, OCS Director gave a brief overview of the deplorable condition of the property located at 1301 Shirley, which was brought to the Township's attention at a Neighborhood Watch meeting. He said all attempts to resolve the nuisance issue had failed.

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Mr. Radzik reported the Wood Creek Apartments had been boarded up since the fire in July 2012. He said the property owner had received a substantial sum of money from the insurance company but no permits had been issued for repairs or demolition.

Attorney Winters stated Habitat for Humanity had been involved in the renovation of 22 homes in the Gault Village area. He further stated that HUD had a similar program where HUD made homes that revert to them available on the "right of first refusal" to certain non-profits and Townships. Attorney Winters said the Township could have a contract relationship with Habitat that would allow those homes to come to the Township and pass back to Habitat. He suggested the Board authorize his office to proceed with research and investigate with HUD and Habitat the process and procedure for Ypsilanti Township exercising its "Right to First Refusal" on HUD vacant homes. The Board agreed to add this item under Other Business.

Mr. Winters said that the Township had been extremely patient with the Wood Creek Apartment issue and Ron Fulton, Building Director had advised both the property owners and the insurance adjuster of the requirements.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Supervisor Stumbo requested to add Authorization to Fill Vacant Position Shared by the OCS Department and Treasurer's Office to the agenda under Other Business. The Board agreed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. DISCUSS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH DEFENDANT DUETSCHKE BANK IN CASE NO. 12-629-CZ IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**
- B. UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT – CASE NO 12-42718-T-JT REGARDING DAVID JAMES KIRCHER**

**A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiated Settlement with defendant Duetsche Bank in Case No. 12-629-CZ In Washtenaw County Circuit Court and United States Bankruptcy Court – Case No 12-42718-TJT regarding David James Kircher**

<b>Eldridge:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>S. Martin:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Currie:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Stumbo:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Roe:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Doe:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>M. Martin:</b>	<b>Absent</b>		

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The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 5:58 p.m. and returned to the Work Session at approximately 6:19 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk