

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2014 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order 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, Mike Martin and Scott Martin

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

SNOW REMOVAL DISCUSSION TRUSTEE ELDRIDGE

Trustee Eldridge said he was approached by several residents regarding a snow removal ordinance. He provided a copy of the City of Ypsilanti and the City of Ann Arbor's information about their snow removal ordinance. Trustee Eldridge said he wanted the Board to review the information for discussion at a later Work Session.

The Board agreed to assemble a committee to review a possible snow removal ordinance.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident voiced her opposition to a snow removal ordinance.

Treasurer Doe said he felt there was a need for such an ordinance and also a snow emergency ordinance so vehicles would be required to be off the streets for snow plowing.

Supervisor Stumbo stated feedback from the Neighborhood Watch meetings, information the committees and resident's concerns would be considered before a recommendation was brought back to the Board..

Trustees Eldridge, Scott Martin and Hall Currie agreed to form a committee to review a snow removal ordinance for Ypsilanti Township.

REVIEW AGENDA SUPERVISOR STUMBO

Supervisor Stumbo review the agenda with additional discussion on the follow agenda items:

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PUBLIC HEARING

A. 7:00 P.M. – PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN (PUBLIC HEARING SET AT THE DECEMBER 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING)

Art Serafinski, Recreation Director provided a brief summary of the process of collecting the information to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He said a brief presentation would be given at the Board Meeting.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe suggested prioritizing revenue-generating items. She also suggested including more winter related sports, such as outdoor ice skating and skiing.

Supervisor Stumbo stated there were a few administrative changes needed that she would provide to Mr. Serafinski.

Discussion followed on the trend for development of adult playgrounds. Clerk Lovejoy Roe suggested an adult playground be included in the Master Plan.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo said the full-time officials, the Development Team and the Board had discussed the increase in rental properties since 2007 and the possibility of addressing the issue in the Master Plan update. She asked the Board to authorize legal counsel to research ways to address the surge in rental properties, due to foreclosures, in our community. The Board agreed to add this item to the agenda.

Attorney Winters stated the joint effort of the full-time officials and Township staff had been successful regarding blight enforcement. He said the result possible ordinances that addressed several issues regarding blight and neighborhood stabilization.

Mike Radzik, OCS Director briefly reviewed the rental certification program statistics, which began in 2007. He said rental properties in single-family neighborhoods had grown 140% over the last five years.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the neighborhood rental properties had turned into a zoning issue and voiced her support to authorize the attorney to look at options regarding specific zoning and assessing for rentals in single-family residential districts. She said that Habitat for Humanity had been very helpful in aiding the Township's efforts to stabilize neighborhoods.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated her report was in the board packet and would be included in the board meeting minutes.

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OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2ND READING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-35, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2013-433, FIRE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR RENTAL HOMES (FIRST READING HELD AT THE NOVEMBER 25,, 2013 REGULAR MEETING)**

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated the ordinance would require rental owners to provide proof of insurance at the time of inspection and require owners to provide proof of insurance on demand.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. REQUEST OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR A \$50,000 CONTRIBUTION, WITH \$30,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 1287 HUNTER AND \$20,000 TOWARD THE REMEDIATION OF MOLD AND OTHER MAJOR BLIGHT ISSUES AT 1045 PARKWOOD, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.950.000.969.010**

Supervisor Stumbo stated these items were budgeted in the 2014 budget.

- 2. REQUEST TO APPOINT LAURENCE KRIEG TO THE ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION BOARD (AAATA)**

Supervisor Stumbo stated Mr. Krieg presently served on the Township Planning Commission. She further stated he had a strong interest in public transportation and had attended the AATA meetings on his own for many years.

Laurence Krieg, Township Resident gave a brief personal history and shared his passion for public transportation.

- 3. REQUEST TO APPROVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (AAATA) AND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI**

Attorney Winters provided a brief synopsis of the changes made to the original agreement. He said that contract would ensure any new routes would be agreed upon by both the Township and the Authority. Attorney Winters said if the millage was approved, there would be no confusion regarding the revenue stream..

OTHER BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

- 1. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR TO AWARD THE LOW BID TO MOLNAR ROOFING FOR THE CIVIC CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,000, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.970.000.971.008 AND IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL INSULATION IS NEEDED, AUTHORIZE THE FULL-TIME OFFICIALS TO APPROVE**

Jeff Allen, RSD Director provided a brief summary of the bids received and explained the reason there may be a need for additional insulation.

The Board agreed to approve \$189,000 and to call a special meeting if necessary.

- 2. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK QUOTES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HARDWARE AND WICKET GATES FOR RUNNER #2 AT THE HYDRO STATION IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$100,000**

Michael Saranen, Hydro Dam Operator provided a brief overview of the needed repairs.

OTHER DISCUSSION BOARD MEMBERS

There was a brief discussion regarding the Tyler Dam.

Supervisor Stumbo stated VanBuren Township had concerns regarding the removal of the dam. She said she met with Kevin Lund, from DEQ, who worked with the RACER Trust and the revitalization of the GM property and he was going to meet with Van Buren Township to review the Stantec report with them.

Jeff Allen, RSD Director said the Washtenaw County Road Commission should also be contacted regarding the road over the dam.

Trustee Scott Martin asked if we had discovered who actually owned the dam and discussion followed leading to the conclusion that the Township is the owner.

Mr. Saranen said he continued to work with Jeff Allen to establish short-term and long-term goals for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk