

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion was made by Trustee Stan Eldridge, supported by Treasurer Doe to go into Executive Session to discuss Tentative Agreement between Township Firefighters, Local 1830 and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**

**The motion carried as follows:**

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| <b>Eldridge:</b>    | <b>Yes</b> | <b>S. Martin:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Hall Currie:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Stumbo:</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Lovejoy Roe:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Doe:</b>       | <b>Yes</b> | <b>M. Martin:</b>   | <b>Yes</b> |                |            |

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 5:03 p.m. and returned to the Work Session at approximately 5:56 p.m.

**REVIEW AGENDA**

Supervisor Stumbo briefly reviewed the board meeting agenda with additional comments on the follow agenda items:

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-13, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2014-436, PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY SCHOOL TRUANCY (FIRST READING HELD AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR MEETING)**

Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief history that led to the formation of the proposed Truancy Ordinance. She explained that the School Districts had asked the Township for

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help. State Representative Rutledge and others had asked for this item to be tabled in order to give the community time for input. Supervisor Stumbo stated she was willing to table the item out of respect to those who had requested it to be tabled, especially State Representative Dave Rutledge.

Trustee Eldridge stated he was only willing to table the item for thirty days and was greatly offended that the people that had asked the Township for help had not informed their constituents and now blamed the Township.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe agreed to a thirty day tabling of the issue.

Trustee Scott Martin stated he respected the request but had a hard time agreeing with it. He felt the School Board should be present now, at this Work Session, in order to voice their concerns. He felt they had no idea how troublesome the truancy issue was.

Mr. Martin then provided a personal account, directly involving truancy, a break-in that had occurred at his home last week by two students that were skipping first hour at Ypsilanti High School. Trustee Martin expressed grave concerns that those students had taken the loaded guns, stolen from his home into the school later that morning.

Supervisor Stumbo stated if the item was tabled for a period of ninety days it could still be in effect by September for the beginning of the school year.

Treasurer Doe supported tabling the item for thirty days.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the intent of the proposed Ordinance was merely to eliminate truancy in school, not to arrest the parents, which was only a last resort. She said school officials had specifically asked the Township for help in providing leverage to better enforce the existing Ordinance. Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained truancy was most prevalent in the first, second and third grades, which provided the very foundation for learning and if missed, presented serious academic challenges.

**2. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2014-437, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT PARKING (FIRST READING HELD AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR MEETING)**

Supervisor Stumbo briefly explained this ordinance would affect anyone parked in a business establishment lot that was not actually conducting business.

**3. REQUEST OF JAMES V. DIRKES TO APPROVE A PRIVATE ROAD VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5389 BON TERRE (PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT THE APRIL 1, 2014 REGULAR MEETING AND TABLED AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR MEETING)**

Supervisor Stumbo explained this item had been tabled at the last meeting. She reported Joe Lawson, Planning Director had provided a history at that meeting as well.

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Mr. Lawson reported he had visited the site this afternoon and had found some areas of the road were only sixteen feet wide. He said, if the Board chose to approve the variance, his minimum recommendation would be that the road be brought to the twenty-two foot width approved by the 1986 Ordinance. He added the surface of the road appeared to have a lot of asphalt millings, not permitted by our ordinance, which would need to be replaced with a proper gravel base.

Mr. Lawson also provided a review of other Private Roads in the Township.

Jim Dirkes, property owner on Bon Terre provided highlights from his letter, which was included in the packet, stating the situation on Deer Creek was not the same as Bon Terre and didn't feel it was appropriate to enforce retroactive rules.

Eric Copeland, Fire Chief briefly reported his findings regarding the road conditions, the inability of the fire engine to turn around and difficulty of providing fire protection for any of the homes on Bon Terre. He stated there was a large dip at 5538 Bon Terre and when a car turned onto Bon Terre, coming toward the fire engine, there was not enough room for them to pass. He recommended the installation of automatic, fire-suppression sprinkler systems in the homes or the addition of water and sewer in order to provide adequate water supply in the case of a fire.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe discussed recommendations with Chief Copeland regarding fire protection. She asked for clarification on how a fire would be handled under the current situation.

Mr. Dirkes agreed with the Fire Chief that there was a risk to the property owners regarding fire protection, which they had accepted. He felt the surface of the road was merely in need of the spring maintenance, to bring to it up to par, which had been agreed upon per the road maintenance agreement signed by the residents of Bon Terre.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #6**

No Discussion

**2. REQUEST TO APPROVE DTE AGREEMENT FOR OVERHEAD REMOVAL & RELOCATION OF POLES ON GROVE ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,364.72, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.956.000.926.050 AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT**

No Discussion

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- 3. REQUEST TO APPROVE DTE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF 38 NEW UNDERGROUND AND 17 NEW OVERHEAD 135 WATT LED COBRA LIGHTS ON GROVE AND BRIDGE ROADS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,601.41, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.956.000.926.050 AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief description of the project.

- 4. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OHM FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR VETERANS DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,800 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.970.000.976.007 AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT**

Matt Parks, OHM Engineer introduced Jessica Howard, who would be staying for the Board Meeting. He and Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief overview of the project. He explained the proposal, included in the packet, would authorize OHM to do the design, survey, soil borings and put together the plans for the bidding process.

Discussion followed on the placement of the bus stop area.

- 5. REQUEST TO APPROVE ASSIGNING TEMPORARY, ADDITIONAL DUTIES TO TRUSTEE ELDRIDGE TO GREEN OAKS GOLF COURSE FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS WITH A STIPEND OF \$20.00 AN HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 40 HOURS IN SEVEN DAY, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #584.584.000.702.002**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the sudden retirement of the Golf-Pro, Leon Jackson had caused a void that needed to be addressed.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained Nancy Wrybykowski, Deputy Clerk had been helping the Golf Course out a lot since she was also the secretary for the Green's Commission. She stated this action would free her. She thanked Nancy for the tremendous help she had provided.

- 6. REQUEST TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY L-4029, 2014 TAX RATE REQUEST AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING**

Supervisor Stumbo explained this was the Tax Rate, which was the same as last year, and it had to be adopted by the Board to begin work on the preliminary budgets.

- 7. REQUEST TO APPROVE 2014 YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,843.62, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212.212.000.818.006 AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Stumbo explained this agreement was for the street sweeping and dust control for unpaved roads.

**8. REQUEST OF KAREN WALLIN, HR DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE  
FIREFIGHTER LOCAL 3451, 2014-2017 BARGAINING UNIT AGREEMENT  
CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION BY UNION BODY**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Board was grateful for the good negotiations that had been conducted by the teams.

**9. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE CONTRACTS  
WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE  
COLLABORATIVE SHARING OF SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES FOR  
SUMMER MONTHS WITH LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS AND  
YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,280.70,  
BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #266.301.000.831.008 AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING  
OF THE CONTRACTS**

Supervisor Stumbo explained this allowed additional deputies out on the street during the summer months.

**10. REQUEST OF YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP GREENS COMMISSION TO APPROVE  
RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT ANNUAL TRAIL FEE OF \$250.00 FOR  
PRIVATELY OWNED GOLF CARTS STORED AT THE COURSE**

Treasurer Doe added the \$250.00 fee was for Residents and the fee was \$350.00 for Non-Residents.

Trustee M. Martin asked if the owners provided their own insurance and received an affirmative answer.

Trustee Eldridge asked if fuel was provided at that cost.

Treasurer Doe explained no fuel was provided, the cost covered storage and use of the carts on the premises. He explained that the cost would probably be raised next year and separated into a trail fee and storage fee.

**11. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP'S  
PORTION OF THE TEXTILE ROAD NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$90,528.072, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212.940.000.997.000**

Jeff Allen, RSD Director stated this would address the section of Grove Road that had been awarded funds for 2012 and 2013. He stated the bid opening had already taken place and was on the next Road Commission agenda for approval.

**12. REQUEST OF JOE LAWSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR TO APPROVE ADOPTION  
OF THE 2014 MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Supervisor Stumbo stated Joe Lawson, Planning Director would provide a brief presentation on the Update in the Board Meeting.

**13. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL ACTION  
IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE  
FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1236 RIDGE ROAD AND 2490/2494 E.  
MICHIGAN AVENUE, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.950.000.801.023**

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated that he was notified this morning that Habitat for Humanity was in the process of acquiring the property at 1240 Rambling Road. He said the details for the transfer would be worked out in the next few days.

Mr. Radzik reported the property at 2492 E. Michigan Avenue, known as E. Michigan Auto Parts was in the process of finalizing a legal and proper sewer connection under the supervision of the Building Department, YCUA and MDOT, including proper permits after litigation was filed.

Mr. Radzik provided a brief description of the property at 1236 Ridge Road which was seriously deteriorating and explained the request for legal action was on an "if necessary" basis.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS**

- 1. REQUEST OF CARL ROWSEY, COMPOST SITE COORDINATOR TO  
PURCHASE 2014 TG 5000 TUB GRINDER FOR \$498,000, LESS THE TRADE-IN  
OF \$165,000 FOR THE 2005 HORIZONTAL HG 6000 GRINDER AND A \$10,000  
IN-STORE CREDIT FOR WEARABLE ITEMS, BUDGETED IN  
590.590.000.977.000**

Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief description on the demonstration she and Clerk Lovejoy Roe witnessed as to the ability of the proposed new Grinder and how it would combine two processes, saving much time and producing twice the product for sale. She stated the funds would be coming out of the Fund Balance of the Compost Site.

- 2. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR TO AUTHORIZE TRAVIS  
MCDUGALD, IS MANAGER TO RECYCLE AND DISPOSE OF USED  
HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT ON AN ONGOING BASIS THROUGHOUT THE  
YEAR**

Mike Radzik, OCS Director explained the Board was usually approached on an annual or as needed basis to dispose of used equipment, but Travis would like to use this method to more efficiently manage the storage area.

Supervisor Stumbo stated they were also working with the educational youth group associated with the Eastern Michigan University School of Business called "The B-side of Youth" that accepted used electronics that were then rebuilt and sold.

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Discussion followed on amending the request to allow a public auction for any equipment of value with Board notification. It was agreed to add this amendment to the request.

- 3. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE FROM D&B FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY IN THE CIVIC CENTER DATA ROOM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,456, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.266.000.977.000 (REQUEST TO SEEK PROPOSALS APPROVED AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR MEETING)**

No Discussion

- 4. REQUEST OF RON FULTON, BUILDING DIRECTOR TO AWARD THE LOW BID FOR INTERIOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION RELATED TO THE POLICE FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 1501 S. HURON STREET TO A&R TOTAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,730.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.970.000.975.266 (REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS APPROVED AT THE APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR MEETING)**

Supervisor Stumbo and Trustee Scott Martin had met with the engineers from Honeywell and the low qualified bidders had been identified.

Trustee Scott Martin thanked Jeff Allen and the representative from Honeywell for a job well done.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk