

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 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 Doe, Trustees Stan Eldridge, and Mike Martin

Members Absent: Trustees Jean Hall Currie and Scott Martin

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

NEW FIREFIGHTER INTRODUCTION

Chief Copeland introduced three newly hired firefighters: Peter White, Stephen Jones and Nicholas Dunleavy. Chief Copeland explained all were Firefighter I & II, Certified State of Michigan, Emergency Medical Technicians. Peter was an Emergency Medical Technician Specialist and Nicholas was studying to be an Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic.

2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET DISCUSSION

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the draft budget and provided an overview of the changes in each department.

CLARK EAST TOWERS MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

Item removed from agenda. No action was taken by the Board.

REVIEW AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. 7:00 P.M. – Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from General Dynamics to MDA Information Systems, LLC, located at 1200 Joe Hall Drive in Ypsilanti Township – (Public Hearing set at the August 19, 2014 Regular Meeting)

Supervisor Stumbo explained this was just the public hearing and the Board would take no action this evening. The resolution and agreement regarding this item would be brought to the next Board Meeting.

Attorney Winters explained MDA Information Systems, LLC would substitute in for General Dynamics IFT and retain all current jobs. He stated MDA was a Canadian based company and had obtained clearance and the security contract needed to move the purchase and transfer of the IFT forward.

2. Peddler Permit Appeal Hearing – 7:15 P.M. – Appeal Hearing requested by Jimmy Mack regarding his Peddler Permit denial (Hearing set a September 16, 2014 Regular Meeting)

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained his letter of appeal was included in the packet.

Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief explanation regarding the type of vehicle Mr. Mack planned to use that was referred to in the Peddler's Permit for which Mr. Mack had applied. She stated he planned to purchase items such as candy and pop and resell them from his vehicle and she had an issue with that method and because she envisioned our streets being filled with people trying to sell things out of the back of a truck.

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated the permit was denied solely based on the applicant's criminal record, obtained through the Michigan State Police Records Division. Mr. Radzik explained Mr. Mack proposed operating a mobile vending business. Mr. Radzik stated this was the first time, to his knowledge, that a Peddler's Permit had ever been denied. Mr. Mack had the right to appeal to the Board of Trustees and the Board's determination in this matter would be final. Mr. Radzik suggested following the similar due process as for a liquor license.

Discussion followed on previous permits that had been issued to someone with a criminal record after consideration on how many convictions, the nature of the offense and how long ago it had occurred, which all led to a conclusion regarding the applicant's moral character. More discussion followed on the proper way to handle this Appeal Hearing.

Consent Agenda

No discussion

Attorney Report

Attorney Winters provided a brief review of current issues regarding neighborhood stabilization. Mr. Winters applauded the Washtenaw CAT Team and the Township's Office of Community Standards efforts regarding removal of drug houses from our neighborhoods.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe applauded the efforts of our residents to bring those properties to the attention of the proper authorities and stated efforts were being made to make it easier for landlords to evict renters involved in drugs. She stated it was her understanding, whenever narcotic violations were reported on clients receiving Section 8 vouchers from HUD, which was reason to have funds cut off.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Amendment #12

Clerk Lovejoy Roe read the amendment into the record.

Supervisor Stumbo acknowledged Carl Rowsey in the audience and asked him to present his request, which was the first agenda item under Authorizations and Bids

2. Request of Carl Rowsey, Compost Site Coordinator to accept low quote from My Way Trucking for purchase of 2000 Western Star, 475 CAT Semi and a 2002 Thruway Roadmaster Dump Trailer in the amount of \$80,000, budgeted in line item #590.590.000.977.000

Carl Rowsey, Compost Site Coordinator provided an overview of his request for equipment to be used at the Compost Site, which continued to grow.

Trustee Mike Martin asked if the first picture, provided in the packet, was for comparison and Mr. Rowsey explained the picture was a 2010 Kenworth, a newer model than he was requesting.

Discussion followed on mechanical specifications and how well maintained the equipment was.

3. Request of Habitat for Humanity to erect pavilion at West Willow Community Resource Center located at 1057 Tyler Road with Grant Funds of \$15,000 received from Lowe's

Supervisor Stumbo stated Joe Lawson, Planning Director and Ron Fulton, Building Director had worked with Habitat and had signed off on this project. She listed some of the meetings and use for which the pavilion would provide needed coverage.

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4. Request to approve purchase of Service Contract Amendment 1 between Charter Township of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA)

Supervisor Stumbo explained this was a reimbursement of dollars from AAATA to be used for Veteran's Drive next year.

5. Request of Nexus Gas Transmission to conduct survey activities on identified Ypsilanti Township owned parcels and to authorize signing of the survey authorizations

Supervisor Stumbo explained a meeting had been held with DTE and Nexus regarding a natural gas pipeline that ran from Ohio, through parts of Ypsilanti Township on to southeast Michigan and Ontario, Canada. She stated there were 90 properties that required easements for surveys to increase the pipeline's capacity.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained that whoever made the motion on this agenda item would need to add the phrase, "contingent upon the Attorney approval of the Certificate of Liability".

6. Request to approve annual Senior Nutrition Agreement with Washtenaw County funded through a Federal Grant and to authorize signing of the agreement.

Supervisor Stumbo explained the county used the grant to provide nutrition to seniors.

7. Request of Mike Radzik, OCS Director for formal authorization to seek legal action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to Abate Public Nuisance for property located at 210 S. Mansfield

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said Mike Radzik, OCS Director had asked that the property at 1212 E. Clark be added to the agenda item since the raid had just taken place today and also required legal action.

Mike Radzik, OCS Director provided an overview of both properties.

Supervisor Stumbo stated had it not been the adoption of the vacant property ordinance the serious problems at the property at 201 S. Mansfield would not have been discovered. Mr. Radzik agreed that by just driving by, you would not notice the severity of imminent danger regarding 201 S. Mansfield and no complaints had been made, since CitiMortgage had been mowing the lawn for the past 2 1/2 years.

Attorney Winters commented on the lengthy process this property had been through regarding foreclosure proceedings that actually started in 2011 and provided a timeline to date, which had brought the property to such a state that required immediate demolition. He voiced his concern over the banking industry neglecting properties like 201 S. Mansfield, thus losing a property that could have been rehabilitated for homeownership and lost tax base. Attorney Winters also voiced concern for our

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Ordinance officers and first responders who were put in harm's way because of the conditions of some of the properties.

Mike Radzik reported the OCS Department was working in conjunction with the Assessor's office to identify properties that have been foreclosed since 2007 and were still owned by banks, and about half of those were not in our vacant property system as of now. Mr. Radzik stated the OCS Department had made those properties a priority for inspection.

Mike Radzik stated the OCS Department had been working for five months to bring 1212 E. Clark into compliance. He reported the landlord had not been cooperative and the property had failed all inspections. Mr. Radzik stated a raid that had taken place earlier in the day, found evidence of narcotics trafficking by the current tenants, as well as several life safety issues.

Supervisor Stumbo asked the Board's permission to add 1212 E. Clark to this agenda item. There was no opposition.

8. Request to approve Municipal Services Agreement between National Church Residences and Ypsilanti Township pertaining to Clerk East Towers located at 1550 E. Clark Road and to authorize signing of the agreement

Supervisor Stumbo stated this item would be tabled until the October 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

Supervisor Stumbo explained Carl Rowsey had already addressed his request earlier in the Work Session.

1. Request of Angela Verges, Recreation Services Manager to purchase RecTrac Pass Membership Software in the amount of \$6,383, budgeted in line item #101.266.000.977.001

Supervisor Stumbo stated this was in the computer budget.

2. Request of Travis McDugald, IT Manager to approve the quote from Hewlett Packard for the purchase of three (3) new Hewlett Packard Servers at a cost of \$31,833, budgeted in line item #101.266.000.970.000

Travis McDugald, IT Manager explained the quote was not strictly from Hewlett Packard, but included four different vendors, HP Direct, Server Supply, Amazon.com

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and Calhoun Tech., which would supply the items needed to build these systems. He stated this arrangement and purchase provided the best pricing possible.

Trustee Eldridge asked how this type of purchase impacted the warranties and Mr. McDugald explained the systems themselves came with standard warranties.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the request would be changed by removing the phrase, “the quote from Hewlett Packard for”.

- 3. Request of Mike Radzik, OCS Director to approve quote from Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for parking lot repair at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) located at 1501 S. Huron Street in the amount of \$89,093, budgeted in line item #266.301.000.975.266**

No discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk