

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2016 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:03 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 and Trustees: Stan Eldridge, M. Martin, S. Martin (arrived at 5:34PM)

Members Absent: Trustee Jean Hall Currie

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE, WORK HOURS AND TIME OFF POLICY

Trustee Eldridge presented and distributed a new alternative Township Trustees Meeting Attendance Policy. He stated that this new policy addresses the Trustees work hours and time off and does not include other Township elected officials. Trustee Eldridge said he along with Trustee S. Martin and Trustee M. Martin would like the policy adopted by June 7, 2016 and that they would forfeit compensation immediately if they do not abide by the policy instead of waiting until November 2016 for the official date.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe questioned the proration of the salary if they miss more meetings than they are allotted. Trustee Eldridge explained how it would be calculated based on a rolling 12 month schedule. Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained the new policy would allow changes after the salary was set and did not meet the legal requirements regarding salaries.

Trustee M. Martin and Treasurer Doe suggested the current salary be divided in half and for one half of the salary to be utilized to pay Trustees per meeting attendance and the other half paid as a salary.

Ms. Kaiser, Township Resident thanked the Trustees for their work on this policy but expressed disappointment the three full time officials were not in this policy.

5. REQUEST BY THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP BOARD COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING PROPOSALS TO LEASE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP BASEBALL FIELDS

Trustee Eldridge explained he and Trustee S. Martin have met with 2 groups who are interested in leasing the Township Clark Road Baseball Fields on a multiple year basis. Trustee Eldridge stated at the April 4, 2016 Park Commission meeting he spoke to the Park Commission about the groups that are interested in leasing the fields. He requested at the Park Commission meeting that 2 or 3 Park Commissioners should join them in the review. He said the Park Commission

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appointed the members and some met last week to review the proposals. Trustee Eldridge asked the board if they were interested in leasing the fields and if there was interest he would come back to the board with a full proposal for leasing the baseball fields to consider. Trustee Eldridge stated that the decision regarding the proposal should be decided by June 1, 2016 so the selected baseball organization could develop their program for the 2017 season.

Monica Ross-Williams, Ypsilanti Township Park Commissioner stated that the co-owner of the Blue Jays gave a presentation to the Park Commission and her concerns would be the advertising along the fence line and possibly eliminating the baseball and softball leagues that are in the township. Ms. Williams would like to request that township kids be included in the proposals.

Coach Dishman, owner of Blue Jays, was present and he stated that his organization was committed to the Ypsilanti youth. He said he used Eastern Michigan fields for the last seven years for tournaments. He stated these events brought in over 1500 people per weekend. Coach Dishman stated he signed a 15 year lease with Ypsilanti Community Schools to use Willow Run High School for training for players. He said he has projected commitments for high quality teams who want to come to Ypsilanti for tournaments. He would also like to enhance the parks including the Township fields.

AGENDA REVIEW

A. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2016 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR APRIL 19, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,580,730.55
2. CHOICE HEALTH CARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR MARCH 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,278.15
3. CHOICE HEALTH CARE ADMIN FEE FOR FEBRUARY 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,207.50

C. MARCH 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR REPORT

A. PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF CHEMICAL AWARENESS WEEK MAY 8-14, 2016

B. PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY AWARENESS WEEK MAY 8-14, 2016

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CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated that there is still a need for Election Inspectors for the August and November elections.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Eldridge thanked everyone for their support regarding the death of his brother.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2nd READING OF RESOLUTION 2016-02, PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2016-457, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI ZONING CODE SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 74 (1ST READING HELD AT MARCH 15, 2016 REGULAR MEETING)**
- 2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO REVOKE THE CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE HELD BY LAS DOS FUENTES FOR USE AT 1960 WHITTAKER RD. (PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT THE APRIL 5, 2016 REGULAR MEETING)**

Supervisor Stumbo discussed revoking the Class C liquor license. She suggested that in the future the Township should create a policy to use when dealing with businesses applying for liquor license. The board concurred they would work on creating a policy regarding liquor licenses and requested the attorney begin work on it.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #7**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained the budget amendment #7.

- 2. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE USE OF AN EXISTING CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR TO AK12, LLC LOCATED AT 1828 WHITTAKER RD. AND TO WAIVE THE \$1,000.00 LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION FEE**

Supervisor Stumbo discussed the request. Trustee M. Martin questioned why the township should waive the \$1,000.00 fee. Mike Radzik, OCS Director explained that Mr. Tang tried to get the license through the Township but felt because he has a small business and did not own the building the Township may not approve

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his business for a license. He asked the township if he applied and paid the \$1,000.00 fee and was turned down would he get his fee back and was told that he would not. Mr. Tang decided to purchase a license on the open market and brought the license to his business within the township. Mr. Tang paid all the state fees for obtaining the license and followed the Township process. Mr. Radzik stated that State doesn't require the township to approve a transfer of a license into the township. Mr. Radzik stated that Mr. Tang had followed the Townships' guidelines in obtaining the license and the State does not require the Township to charge \$1,000.00 with a transfer license so it was discussed to waive the fee for Mr. Tang.

3. REQUEST OF NEXUS GAS TRANSMISSION TO SURVEY TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY K-11-23-200-001

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained the request was to survey in the lake and shoreline for mussels. Paul Gantz, DTE, stated that at this time they are not applying to install a pipeline and at this time the request was only to survey the property. He stated that they would come back to the board if they were going to install a pipeline. He also stated that the pipeline would be temporary and would be for testing water to pressurize the pipe and check for leaks. Andrew Black from Nexus Gas stated that the pipe would be temporary and what water they would pump out of the lake would be returned. Mr. Black said that if they find mussels they would transfer the mussels to another area. He stated that everything they were proposing to do around Ford Lake would be temporary and it was for Hydro static pressure testing. Trustee M. Martin questioned what could go wrong with the pipeline. Mr. Black explained that it would not be an explosion that there are safety valves and the gas vents to the atmosphere. Trustee S. Martin stated he understood the request was to get the water from Ford Lake for testing only. Trustee Eldridge questioned Mr. Black on what would happen if Nexus could not take water out of Ford Lake would they test with water from another source. Mr. Black said that Trustee Eldridge was correct.

Ms. Kaiser, Township Resident, questioned the quality of the water they would put back into the lake. She stated residents were questioning water quality especially after the Flint crisis. Mr. Black said the use of Ford Lake water was governed by federal guidelines and would require inspectors on site.

Trustee M. Martin questioned if the pipe Nexus wanted to eventually install was for gas. Mr. Black stated that it was. Trustee Eldridge questioned if the gas line would already be in place before the water was used to test the pipeline. Nexus agreed it would be in place before testing with water.

The Board adjourned the work session meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk