

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2016 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 and Trustees: Stan Eldridge, M. Martin, S. Martin

Members Absent: Trustee Jean Hall Currie

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters (arrived at 6:20 pm)

**PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WASHTENAW COUNTY OFFICE OF
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR SENIOR
NUTRITION**

Angie Verges, Recreation Supervisor, explained that the Township of Ypsilanti is required to sign the agreement that states the Township is a subcontractor and has received the grant. Supervisor Stumbo questioned Ms. Verges about whether requirements have been met by her department as stated in the grant. Ms. Verges stated that they have met all the requirements for obtaining the grant.

Supervisor Stumbo asked Trustee Eldridge to update the board regarding the proposals for leasing the baseball and softball fields. Trustee Eldridge stated that he met with the review committee and they came up with guidelines. Mr. Eldridge explained the tentative guidelines and he had talked with Mr. Dishman regarding his organization leasing the fields. Trustee S. Martin stated that he attended a few tournaments that Mr. Dishman's organization had sponsored and he was impressed by the quality of the event. Trustee S. Martin said he had talked with parents, coaches, and officials and said it was a positive experience. Trustee S. Martin also stated that after the event the area was cleaned up and he saw no debris from the event left behind. Trustee S. Martin said he was very excited to have this organization come to the Township. Trustee Eldridge shared that the church league that uses the field on Saturday would be affected by this change. Coach Dishman stated that he would work with the church league possibly having

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them change to a weekday if a tournament was scheduled. Supervisor Stumbo said she would want to make sure township children would have the opportunity to participate. Coach Dishman suggested that revenue from local advertisers and from hotels in our area could go into a fund to help with costs for township players. Trustee Eldridge stated he will get the proposal together for the next board meeting. Jackie Moffett from Eastern Michigan stated that Eastern has had a history working with Coach Dishmans' organization and they have had a positive working relationship with him. Kevin Berker stated that he has worked with Coach Dishmans' organization for the last three years and he has witnessed the hard work and dedication that he has put into the fields and surrounding area.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. 7:00PM – CREATION OF A STREETLIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR LED CONVERSION FOR THE WASHTENAW BUSINESS PARK AND HURON CENTER – RESOLUTION 2016-15**
(PUBLIC HEARING SET AT THE APRIL 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING)

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained this would convert the streetlights to LED lights and that with the cost of the conversion the businesses would still see savings in the first year.

AGENDA REVIEW

- A. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2016 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
- B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS
1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR MAY 3, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,507.23
 2. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR MAY 17, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT \$1,064,843.17

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3. CHOICE HEALTH CARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR APRIL 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,524.93
4. CHOICE HEALTH CARE ADMIN FEE FOR MARCH 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00

C. APRIL 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo stated that she had been to numerous meetings. Several of the meetings had been regarding the American Center for Mobility. She said it is moving forward and had met with Federal Officials at the Willow Run site to explain the Townships' history with the site. Supervisor Stumbo said she and the group drove the 300 acres and she shared why it would be beneficial to revitalize this area.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe thanked everyone for their help with the elections. She stated that there was a need for more election workers for our elections in August and November.

TREASURER REPORT (none given)

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Eldridge stated that there were two fires in the Township in the last few weeks. He said one was on his street and the Fire Department did a great job with saving as much of the house as possible. Trustee Eldridge stated that the other fire was on Hawthorne Street and when he drove by after the fire residents of the neighborhood told him that the firefighters did a great job in containing the fire to one house. Trustee Eldridge said that the Firefighters in both cases did an outstanding job and wanted to thank them publicly for their dedication.

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Chief Eric Copeland stated that they are in the process of hiring two firefighters. He said that when the background checks are completed he will be ready to offer the positions to these individuals. Chief Copeland stated that they had a dedication/photo shoot with the new fire truck at Willow Run Airport and it was a very positive experience.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #8**
- 2. REQUEST OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR FUNDING TO PURCHASE HOUSE LOCATED AT 1215 HULL STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-969-010**
- 3. REQUEST OF LONNIE SCOTT, PARK COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT COMMITTEE BETWEEN THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION AND THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A PLAN TO REMOVE PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE FROM THE PUBLIC PARK AREAS**

Jeff Allen, Residential Services Director, explained that the purple loosestrife is very invasive. Mr. Allen stated that they are required to regulate it at about a half foot above the water line around the lake. He said they go into the four parks around the lake and remove the purple loosestrife from the parks. At North Bay Park Mr. Allen stated that they introduced a special beetle that helped eat away at the purple loosestrife but it continues to be a problem. Mr. Allens' concern with this request is that the committee may jeopardize what was already in place. He would like the committee informed on what is currently being done to eliminate this vegetation.

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4. REQUEST TO ADD PLUNKETT COONEY TO LIST OF CONTRACTS AND RENEWALS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225 PER HOUR FOR SHAREHOLDERS AND \$180 FOR ASSOCIATES BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-818-024

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Township has several issues that need an expert to assist the Township in handling. She stated that the Township had several land use policy issues including land disposal in a school area and fair housing. Supervisor Stumbo said the Township needs an expert in the field of Planning and Zoning. She also stated that the Sign Ordinance and Donation Bin Ordinance that the Board approved has been challenged. Supervisor Stumbo stated that there were other issues with special entertainment licensing, medical marijuana licensing, day care and AFC homes which need an expert to help the Board when handling these challenges.

5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT MAURICE STOVALL TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW AS AN ALTERNATE TO FILL A VACANCY.

6. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR 2016 LOCAL ROAD DUST CONTROL SERVICES TO INCLUDE THREE (3) SOLID APPLICATIONS OF CONTRACT BRINE ON ALL CERTIFIED LOCAL GRAVEL/LIMESTONE ROADS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,424.30 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-212-000-818-006

7. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT TO FACILITATE A COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM THAT CREATES SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #266-301-000-831-005

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated that this program was formed to help youth in Ypsilanti Township who may or may not have been in trouble but they might have trouble obtaining employment over the summer. Mr. Radzik said this program will employ our youth by creating jobs that will beautify the township such as litter

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pick up, trash collection in our parks and on roadways, painting, etc. He said that the Township was working with Michigan Works and they have had over 200 eligible applicants trying to obtain jobs. Mr. Radzik stated that if this is approved Ypsilanti Township will be one of many organizations in Washtenaw County to provide employment over the summer for our youth. Mr. Radzik said there would be eight youth, preferably township residents, to work over the summer in this program. He stated that the Sheriffs' Dept. would be the employer so our Human Resource Department would not be involved.

8. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE TWO CONTRACTS WITH THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO FACILITATE COLLABORATIVE SHARING OF SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES FOR SUMMER MONTHS WITH LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS AND YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,386.00 (\$29,193.00 EACH) BUDGETED IN LINE ITEMS #266-301-000-831-008 AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE CONTRACTS

9. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 127 DEVONSHIRE, 88 DEVONSHIRE, AND 1343 JEFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-801-023

Mike Radzik, OCS Director explained the problems with these properties in the Township.

10. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE SALVAGE/SCRAP YARD BUSINESS LICENSE FOR FRANKLIN YARDS LLC

Mike Radzik, OCS Director explained there was a new owner for this business and this request was for a new license for the new owner. Treasurer Doe questioned whether the taxes were paid on the land. Mike Radzik said the information that was given to him indicated they are current. Mr. Radzik suggested he would check

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the taxes and bring this back to the next board meeting. It was also suggested that the new owner be asked to attend to provide information and answer any questions. Supervisor Stumbo suggested tabling this request until the next meeting.

11. REQUEST OF JOE LAWSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 21, 2016 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00PM FOR THE EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #09-275 TO INCLUDE PARCELS K-11-02-275-009 (1045 WARE CT), K-11-02-275-019 (1776 WARE CT.), K-11-02-275-020 (1744 WARE CT.) AND K-11-02-275-021(1728 WARE CT.)

Joe Lawson, Planning Director explained the reason for the request for a Public Hearing.

Chief Eric Copeland announced that Firefighter Tom Stachlewitz will be retiring on June 3, 2016. He said Mr. Stachlewitz has been with the department for 30 years.

12. REQUEST TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR 2016 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE AGREEMENT IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$118,071.30 AND BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-446-000-818-022

Supervisor Stumbo explained where the road work would be done.

The Board adjourned the work session meeting at approximately 6:38p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk