

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2018 WORK SESSION MEETING**

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 Lovejoy Roe, Treasurer Doe, Trustees: Stan Eldridge, Heather Jarrell Roe, Monica Ross-Williams and Jimmie Wilson, Jr.

Members Absent: none

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DIVIDEND PRESENTATION.....
JUDITH THOMSON-TOROSIAN, MML**

Judith Thomson-Torosian stated the Township received their dividend check for \$19,144.00 last month. She said the MML Liability and Property Pool Board decided they would like to continue to give the Township a dividend check as long as they can so they will be voting in September for the 2019 dividend.

**2. WASHTENAW COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN.....EVAN PRATT,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (see attached)**

Evan Pratt, Director of Public Works stated they have spent about two years working on the Solid Waste Plan. He said this plan was to make sure there was landfill capacity in or close to the County for all the communities in the County for at least a ten-year period.

Noelle Bowman, Solid Waste Program Specialist, distributed a packet regarding solid waste and explained the plan to the Board.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe asked if they had someone who could put together a mailer so residents could have information about compost and recycling. Evan Pratt said they did not have anyone that was doing that per municipality but with the regional

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recycling initiative, the county may be able to mail the information out to the entire region.

Trustee Wilson stated that our residential recycling rate of 33% was about double that of the state average and the commercial rate was 12%. He asked how the county commercial recycling rate compares with the state average. Ms. Bowman said the state average combines both commercial and residential together and they come up at 14%. She said the County separates the commercial and residential. She said that helps them to see that residential recycling is above average and commercial recycling is slightly below the state average.

Trustee Ross-Williams asked about disposing pharmaceuticals. Ms. Bowman stated that in 2008 Washtenaw County was the first County in the State to have a program to take back pharmaceuticals. Mr. Pratt said when checking water for pharmaceuticals it could only be checked for each specific pharmaceutical and not as a whole. He said an example would be checking for vitamins or checking for aspirin, etc.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that the cost to recycle has gone up so much and sometimes there was no product for the recyclables. Mr. Pratt said that was true and the Action Team would be focusing on end uses for the recyclables. He said they would be happy to purchase a glass crusher but if there was no place to sell the crushed glass then why should they purchase a glass crusher. Mr. Pratt said there were others that were researching what to do with recyclables.

3. AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO

A. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20,2018 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR APRIL 3, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$507,802.62

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ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE – (provided under Other Business)

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. RESOLUTION 2018-06, APPROVAL OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017 AMENDMENT (TABLED AT THE MARCH 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING) –Discussed later in the Work Session**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #7.**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the \$10,000.00 CTAP Grant we get from the Convention and Visitors Bureau requires a 10% match from the Township, which was \$2,000.00, and that the grant would be used for adding additional signage throughout the Township.

- 2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OHM FOR PROPOSAL FOR PLAYScape LAYOUT AND BID PACKAGE PREPARATION AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SERVICES FOR FORD LAKE PARK, NORTH BAY PARK, AND LOONFEATHER POINT PARK IN A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$16,740.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-212-000-931-775**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the Township was replacing play equipment at some of the Township Parks.

Matt Parks, OHM, stated he has been working with Carl Girbach and they had visited the parks. He said they visited each park and scoped out what would be needed at each park. He said this budget would help them get everything in order to go out for bid.

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- 3. REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM CARLISLE WORTMAN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR UPDATE OF PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,795.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-212-000-801-000 (Discussed later under Other Business)**

- 4. REQUEST OF BRIAN MCCLEERY, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS TO SELL YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 138 S. HARRIS ROAD PARCEL ID K#11-10-180-007**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe suggested that this request be tabled until Brian McCleery could clarify if someone was interested in purchasing this property. Supervisor Stumbo stated with vacant property in the township the policy has been to sell it to the adjacent property owners. Trustee Wilson asked if Habitat for Humanity would be interested in this property or do they just renovate houses. Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated that eventually Habitat would run out of houses to renovate and would need to begin to purchase property to build new houses.

Supervisor Stumbo stated this request would be tabled until the next meeting.

- 6. REQUEST OF MIKE RADZIK, OCS DIRECTOR FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 167 N. FORD BLVD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-801-023**

Michael Radzik, OCS Director explained that this property had been under code enforcement since 2016. He said the current owner purchased the home out of mortgage foreclosure in late summer of 2016. Mr. Radzik stated it was first inspected in November, 2016 with an administrative search warrant because the owner failed to comply with the Townships' vacant property ordinance. He said after the warrant was administered the owner registered the property as a rental property. Mr. Radzik said the owner began to renovate the house but did not pull the proper permits and at this time, the renovation is not completed. He said they attempted to inspect the house again in February, 2018 and had no cooperation from the owner. He said they again had to administer a search warrant and

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because of the condition of the property, the Certificate of Occupancy was revoked.

- 5. REQUEST OF MICHAEL SARANEN, HYDRO OPERATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF SERVICE CONTRACT WITH US ECOLOGY FOR INDUSTRIAL CLEANING AND CONFINED SPACE SERVICES AT THE HYDRO STATION IN AMOUNTS DETAILED IN THE QUOTES BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #252-252-000-818-013**

- 7. RESOLUTION 2018-08, TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST FOR OBERUN 5K ON JULY 20, 2018**

- 8. RESOLUTION 2018-09, TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST FOR RUNNING FIT "RUN SCREAM RUN" 5K, 10K, AND KID'S MILE RUN ON OCTOBER 13, 2018**

- 9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY TOURISM ACTION PLAN (CTAP) GRANT FROM THE WASHTENAW COUNTY VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 WITH A CONTRIBUTING MATCH FROM YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-970-000-975-170**

OTHER BUSINESS

ATTORNEY REPORT

GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winters stated that the office has prepared affidavits which will be recorded tomorrow regarding the ongoing number of violations at both the Thurston and Kettering Elementary Schools in the Ypsilanti Community School District. He said these violations are very serious. He said after they met with the Superintendent of Ypsilanti Community Schools in March he thought they had reached an agreement with them to take care of these violations by demolishing

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both buildings. He said Ypsilanti Community Schools have responsibilities to the Township, to the school district, and to the community to deal with these abandoned buildings. Attorney Winters stated that since January 3, 2018, Bill Elling, Township Inspector has gone out to Kettering 34 times and Thurston 32 times for problems at those buildings. He said he has contacted Ypsilanti Community Schools to get us an update with the progress and he has not received a response.

Attorney Winters stated the sale of the Holmes Road cell tower easement should be completed within 45 days, which will result in a \$175,000.00 payment to the Township as well as any potential revenue sharing on a 50/50 basis.

Attorney Winters stated there were ongoing efforts to have DTE release funds from the Hydro escrow account. He said this escrow account was set up 25 years ago to make sure the Township fulfilled its contractual obligations to Detroit Edison. He said it was time for DTE to release the entire escrow account to the Township since these contractual obligations have been met.

Attorney Winters stated they were trying to get compensation from the City of Ypsilanti's Insurance Company to the Township Fire Department for leasing a fire truck to the City of Ypsilanti for approximately ten months when the City lost a fire truck due to an accident on I-94.

Attorney Winters stated they were continuing to work with ACM on the PILOT – Payment In Lieu of Taxes to the Township.

Attorney Winters stated at the next board meeting he hoped to have the Teamsters Contract to present to the board. He said there was a tentative agreement and the Teamsters are going through their process with their members.

Attorney Winters stated in March they met with the negotiating team for AFSCME but that negotiating team was not available to meet again until April. He said they should be meeting with them again this month.

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Ben Carlisle, Carlisle Workman Associates, updated the Board regarding the Recreation Master Plan. He said updating the Recreation Master Plan was required by the State to be done every five years. Mr. Carlisle said having a Recreation Plan enables us to apply for grants. He said they would work closely with the Park Commission and it would take about 9 months to complete the plan. He said they would begin in May.

Trustee Eldridge stated as an Ypsilanti Public School graduate he was extremely disappointed with Ypsilanti Community Schools in the way they were handling Kettering and Thurston Schools. He proposed to the Board that they move forward tonight authorizing the Township to take action in Circuit Court on those two properties if necessary. He said he does not like bringing action against Ypsilanti Community Schools but feels there was no other way to get this resolved.

The Board agreed to add to the Agenda at the Regular Meeting.

Work session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk