

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. on a Zoom Virtual Board meeting.

Members Present: Supervisor Stumbo, Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe, and
Treasurer Eldridge
Trustees: John Newman, Gloria Peterson,
Debbie Swanson

Members Absent: Trustee Wilson

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

AGENDA REVIEW

Treasurer Eldridge explained the history of the boards' discussion regarding updating the Board Policy for the new Trustees. He said in 2019 they adopted a revised Board Policy with the intent to review it yearly. He said he met with Supervisor Stumbo and Clerk Jarrell Roe and together came up with the draft that in front of the board. He said one of the first changes would be that the full time officials will meet and discuss the board agenda before it is sent to the rest of the Board. He said the other change is to change the deadline for items put on the Agenda to be the Wednesday before the board meeting and he said the board packet will go out on Friday before the board meeting.

Supervisor Stumbo asked about removing emergency meetings. Treasurer Eldridge stated there is a State MCL law that designates the Supervisor to be the coordinator during emergency times in the Township. She said she would remove emergency meeting because she said special meetings covers those meetings.

Trustee Swanson questioned removing the section on emergency meetings since it does have guidelines for public health and safety. She said her other concern was in the section on public comments which states the speaker has a limit of 3 minutes per address.

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Treasurer Eldridge stated it did not mean home address it means per issue. He said someone can speak several times on different issues but limit each time to 3 minutes. He said that is so all who want to speak has an opportunity before someone goes up multiple times.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated they included both the old and new version for everyone to compare. She said that everyone has a voice on this board and anything you want to share is important to us.

Attorney Winters stated it was in proper form.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JoAnn McCollum, Township Resident stated she is the President of the new West Willow Neighborhood Association and she congratulated the new board. She said the Association is a 501C3 non-profit and she has had 3 significant grants, two from United Way and one from Ann Arbor Community Foundation. She said these grants were for Covid relief. She said they have helped families get out of fore-closure, paid utility bills, medical bills, and car repairs. She said she is looking forward to working with this board to build trust in the community. She said racial equity is a problem in Ypsilanti Township and she said she would like the board to commit to working on it.

A. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

- 1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR DECEMBER 15, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$737,850.61**
- 2. CHOICE HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,426.43**
- 3. CHOICE HEALTHCARE ADMIN FEE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,267.00**

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C. TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2020

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winters said he sat in on the orientation for the trustees and said the department heads did a spectacular job with their presentations. He said they covered things extensively. He said the questions that were asked by the new trustees were very appropriate and spot on. He said he was very impressed.

Attorney Winters said he sent over to the board a one year contract extension for AFSCME 3451. He said AFSCME 3451 has two contracts with the township, one for 14B Court and one for the Civic Center and Recreation Center employees. He said the current contract is set to expire 12/31/2020. He said he received a letter from AFSCME 3451 that stated they would extend the contract until 12/31/2021. He said tonight he would hope that the board would agree to this extension.

Attorney Winters stated that regarding contamination from the former Forbes Cleaners. He said the contamination leached into properties behind the building to homes on Davis Street. He said it was eventually turned over to the Michigan Land Bank and the State of Michigan will pay close to 4 to 5 million dollars to eliminate this contamination. He said they are invited to a virtual meeting on January 6, 2021 to discuss re-development options for this property with the Director of Environmental Division. He said he sent the Township Master Plan to the Director of Environmental Division to give them an idea on what we have planned for the re-development of Ecorse Road.

Attorney Winters stated that a decision should be made about Gault Village. He said there are three businesses left there and it is under a demolition order. He said it is our belief that this is an opportunity to re-purpose this area. He said this area is also in the Townships' Master Plan to be a mixture of neighborhood and retail.

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Trustee Newman asked if there was evidence of contamination at Gault Village.

Attorney Winters stated that would have to be looked into since at one time a business had an automotive area and he said there was also a dry cleaners in this shopping center.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GROVE ROAD PATHWAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,110.20 AS BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-970-000-997-007**

Mike Hoffmeister, Residential Services Director stated this is for the completion of this project.

- 2. REQUEST TO APPROVE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT (PSPHPR) PROGRAM AND FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS (CRLGG) PROGRAM INTO THE FIRE PENSION FUND**

Trustee Newman asked if there was anything in the grant that specifies how the money is supposed to be used.

Javonna Neal, Accounting Director stated it did not specify how it should be used just that it had to go into a specific line item.

- 3. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DTE AND YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP FOR TWO (2) 136W LED OVERHEAD STREETLIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WENDELL AND E. CLARK ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$810.92 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM 101-956-000-926-050**

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Clerk Jarrell Roe stated this was resident requested and we reached out to the resident and DTE. She said there was also notification of an accident that happened at that intersection.

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE UPDATES TO TOWNSHIP BOARD POLICY

5. REQUEST TO APPROVE 2021 CONTRACT AND RENEWALS

6. RESOLUTION 2020-35, DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

7. RESOLUTION 2020-36 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

**8. RESOLUTION 2020-37 DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS OF
CIRCULATION**

9. RESOLUTION 2020-38 2021 BOARD MEETING DATES

10. BUDGET AMENDMENT #16

OTHER BUSINESS

**1. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR
CONTRACT EXTENSION BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
YPSILANTI AND THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP 14-B DISTRICT COURT
AFSCME LOCAL 3451 THAT RUNS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021
AND TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CONTRACT
AGREEMENT WITH THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI AND
AFSCME LOCAL 3451**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58PM

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Respectfully Submitted,

**Heather Jarrell Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti**