

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2021 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. on a Zoom Virtual Board meeting.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Stumbo, Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe, and Treasurer Eldridge  
Trustees: Gloria Peterson, Debbie Swanson,  
John Newman, Jimmie Wilson, Jr. (arrived late)

(All members stated that they were present in Ypsilanti Township)

**Members Absent:** none

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. RECOMMENDATION OF TOWNSHIP MILLAGE LEVIES FOR POLICE,  
FIRE, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND BSRII FOR AUGUST 2021**

.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO  
CLERK JARRELL ROE  
TRUSTEE NEWMAN  
JAVONNA NEEL, ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR

Clerk Jarrell Roe provided an overview of the power point presentation and recommendation for a millage levy by Trustee Newman and Supervisor Stumbo. The priorities for recommending a millage for Ypsilanti Township was to continue providing essential services while maintaining the same millage rate from 2016. She explained that a millage is a levy based on property values and each ballot proposal must use the revenue for that that designated millage.

The four millage proposals, with board approval would be on the August 3, 2021 ballot and would be levied for 4 years. The environmental millage is for garbage, recycling, compost collection and disposal, water quality, alternative energy, energy conservation and environmental protection. In October of 2020 the township bid services for garbage and recycling there was a substantial increase for those services.

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The law enforcement millage includes contracting for deputies with Washtenaw County, community protection and policing, neighborhood watch, community engagement, camera security system, building security and ordinance enforcement.

The Fire Protection millage is for Fire Prevention, Rescue Services, and equipment reserve.

The BSR II millage is for recreation, park facilities, bike paths, and sidewalks. She said in this proposed millage we are asking for the same rate that was voted on in 2016 so it would not be an increase for our residents.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the existing millage is expiring and we are asking for a new millage at the same total millage levy and would like to put the request on the ballot August 3, 2021.

Trustee Peterson asked how we get the word out to the residents about the millage.

Supervisor Stumbo stated in the past we've sent out mailers indicating when a township election would be and will be discussed at all our Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Trustee Wilson asked if anything else would be on the August ballot.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated so far this was all that will be on the ballot.

Trustee Swanson stated she appreciates the effort to try and keep the millage at the same rate. She said she would like to have a work session on the wording that will explain what the millage will include. She stated the Sheriffs' office is changing the ways they handle situations and would like input on that when we are trying to do a millage that includes police services.

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Supervisor Stumbo stated that Sheriff Clayton is very good about informing the Board on new police strategy and will attend board meetings as well. She said this millage will retain the 38 deputies that we are approved by the board in 2018.

JoAnn McCollum, township resident stated the millage would need to be presented to residents so they understand the importance to vote yes. She said residents, because of Covid are stretched to the limit when it comes to paying taxes.

Supervisor Stumbo stated we would like these millage proposal to come back to the board as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

**B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS**

- 1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR MARCH 16, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$659,660.02**
- 2. CLARITY HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR FEBRUARY 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,253.69**
- 3. CLARITY HEALTHCARE ADMIN FEE FOR FEBRUARY 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,216.50**

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2021**

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

**A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Winters explained the history over the years with Gault Village Shopping Center. He said a court order was issued by Judge Archie Brown regarding Gault

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Village Shopping Center. He said the order by Judge Brown was to gain compliance with the property owner.

He said he wanted to recognize the Ypsilanti Township Fire Department and Washtenaw County who have responded to a number of fires in our area in the last several months. He said there is a great cooperation between the area first responders.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF RESOLUTION 2021-11, PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2021-495, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-490 EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD OF PROHIBITING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP AS PROVIDED BY THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA**

Supervisor Stumbo stated the sunset provision is expiring and we need to extend this.

Trustee Swanson said the board would need to be clear on how community engagement would be done to discuss this within the next year so residents who feel strongly on this issue would be able to communicate that to the Board.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that Trustee Wilson requested to be involved with this issue and Trustee Swanson could be included if she would like.

Trustee Wilson asked if the sunset clause is extended for another year.

Supervisor Stumbo stated it was for one year but it does not have to be that long.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. REQUEST OF PROPERTY OWNERS MARK R. AND LINDA S. GIRARD TO TERMINATE THE PA 116 FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AGREEMENT FOR THE 57 ACRES LOCATED AT 7200 AND 7300 BUNTON ROAD.**

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Clerk Jarrell Roe stated she invited the property owners to be on the zoom tonight. She said they had been working on this since December 2020 and board action could approve their termination, deny their termination or we could waive our rights with the State to have comment to it.

Attorney Winters stated the Girards' receive tax credits for this property to be under the PA 116 Farmland Development rights agreement. He said in order to terminate this agreement ahead of schedule which was extended to 2028 they have to give a reason why they are seeking termination. He said the reason they are stating for the termination is that it is no longer economically viable for them to operate as a farm. He said if the Board approves the termination they will have to pay back the tax credits to the State plus 6% interest. He said the Girards' intend to sell the property to a developer. Attorney Winters said it is in proper form.

Supervisor Stumbo stated she would support termination since she believed the State would approve it.

Trustee Swanson stated we should respond in the same way the Planning Commission did.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated she would include the suggestions from the Planning Commission.

**2. RESOLUTION 2021-12, APPROVING CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON US-12  
AND M-17**

Supervisor Stumbo stated this is required by MDOT. She questioned being responsible for doing the maintenance on the mast arms.

Matt Parks, OHM Advisor explained the maintenance would be about \$500.00.

Attorney Winters stated the townships' insurance carrier should be aware that the township is now the owner of these mast arms.

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**3. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE CRYSTAL PONDS  
MASTER DEED**

Attorney Winters said this amendment is required because they are changing the floor plan.

**4. REQUEST TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINE 14-7 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$10,195.92 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM 206-206-000-863-004**

**5. REQUEST TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES  
WITH OHM FOR FORD BLVD. SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$19,900.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-212-000-818-006**

Attorney Winters said this improvement was being done to resolve a lawsuit in which the road commission over saw the improvements and this will make sure the sidewalk ramps were ADA compliant.

**6. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR AAA AUTO PARTS AND SERVICE TO BE  
DESIGNATED AS THE PREFERRED VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP FOR TOWNSHIP  
VEHICLE REPAIRS LESS THAN \$1000.00**

Supervisor Stumbo stated this is a Township business.

**7. RESOLUTION 2021-13, 2021 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
GRANT FOR CLUBVIEW PARK**

Supervisor Stumbo stated this was for the improvements to the tennis courts.

**8. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE  
PUBLIC NUISANCES BY PADLOCKING AT 1777 W. MICHIGAN AVE., 649 N.  
IVANHOE, AND 1148 FALL RIVER BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-  
801-023**

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Michael Radzik, OCS Director explained this is for padlocking because of drug transactions at the first two addresses and for firearms at 1148 Fall River.

Trustee Wilson asked if there was a time crunch that you only needed the full time officials approval.

Michael Radzik stated it was a crunch because of how long it takes to get the reports and we only have a certain amount of time to take it to court. He said they had an incident where one property owner sold the property before we could get approval to padlock.

Trustee Swanson asked if other residents were affected when they padlocked 1777 W. Michigan Ave.

Mr. Radzik stated there were 6 apartments in that building and only one was padlocked. He said the other residents were not affected by the padlocking.

**9. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE  
PUBLIC NUISANCES LOCATED AT 505 HOLMES RD. AND 1636 S. PASADENA  
ST. BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-950-000-801-023**

Michael Radzik, OCS Director explained these court litigations were to abate public nuisances because at 505 Holmes Rd. there were called for a welfare check. He said they located the owner upstairs but the condition of the home was not suitable for living. He said the County Mental Health Agency helped the resident, assisting to get them another place to live. He said the public nuisance for 1636 S. Pasadena is strictly (strictly) for blight.

**AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS**

**1. REQUEST TO SEEK SEALED BIDS FOR LOON FEATHER POINT PARK  
RENOVATION PROJECT**

**The meeting ended at approximately 6:47PM**

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

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