

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 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 5:25PM)
(All members stated that they were present in Ypsilanti Township)

Members Absent: none

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

- 1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR APRIL 20, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$816,401.67**
- 2. CLARITY HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR MARCH 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,650.42**
- 3. CLARITY HEALTHCARE ADMIN FEE FOR MARCH 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.00**

C. TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2021

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NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF AN ON PREMISE TASTING ROOM PERMIT AND BEER AND WINE TASTING ROOM PERMIT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP LIQUOR COMMITTEE FOR BREWERY HOLDINGS, LLC

Treasurer Eldridge stated they were waiting to receive a document that would clear up some issues of past liens that Mr. Schubert, the primary applicant, had. He said Mr. Schubert had Federal and State liens and as of today they had only received one document on a Federal lien. Treasurer Eldridge stated he has emailed Mr. Schubert several times regarding the State liens and Mr. Schubert has not responded. He said they had explained to Mr. Schubert they would need the documents before they could move forward with this request.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that since we do not have the information we should remove it from the agenda or deny it.

Mr. Schubert stated that he received the email from Treasurer Eldridge and he did request the documents from the State. He said they were mailing them to him and he has yet to receive them but he would forward it to Treasurer Eldridge as soon as he does. Mr. Schubert asked if an approval could be made contingent upon receiving the final document.

Attorney Winters stated the Federal lien should be resolved before moving forward. He said the Board could withdraw or table the agenda item.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that we cannot deviate from the process especially regarding liquor licenses because if we did it could be viewed as favoritism toward one applicant or another. She said she would not be comfortable moving forward tonight with a conditional approval.

Treasurer Eldridge stated he would be comfortable tabling it.

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Mr. Schubert asked if there was anything else needed besides the document.

Treasurer Eldridge stated that we were only waiting on the document.

Supervisor Stumbo stated this could be tabled until we receive the document.

**2. RESOLUTION 2021-16, FIRE PROTECTION, PREVENTION, RESCUE SERVICES,
AND EQUIPMENT RESERVES MILLAGE**

3. RESOLUTION 2021-16, POLICE SERVICES MILLAGE

Supervisor Stumbo stated the total was the same as we levied in 2017. She said this will not increase taxes to our residents.

Trustee Swanson stated residents are concerned about what we spend for police services and what programs will be provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriffs' department.

Supervisor Stumbo stated this continues to provide the 38 deputies that we had contracted for in 2018. She said not all the positions have been filled but this is still allotted for them. She said at the meetings that we host for the residents we could have the Sheriff do a white paper or something that we can share with the community.

Clerk Jarrell Roe emphasized that we did not want to raise the taxes for our residents and this will maintain the same millage rate that the board voted on 4 years ago.

Trustee Swanson stated that currently things are tough for some residents and she appreciates that the board is sensitive to that.

Trustee Newman stated that he was at a neighborhood watch meeting yesterday. He said they were told that the Sheriff Department currently has seven individuals in training and upon completion they would be new deputies and we would reach the 38 deputy mark for Ypsilanti Township.

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Supervisor Stumbo stated that the resolution will allow for an August 3, 2021 election to vote on this millage.

- 4. RESOLUTION 2017-17, RECREATION, BIKE PATH, SIDEWALK, ROADS, PARKS, GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND MILLAGE**
- 5. RESOLUTION 2021-18, GARBAGE, REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, ENERGY CONSERVATION, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL**
- 6. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT TUB FOR THE VERMEER GRINDER FROM SINGLE SOURCE PROVIDER VERMEER OF MICHIGAN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,165.32 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #590-590-000-971-008 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Supervisor Stumbo stated Carl Rowsey and his staff run an outstanding compost site and she really appreciates all their hard work.

Carl Rowsey thanked Supervisor Stumbo and said he had not met the new trustees. He said he welcomes them to the Board and appreciates their appointment to the Township. He said he has been working on trying to get the drum replaced for about a year because it has been in bad shape and they have continually had to work on it to keep it running. He appreciates the boards' approval so they can replace the old with the new which will help them do the job more efficiently.

Trustee Swanson stated she appreciates the way this proposal was written to help them understand exactly what is needed.

7. BUDGET AMENDMENT #5

Supervisor Stumbo stated the items in the Budget Amendment #5.

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ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winters stated they are trying to schedule negotiations with the AFSCME unions. He said in December 2020 they extended the contract for a year but thought they would meet in the 1st quarter of 2021. He said that had not happened due to the challenges going on with staffing at the township the last week or so. He said there has been a change with who is going to be heading up the negotiations on behalf of AFSCME. He said he and Karen Wallin have met with the full time Officials and we are prepared to negotiate with them as soon as we determine a date and time. He said he will let the board know when it is scheduled.

Attorney Winters stated that he and Karen Wallin will meet to review the Ethics Policy that was presented to the Board by Trustee Swanson.

Attorney Winters stated that although we have a sunset provision until March 2022 regarding Recreational Marijuana we continue to meet with the full time Officials, Planning department, and Ben Carlisle and we are making very good progress. He said he thinks they are still on target to have this before the Board by late summer or early fall.

Attorney Winters stated they are still in meetings with Ypsilanti Community Schools regarding several issues regarding school buildings in Ypsilanti Township being used for for-profit businesses. He said another big issue is the gross inequity the former Willow Run School District residents pay as opposed to the former Ypsilanti Public School District residents pays in taxes.

Attorney Winters stated they continue to set up some meetings with Habitat for Humanity. He said he that moving forward it will not be possible for Habitat for Humanity to purchase homes through tax foreclosure with the township. He said the intent was to stabilize neighborhoods but there are many vacant lots they have acquired through us and have remained vacant. He said there was a house that was purchased 8 years ago for rehabilitation but now requires demolition since it was left vacant for many years.

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Attorney Winters stated they are still trying to decide on insurance for the liquor license at Green Oaks Golf Course. He said because of this he suggests pausing until the next golf season to move forward with the liquor license at Green Oaks.

Trustee Newman stated that something has to be done regarding the tax bill for the former Willow Run School District residents. He said it is unfair for residents to be burden with this bond for 20 or 30 years when the School District is no longer in existence.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that Representative Peterson is trying to set up a meeting with the State Treasury.

Attorney Winters stated that not only are the residents paying for schools that don't exist but also some of those buildings are being leased out for businesses that are for profit. He said the residents still are not getting a break on their taxes but the new school district is getting paid rent for them.

Trustee Newman asked who pays for the demolition of a house that Habitat receives through us if they decide to demolish it.

Attorney Winters stated Habitat would pay for any house they own. He said the Township will continue to work with Habitat to stabilize neighborhoods but our direction with how we move forward with them will look a little different.

Trustee Swanson stated that we should look at the language explaining the bond for the millage for Willow Run Schools. She said it might answer some of the questions with how we could move forward in helping resolve this issue.

Supervisor Stumbo stated she heard the presentation for the new Willow Run High School and did not remember hearing that the mills would double. She said if that was the case she wouldn't think residents would vote to increase the mills and consolidate. She said that was not clear if that was the intent. She said it affects our residents but it also affects our businesses. She said we will keep fighting for the taxpayers.

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:01PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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