

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2021 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 Stumbo, Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe, and Treasurer Eldridge  
Trustees: Gloria Peterson, Debbie Swanson, Jimmie Wilson, John Newman

**Members Absent:** none

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. REQUEST OF FOWLING WAREHOUSE/MID-MICHIGAN FOWLING LLC FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER AN EXISTING CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TO BE USED AT 3050 WASHTENAW AVENUE.**

Scott Brown, one of the owners of the Fowling Warehouse introduced the other partners in this business they are opening in Ypsilanti Township. He explained what their business is and that they have purchased a Class C Liquor License from outside the Township and that they are bringing into the township to use at their new location on 3050 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti Township. He explained that fowling is a game where bowling pins are knocked down by a football.

Treasurer Eldridge explained that a few months ago the liquor commission met with Mr. Brown and his associates. He said since we have only a few liquor licenses left in the township Mr. Brown purchased a liquor license from Pittsfield Township. Treasurer Eldridge stated he believes will add a lot to our community and he said he was in support of moving forward with approval.

Dave Bellers, Chief Building Officer, stated they have issued the permit.

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Dan Kimbsll, Fire Marshall stated the capacity of the building is 968 people. He said they do need to change the front door.

Scott Brown stated they share the parking lot with Crunch Fitness and At Home. He said their peak business hours are different then the hours Fowling Warehouse will be operating. He said there is ample parking in front of their building but also the other businesses will have plenty of parking spaces also.

Supervisor Stumbo asked how the business would be partnering with area venues to provide food for their patrons, and also wanted to ensure that there would be appropriate parking for the establishment.

Scott Brown stated the patrons are allowed to bring in their own food or it can be catered in. He said they provide tables that can be used whether it is for an event or just for individuals playing fowling.

Treasurer Eldridge asked to explain the hours of operation.

Scott Brown stated they would be open 7:00pm – 11:00pm weekdays and 5:00pm-12:00am on weekends. He said they are available between 12:00pm and 5:00pm if someone wants to rent it out for a private event. Mr. Brown stated on the weekends between 12:00pm and 6:00pm those under 21 years old are allowed in to play.

Trustee Peterson asked how many employees would the business need.

Mr. Brown stated approximately 40 part time and 15 full time employees.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

JoAnn McCollum, Township Resident stated she was impressed with the plans for the revitalization project at Rawsonville and the Service Drive. She said she thinks when it is finished her neighborhood will benefit from it.

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Supervisor Stumbo introduced Lieutenant Shane Peltier who became a Lieutenant in Ypsilanti Township with the Washtenaw County Sheriffs' Office in January 2021.

Lieutenant Shane Peltier stated he has been working in the Sheriffs' Office for 10 ½ years. He said he has worked in most all the divisions within the Sheriffs' Department. He said he was promoted in April, 2020 to Lieutenant. He said prior to working as an officer, he was in the Marines for 6 years.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated they have weekly meetings with Shane and she appreciates his professionalism and that he always addresses their concerns.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE JULY 6, 2021 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

**B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS**

- 1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR JULY 20, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,105,001.91**
- 2. CLARITY HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR JUNE 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,509.55**
- 3. Clarity healthcare admin fee for June 2021 in the amount of \$1,338.00**

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

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

**A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Winters stated he continues to meet with the full time Officials regarding the YMCA. He said they are currently waiting for emails that need to be forwarded

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to the full time Officials before they can move forward and schedule additional meetings.

Attorney Winters said there are a couple neighborhood stabilization issues on the agenda tonight and a few more will come forward in the weeks ahead.

Attorney Winters stated they will open negotiations with AFSCME and Teamsters in the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A 2.5% WAGE INCREASE FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES AND A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF OPERATIONS FOR 2021**

Trustee Swanson questioned if the increase salary for the Director of Golf was because we did not fill an open position at the golf course.

Karen Wallin, Human Resources stated the best time to fill a golf position is in the fall. She said this year it was decided to pay a seasonal employee a higher wage and they will help the Director. She said in 2019 they had an outside agency do a wage survey for all our non-union positions and it indicated that our Director of Golf was underpaid by about \$2,500.00 a year.

Trustee Swanson stated her concern would be if we were paying a higher wage because there was more work and we were not filling a position we have open.

Supervisor Stumbo stated it is our intent to fill the position.

**3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SELL TWO (2) VACANT PARCELS #K-11-14-484-012 AND #K-11-14-484-014 LOCATED ON LAKEVIEW AVE. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,300.00**

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Supervisor Stumbo stated these lots are non-buildable lots. She said that if these lots were combined it will become buildable. She said these vacant lots also cost the township money in order to upkeep, mow and maintain.

- 4. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE LOCATED AT 189 OUTER LANE BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-729-801-023**
  
- 5. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE BY PADLOCKING LOCATED AT 8084 CREEKBEND DR. BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-729-801-023**

Mike Radzik, OCS Director stated when we padlock a house it is because there has been drug issues. He said neighbors were getting people knocking on their doors looking for this house. He said there was numerous people coming and going from this residence. Mr. Radzik stated a criminal warrant was issued and there was evidence that narcotics were being sold out of this house and there was also firearms. He said this is still an on-going investigation. He said the owner of the home stated that he rented rooms out which is a zoning code violation.

Trustee Swanson asked what the time frame is for padlocking.

Attorney Winters stated the maximum time is one year. He said once it gets in the court system it is a deterrent from reverting back to conduct illegal activity at the residence that had been padlocked.

JoAnn McCollum asked if they could have a time line to share with residents about how long the process is when calling on suspicious activity.

Trustee Newman asked if the residents get the house back.

Attorney Winters said the owner still owns the house, but they can't occupy it until the issues are resolved and the order has elapsed.

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**6. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THE WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION FOR VERMIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-272-801-000**

Supervisor Stumbo stated this contract with the Water Resource Commission involved them baiting the storm drains to try and stop the vermin in our neighborhoods. She said Evan Pratt is one of the finest county official that she has ever worked with and is very responsive and solution orientated to the concerns we have with this problem.

**AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS**

**1. REQUEST TO AWARD THE LOW BID TO PREMIER GROUP ASSOCIATES FOR THE LOONFEATHER POINT PARK RENOVATION PROJECT**

Michael Hoffmeister, Residential Director explained the Loonfeather Point Park renovation project.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated she was impressed how long this company has been in business and that their expected completion for this project would be December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Swanson questioned what exactly they would be doing with the pavilions.

Mr. Hoffmeister stated the actual structures are not changed. He said they are just shoring them up. He said we are redoing the concrete pad under one of the pavilions and re-stabilizing the pavilion that has the beams going across it. He said they will be painted and will freshen them up.

**2. REQUEST TO SEEK ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING PROPOSALS FOR SITE AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CIVIC CENTER AND 14B COURT**

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Andrew Wells, Township resident stated he was concerned with the construction site around West Willow and how the traffic lights are currently operating safely.

Treasurer Eldridge stated he was out there today and spoke with the contractors and our engineering group. He said they were going to get someone out there to look at the timing of the traffic lights today.

Supervisor Stumbo stated some of the issues were with the signage around the construction site and we were able to get additional signage.

Trustee Eldridge stated there is a meeting at the Civic Center on Thursday at 5:00pm to give residents an update on the project.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:02 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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