

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2021 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01PM. 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 and John Newman - arrived 5:08PM

Members Absent: none

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. STANDARDS AND ETHICS POLICY.....KAREN WALLIN, HR
MANAGER**

Karen Wallin, HR Manager explained that she and Attorney Winters worked to make modifications since the last time this came before the board. She said she sent a red-lined draft to the Board and she asked for comments from Board Members. Clerk Jarrell Roe thanked all who worked on this and would like to move forward with it. Supervisor Stumbo suggested the Board read through it together. Supervisor Stumbo asked for clarification regarding fundraising. Attorney Winters stated that as long as it is not for personal gain there should not be a conflict.

Clerk Jarrell Roe questioned that it states the first organization meeting of the board of trustees would be every January but the new board takes office in November.

Supervisor Stumbo stated it should be part of the board packet when the new board fills out their paperwork with Human Resources. Karen Wallin stated it could be included in that.

Trustee Swanson asked if we could include the Park Commission. Attorney Winters stated they could also have their own Standards and Ethics Policy based on the one that would be adopted for the Township Board.

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AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2021 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

- 1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR AUGUST 3, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,342,050.02**
- 2. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR AUGUST 17, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,371.61**
- 3. CLARITY HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH EFT FOR JULY 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,234.87**
- 4. Clarity healthcare admin fee for JULY 2021 in the amount of \$1,208.60**

C. TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2021

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 1st READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2021-496, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 62-77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI, TO ADJUST SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES**

Supervisor Stumbo stated Jeff Castro, YCUA Director is retiring.

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Jeff Castro, YCUA Director explained the change for the sewage and disposal rates which would be adopted in October 1, 2021. He gave an overview for the board on how YCUA operates.

2. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND APPROVAL OF TWO (2) NEW POSITIONS, COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR AND STAFF PLANNER

Supervisor Stumbo explained the reorganization of Community Standards.

Trustee Wilson asked for the job descriptions for the various positions in Community Standards.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Police Service Contract will be under the Supervisors' Office.

3. REQUEST TO APPROVE A PROVIDER CHANGE FOR VISION INSURANCE AND DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE

Supervisor Stumbo stated we are changing provider but there will be no changes with our coverage. Karen Wallin stated changing the provider lowered our premiums.

4. REQUEST THE APPROVAL OF THE GIFT DONATION AND LICENSE OF USE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

Michael Hoffmeister stated this was done in July and this is just the formal agreement. He said FEMA's last day will be Thursday, August 19, 2021.

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5. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE TO APPROVE THE SALE AND/OR REMOVAL OF EXCESS TOWNSHIP EQUIPMENT

6. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND APPROVE AF SMITH ELECTRIC TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO REPLACE THE HOUSE TRANSFORMER AT THE HYDRO STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,480.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #252-535-930-001

Mike Saranen, Hydro stated that AF Smith Electric has always provided service for the Township and did so for us now. He said he did reach out to other Electrical Contractors who did not respond. He said the project should be completed in approximately three months.

7. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SUMP PUMPS AND ACCESSORIES FOR FIRE HEADQUARTERS FROM HUTZEL PLUMBING AND HEATING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #217-970-000-971-008

8. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 2021 L-4029

Supervisor Stumbo stated we must set the tax rate so we can do our budget.

9. BUDGET AMENDMENT #9

Supervisor Stumbo explained what the Budget Amendment included.

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BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Trustee Swanson stated she attended the West Willow Association meeting and said the residents were pleased with the signs that were placed with the Quality of Life Committee and they said the signs were helping.

Trustee Newman stated he attended the AAATA meetings and they are still in the process of gathering information from the users and trying to forecast for the next 25 years on how transportation will look. He said he also attended the meeting regarding the pedestrian walk over I-94. He said this will be a walkway that connects the City of Ypsilanti with the Township of Ypsilanti.

Trustee Peterson stated she has attended about three meetings regarding the US-12 road project.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated the election went smoothly and all four proposals passed. She said she is still working with others regarding the Forbes Cleaners project. She attended the US-12 meeting and it is looking good.

Treasurer Eldridge stated the paving of the roads on the US-12 project will begin in about 2-3 weeks. He said they will leave the pedestrian pathways in as they construct the new pathways. He said there will be new lighting installed.

Trustee Wilson stated his union has a lot of hand sanitizers they are dispersing. He said if anyone knows those who would like to get the hand sanitizers let him know. He said he has been getting calls from residents who are going through financial issues. He said he has been directing residents to the Washtenaw County Office of Economic and Community Development.

Supervisor Stumbo stated they are working on getting fencing installed along the railroad tracks by the Harris Road Park. She said it will make it safer, not only for our residents but also for Amtrak.

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Supervisor Stumbo stated she had a meeting with the auditor and they bid out the American Recovery rescue administration of the funds. She said they received the bids back but they came from accountants and they would like someone with both accounting and community engagement experience. She said they will regroup and try to find someone with both experience.

Supervisor Stumbo stated she met with the County Administrator and the County Recreation Director regarding the YMCA. She said they are waiting for them to get back to her. She said she talked with them about the concerns about the closing of various YMCA's across the Country. She said the YMCA depends on memberships, scholarships, and donations which hurt them during the pandemic. Supervisor Stumbo stated the Township would like it this to be a county facility. She said the safety net and the financial stability for the facility should be a county government. She said the Township would still donate the land. She said a study that was done by the University of Michigan stated Washtenaw County is 8th most economically segregated county in the United States. She said a lot of the funding and focus should be used to lift people out of poverty by increasing their health and education.

Trustee Peterson stated she along with other board members attended the Clubview Park picnic and spoke with residents in that area.

The Work Session meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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