

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI**  
**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:03PM. 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

**Members Absent:** none

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. 2022 BUDGET REVIEW**

Supervisor Stumbo stated that the Budget is now being done in BS&A. She said that Javonna Neel, Accounting Director and John Hines, Deputy Supervisor worked on the draft budget that will be presented tonight.

- Javonna Neel, Accounting Director explained the Charter Township of Ypsilanti has 19 Funds that have to have a budget. She said our General Fund has 28 departments or cost centers. She said we have 1,286 account lines. Ms. Neel stated that the millage that was passed in August was for the exact amount of the millage that was expiring. She said the adjustment that was made was to decrease the Police amount by .25 and we increased the Environmental amount by .25. Ms. Neel explained the Renaissance Zone and stated the taxable value 23 million but we get a pilot payment in lieu of a tax payment. She said the Renaissance Zone pay funds based on what their capital improvements are, what the value of the property is and they pay for the taxes that the schools will receive. She said the 2021 taxable value minus the Renaissance Zone had an increase of 4% which totals \$1,480,133,552.00. Trustee Swanson said all millages should be easy for residents to

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find. Ms. Neel stated she would put it on the Treasurers' site so it will be easy to find. Ms. Neel stated the biggest expenditure is our wages and fringe benefits. She explained each category of the budget and how it is calculated.

- **BSR 213** - This fund includes Bike path, sidewalks, and recreation. Ms. Neel stated the projection for this is \$1,471,097.00. She said they have a grant of \$150,000.00 which is for Phase I of Huron Pathway.
- **PARKS 208** – This is a small fund and the revenues are generated from racket ball court. Ms. Neel states this pays the salary for the park commissioners.
- **CARES ACT 282** – This is a new fund which the board will have to approve. Ms. Neel stated the auditor wanted us to have a separate fund for the Cares Act Grant and the Arber Grant which is the rescue plan where the Township receive grant money.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

- 1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (RECS) PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT**
- 2. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE LOCATED AT 2381 PARKWOOD BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-729-801-023**

Belinda Kingsley, Director of Community Compliance stated that the owner instead of filing a site plan get approval for using this property for a business they bypassed the requirements and bulldozed the property so they can park about 150 trucks on this property. She said this litigation is to stop this from moving forward until they get authorization from the township. She stated they hired three new Ordinance Officers and they started training today.

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Attorney Winters explained the process and how quickly they can get this handled.

**3. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD STANDARDS AND ETHICS  
POLICY**

Karen Wallin, HR Director stated that based on the comments and recommendations from the last meeting she amended article IV of the policy and added that at the orientation the new Trustees would be given the Federal and State Statutes, township ordinances, and township policies and procedures would be included as part of the orientation. She said that HR would help council do the orientations. She said and on approval by the board all new trustees would receive a copy of the policy after they have signed an acknowledgement that they had received and understand the policy. She said the HR Department would make sure all new board members completed this orientation and signed the policy.

Trustee Wilson asked about the 40 hour work week for the full time officials along with salary increases dependent upon that compliance. Treasurer Eldridge stated he did bring this up a couple of years ago and found out that this could not do that because state law states that you cannot dictate the number of hours a full time elected official works. Clerk Jarrell Roe said that she also recalls that it is not allowed under statute but does make a personal commitment to be here for the residents during business hours. Trustee Peterson stated she knows there are numerous times that elected board members go to events and meetings that happen outside of those set hours, over and above attending board meetings.

**4. REQUEST TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WASHTENAW  
COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO DECLARE NO THROUGH TRUCKING ZONES  
ON SPECIFIED SECTIONS OF PARKWOOD AND MCKEAN**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the problems with truck traffic on Parkwood and McKean Roads.

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**5. REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00pm – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAX LEVY**

**6. BUDGET AMENDMENT #10**

Supervisor Stumbo all the items in the Budget Amendment.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

Trustee Peterson asked if the Township Officials had seen the resolution that Larry Craig had sent to them and was there a decision made on it.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that Larry Craig ask for a resolution because he submitted a website and we wanted to make sure it didn't call for an increase in supporting a resolution can say that you support increasing taxes.

Trustee Peterson asked if the other board members had seen it yet.

Supervisor Stumbo stated she does not have the research on it at this time. She said Larry Craig wants us to support the expansion of rail and she wants to make sure that would not be increasing our resident's taxes if we supported it.

**The Work Session meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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