

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2021 WORK SESSION

Clerk Jarrell Roe 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: Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe and Treasurer Eldridge
Trustees: John Newman II, Gloria Peterson, Debbie Swanson and Jimmie Wilson, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angie Verges, Ypsilanti Township Recreation Services Manager, stated she was retiring tomorrow and expressed her thanks to the Board.

Alex Thomas, Township Resident, asked if Board meetings would be online in the future due to the increased cases of COVID 19 at this time. He also asked why using ARPA funds for infrastructure would be prioritized over other things.

- 1. **ARPA FUNDS DISCUSSION.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO**
.....**CLERK JARRELL ROE**
.....**TREASURER ELDRIDGE**

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that the three full time officials wanted to assure residents that they were not ignoring the ARPA funds. She stated they had been advised by the township’s financial auditor to wait until the final rules had been issued. Clerk Jarrell Roe stated they wanted to prioritize areas in the opportunity index. She also stated that making infrastructure change is a way to make lasting change and the board hopes to work in conjunction with other entities who have received ARPA funds.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that three board members will be appointed to a township committee and will update on the funds at the end of the first quarter

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2022. She stated that ARPA funds have to be allocated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that she has seen suggestions for the ARPA funds but the actual allowable uses are very restrictive.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Board wanted to have this discussion at the Board level and to layout the process. She stated that the Board will have the final decision for use of the ARPA funds. Supervisor Stumbo stated that community engagement is guaranteed for use of the ARPA funds and listed several ways the engagement would be held.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that high speed public WIFI for certain neighborhoods had been suggested. She also stated stormwater management, updates to the infrastructure for water and sewer and non-motorized paths were also mentioned.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that one person had to be designated for the ARPA funds and that it is her name, picture and social security number that is listed and that the funds need to be used correctly.

Accounting Director Javonna Neel stated that she had participated in several webinars about the ARPA funds and confirmed that Supervisor Stumbo did have to share her personal information as designee for the funds. Javonna Neel also stated that one of the main themes for the webinars were to wait to determine how the funds would be used.

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that the ARPA funds are a once in a lifetime opportunity and that it is important to wait to see how federal, state and county funds will be used to ensure our funds are being used in the most judicial way for our residents.

Trustee Jimmie Wilson, Jr. thanked Javonna Neel for her comments and stated there were other entities that had funds to use. He stated that he was in favor of anything that helped the township residents.

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Trustee Swanson stated that she appreciates the residents that were looking for the community engagement and that the memo that was written states that the Board is committed to community engagement. She stated that she wants to make sure that the funds are used to help the residents. Trustee Swanson also stated that she appreciated Javonna Neel’s comment about other entities that will have ARPA dollars to spend and that it is important to wait and see what all the plans are so that our funds can be spent most efficiently.

Trustee Swanson stated the funds should be used to help shift the opportunity index and that the township should be careful to make sure the funds are not being fed into the same systems that have harmed our community in the past. She also stated that it is important to look at the strengths in our community and things that have been working to make a difference.

Township Resident Roderick Casey stated that he was a delegate and that he has the opportunity to speak to residents. He stated that the residents would like a community center and he is asking the Board to consider that.

2. AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2021 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING (TABLED AT THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING)

B. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 WORK SESSION, CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

C. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR DECEMBER 2, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,144.631.02

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- 2. CLARITY HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIBLE ACH FOR NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,182.77**
- 3. CLARITY HEALTHCARE ADMIN FEE FOR NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,245.75**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

There was no attorney report given during the work session.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. RESOLUTION 2021-41, APPROVAL OF THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
(PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING)**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

- 2. REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSIONS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022 FOR THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH AFSCME 14-B AND TPOAM**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

- 3. REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH GCSI FOR LOBBYIST SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. Trustee Wilson commented that he was thankful for the work of the lobbyists with GCSI on behalf of Ypsilanti Township.

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**4. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE PUBLIC
NUISANCES LOCATED AT 276 KANSAS AND 270 KANSAS BUDGETED IN LINE
ITEM #101-729-801-023**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

5. RESOLUTION 2021-32, DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR 2022

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. Treasurer Eldridge stated that TCF Bank had merged with Huntington Bank. Trustee Swanson stated that she believed Ann Arbor Bank was merging with another bank. Treasurer Eldridge stated that the merger hadn't been completed yet, but he thought it would become Huntington Bank, as well.

6. RESOLUTION 2021-33, ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER FOR 2022

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

**7. RESOLUTION 2021-34, DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPER OF CIRCULATION FOR
2022**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

**8. RESOLUTION 2021-35, ADOPTION OF 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DATES**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

**9. RESOLUTION 2021-36, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PLATTED LOTS IN
WASHTENAW BUSINESS PARK SUBDIVISION**

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Deputy Assessor Brian McCleery detailed the reason for the request and how the boundary line would be adjusted. Trustee Swanson asked how this division would affect the taxable value of the parcels. Brian McCleery stated that it would remain two parcels and the taxable value would remain the same. He stated only the boundaries are changing, not the number of parcels. Brian McCleery stated that the company makes tortilla chips for local restaurants and hopes to expand.

10. RESOLUTION 2021-37, ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S SALARY FOR 2022

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

11. RESOLUTION 2021-38, ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP CLERK'S SALARY FOR 2022

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

12. RESOLUTION 2021-39, ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S SALARY FOR 2022

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

13. RESOLUTION 2021-40, ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S SALARY FOR 2022

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the agenda item. There were no questions or comments.

14. RESOLUTION 2021-42, 2022 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENTS

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Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe stated that it had recently been discovered through a new employee with Washtenaw County, that the county has the right under law to appoint someone to the township's Local Development Finance Authority and had been doing so. However, the township had not been informed of this. Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that it had been decided that the current members would complete their term and the Washtenaw County appointee would be appointed as a member next.

Trustee Peterson asked how long the term is for an appointment to the LDFA. Clerk Jarrell Roe stated it was four years and that the term was set by statute.

Resident Roderick Casey asked why a person was appointed and does not run for election to this position. Supervisor Stumbo explained that there are many Boards and Commissions that the Board is required to appoint members for.

Trustee Swanson clarified that the county commission appoints a member to the township's LDFA and that the appointee is a county commissioner. She asked if there are other appointments. Supervisor Stumbo stated that there are several people who are appointed including township staff and local school district representatives.

Clerk Jarrell Roe summarized the communication breakdown between the Washtenaw County and Ypsilanti Township in regard to the county appointment to the LDFA.

15. BUDGET AMENDMENT #16

Clerk Jarrell Roe and Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the budget amendment.

Supervisor Stumbo reiterated that there will be community engagement in regard to the ARPA funds. Township resident Alisha Dyer asked about infrastructure dollars coming from the state. Supervisor Stumbo stated that it is being discussed internally and with Representative Ronnie Peterson. She added that YCUA has three projects ready that could qualify. Supervisor Stumbo stated that there is also

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discussion on funds being used to forgive debt for SRF projects. She stated that two projects were recently approved for YCUA that may qualify for this. Alisha Dyer asked if there had been discussion for a full time liaison to the residents ARPA committee. Supervisor Stumbo responded that the Board will continue to work with the residents for community engagement.

The Work Session meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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