

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2023 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township.

Members Present: Supervisor Brenda Stumbo (arrived 5:20pm),
Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe and Treasurer Stan Eldridge
Trustees: Ryan Hunter, John Newman II, Gloria Peterson
and Debbie Swanson

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

AGENDA

1. POLICE SERVICES COMMITTEE..... TRUSTEE NEWMAN

Trustee Newman reviewed a letter received by the township from Sheriff Clayton regarding funding and budgeting for police services. He stated this letter states that the township will no longer receive a subsidy from the county for police services. Trustee Newman added that the committee has been requesting financial information from the sheriff's office since February.

Trustee Newman stated that the Police Services Committee has been examining alternatives and would like to engage with a consultant to determine if the township having its own police department is a viable option.

Treasurer Eldridge stated that the possibility of looking elsewhere for police services is in no way reflective of the job being done daily by our current deputies. Treasurer Eldridge added that he has contacted other municipalities with their own police department and those costs were substantially lower than what the township is paying for.

Trustee Hunter thanked Trustee Newman for his work and Treasurer Eldridge for providing so much context and history. He added that the township needed to go with the option that provides the most value to our community.

Trustee Swanson thanked the committee for their and shared her disappointment that the township has not been able to secure information from the sheriff for an analysis. She added that she would like some kind of public announcement about the Police Services Committee and the work that is being done to research costs.

Trustee Newman stated the next step would be for the board to approve a request for a proposal for a consultant.

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Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that any item between \$10,000 and \$15,000 did not need board approval but approval from two full time officials.

Attorney Winters stated that an RFP would need to be drafted that defined what tasks the consultants are being asked to perform.

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the amount of funding that municipalities in Washtenaw County who have their own police departments are receiving.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that it is unheard of in this day and time for a department to not be held accountable for the taxes that people pay.

2. AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO

1. 1st READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-503, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 62-67 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI, TO ADJUST SEWER RATES

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that per the ordinance YCUA could raise the water rate by up to 4% without board approval so this ordinance is to allow Municode to be updated with the new rates.

Luke Blackburn, YCUA Director, gave a review of YCUA’s budget and for the upcoming year.

2. 1st READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-504, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 62-76 (a)(1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI, TO ADJUST WATER SERVICE RATES

3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE FORD F-150 SNOW PLOW TRUCKS FROM FELDMAN AUTOMOTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,100.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #661-268-985-000

John Hines, Recreation Director, stated this change order is due to the addition of the dual battery option for each truck.

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- 4. REQUEST TO CONFIRM AUTHORIZATION FOR CIRCUIT COURT LITIGATION TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE LOCATED AT 580 KANSAS AVE. BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-729-801-023**

Attorney Winters gave an overview of this property.

- 5. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT THAT YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP CONSENT TO THE REVISION TO THE PLAT FOR PATTEE'S ADDITION TO YPSILANTI**

Clerk Jarrell Roe stated that when an alley or alleyway is abandoned the adjacent property owners are entitled to add that property to their property description.

Attorney Winters requested that approval for the supervisor and clerk to sign the consent be added to the motion.

- 6. BUDGET AMENDMENT #10**

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the budget amendment and stated that a grant had been received from Destination Ann Arbor.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

- 1. REQUEST TO SEEK SEALED BIDS FOR FENCE REPLACEMENT AT THE HEWITT RD. FIRE STATION**

Supervisor Stumbo stated this would come back to the board.

- 2. REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 12+2 WHEELCHAIR PASSENGER BUS TO TESCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,072.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #282-901-981-045**

Supervisor Stumbo stated both buses are being purchased with ARPA funds.

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John Hines, Recreation Director, reviewed the purchase of each bus.

- 3. REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 15 PASSENGER BUS TO HOLLAND BUS COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,797.00 BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #282-901-981-045**

- 3. OTHER DISCUSSION..... BOARD MEMBERS**

The Work Session meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Jarrell Roe, Clerk, Charter Township of Ypsilanti