

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2009 REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silent prayer was observed.

Members Present: Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo, Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, Treasurer Larry Doe, Trustees Jean Hall Currie, Stan Eldridge, Mike Martin and Dee Sizemore

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters and Dennis McLain

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Mathew, Township Resident asked the Board for assistance in getting Merritt Road repaved and getting improvements made to Munger Road between Merritt and Textile Roads.

Lyle Tindall, Township Resident announced a tentative meeting scheduled for the newly created Eastern Washtenaw County Democrats Club at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Pittsfield Township Hall.

MINUTES

A. JANUARY 15, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

B. JANUARY 20, 2009 WORK SESSION, REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 Special Meeting and Executive Session and the January 20, 2009 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session, with corrections outlined at the Work Session. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo provided an in-depth overview of meetings attended by officials and Township staff.

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Supervisor Stumbo announced Congressman Dingell would set the record for the longest serving member of Congress on February 14, 2009 and the Board would be recognizing his years of service and his contributions to the community.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe provided an overview of the workshops attended at the MTA Conference. She paid tribute to Joe Lewis, a longtime Ypsilanti Township supporter and provided his funeral arrangements.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Currie invited the Board to the Brown Chapel Annual Brotherhood Banquet on February 27, 2009. She reported that she attended a newsletter workshop at the MTA Conference and thought Ypsilanti Township should have a newsletter to keep residents informed.

Trustee Martin said the most interesting workshop he attended at the MTA Conference was working with the road commission on county and private roads.

Trustee/Fire Commissioner Eldridge provided a brief overview of areas being addressed at the Fire Department. He said the Board was welcome to do a ride-along with the firefighters.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Winters provided a brief summary of the Court of Appeals hearing regarding the lawsuit against the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

Attorney Winters provided an overview of the correlation between home foreclosures and the increase in public nuisance complaints.

A. YPSILANTI MOBILE VILLAGE UPDATE

Attorney Winters provided an update on the Ypsilanti Mobile Village lawsuit. He felt the most important provision of the stipulated order required inspection of any additional mobile homes prior to being brought into the park and stated that these homes could not be occupied until a Certificate of Occupancy was issued by the Township.

B. JARVIS LAWSUIT UPDATE

Attorney Winters reiterated the Court of Appeals decision to uphold the rezoning denial and stated Jarvis and Associates had decided not to appeal their case to the Supreme Court.

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Supervisor Stumbo announced David Nicholson, Planning Director had received the Award of Excellence from the Michigan Association of Planners. She said the Board appreciated his expertise, knowledge and leadership of the Planning Department and his role in economic development for the Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. PROPOSED VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWER TO BE LOCATED ON EMERICK STREET IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP (Tabled at the December 2, 2008, December 16, 2008 and January 20, 2009 Regular Meeting)

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to remove the proposed Verizon Wireless Communication Tower to be located on Emerick Street in Ypsilanti Township from the table. The motion carried as follows:

Martin:	Yes	Eldridge:	Yes	Currie:	Yes	Sizemore:	Yes
Roe:	Yes	Doe:	Yes	Stumbo:	Yes		

Jonathan Crane, Verizon Attorney thanked the Board for their patience and provided an extensive presentation with photos on the communication tower approved by the Planning Commission and of the flagpole design requested by the Board.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe questioned if Verizon planned to co-locate if the monopole design was approved.

Mr. Crane responded it would be available for shared use and they had already received two requests from other carriers to relocate to the Verizon monopole if it was approved. He said Verizon regularly shared space.

David Nicholson, Planning Director asked if Verizon had done any computation on the size of the flag that would be necessary for the proposed flagpole design. If the flag was not in proportion with the pole, he felt it would lose the effectiveness of the structure.

Trustee Martin asked if a flag could be placed on the shroud design and how it would be lit.

Mr. Crane stated he thought it would be possible but the flag would be below the shrouds and would be lit from the ground.

Supervisor Stumbo thanked him for Verizon's effort in providing a flagpole design and wished the information had been provided earlier so the Board could have reviewed it prior to the meeting. She said the agenda item before the Board was a special land use and site plan but any change in the pole design would also change the site plan, which would require Planning Commission approval.

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Mr. Nicholson stated he could not recommend site plan approval because he had not had the opportunity to review what had been presented. He asked the Board to defer action on the site plan but if they proceeded with an element of the approval process, that approval of the special land use be contingent upon site plan approval by the Board.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to table the item until the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting. The motion carried as follows:

Martin:	Yes	Eldridge:	Yes	Currie:	Yes	Sizemore:	Yes
Roe:	Yes	Doe:	Yes	Stumbo:	Yes		

NEW BUSINESS

1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve Budget Amendment #3 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

2. WASHTENAW COUNTY WEBSITE DESIGN PROPOSAL, NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-266-000-801-050

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the Washtenaw County Website Design Proposal, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, budgeted in line item #101-266-000-801-050 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

3. CONTRACT WITH RICHARD PAUL AND ASSOCIATES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650.00 TO PROVIDE MUSIC FOR THE ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2009, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM 101-751-000-740-000

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the contract with Richard Paul and Associates, in the amount of \$650.00 to provide music for the Daddy Daughter Dance on February 14, 2009, budgeted in line item #101-751-000-740-000 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

4. AGREEMENT WITH WEST SHORE SERVICES, INC. TO MAINTAIN OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS IN 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,900.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #206-206-000-933-001

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the agreement with West Shore Services, Inc. to maintain outdoor warning sirens in 2009, in the amount of \$3,900.00, budgeted in line item #206-206-000-933-001 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

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AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

Authorize:

- A. The request of Michael Saranen, Hydro Operation Manager to waive the Township's Financial Policy and authorize the purchase of a water quality monitoring sensor from Fondriest Environmental, a single-source vendor, in the amount of \$10,375, budgeted in line item #212-212-000-801-100.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Martin to approve Authorizations and Bids. The motion carried unanimously.

STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve Statements and Checks, in the amount of \$439,544.02. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti