

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT

Donna Debutts, Community Relations Coordinator at the Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) provided a brief summary of the YDL Annual Community Report and distributed a copy to the Board.

Barbara Hale, Township Resident raised issues about blight in the Holmes Road area and asked the Board for help in cleaning it up.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident suggested the Board make cuts to the budget as a way of saving money.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Work Session and Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo provided a complete overview of meetings attended by officials and Township staff.

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CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe provided an update on the May 5, 2009 election and stated AV applications were available in the Clerk's office. She said the newsletter, which contained information about the millage election, had been sent to the printer and residents should receive it before the end of the month.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin provided an overview of the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) meeting and the SEMCOG General Assembly meeting that he attended.

Trustee/Fire Commissioner Eldridge provided an update on Fire Department related issues.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1610 S. OUTERLANE

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to authorize initiation of legal action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to abate the public nuisance for the property located at 1610 S. Outerlane. The motion carried unanimously.

B. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AS A RESULT OF FIRE AND ZONING CODE VIOLATIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3090 WASHTENAW

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Sizemore to authorize initiation of legal action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court as a result of fire and zoning code violations for the property located at 3090 Washtenaw. The motion carried unanimously.

C. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2499 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Martin to authorize initiation of legal action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to abate the public nuisance for the property located at 2499 E. Michigan Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

D. TRIBUTE TO DAVID NICHOLSON

Attorney Winters gave a moving tribute in memory of David Nicholson, Ypsilanti Township Planning Director who recently passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2nd READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-390, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74, ARTICLE II. CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE XVII. I-C INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, BY ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS FOR PAROLE AND PROBATION OFFICES AND FOR PROVIDING FOR THEIR PLACEMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve Resolution No. 2009-10, proposed Ordinance No. 2009-390, amending Ordinance No. 74, Article II. Construction of Language and Definitions and Article XVII. I-C Industrial Commercial District by adding new definitions for parole and probation offices and for providing for their placement in the Industrial Commercial District (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 1st READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-391 WAIVING, FOR A LIMITED TIME, THE CHARGES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ARTICLES II AND III OF CHAPTER 62 "UTILITIES" OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC STIMULUS, ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT AND CREATE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe requested the Board's permission to abstain from voting due to a possible direct benefit if the approved ordinance included residential homes not connected to the sewer.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin, supported by Trustee Eldridge to allow Clerk Lovejoy Roe to abstain. The motion carried as follows:

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

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Supervisor Stumbo explained the ordinance was a mechanism to attract business to the Township. In the past, developers had complained the fees were excessive and she stressed the Township needed to be competitive. The intent of the ordinance was to encourage new business, as well as residential homeowners that were currently on well and septic, to connect to the water and sewer lines by waiving the charges.

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the 1st reading of Resolution No. 2009-11, proposed Ordinance No. 2009-391, waiving, for a limited time, the charges required pursuant to Articles II and III of Chapter 62 "Utilities" of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances, as amended, in order to provide economic stimulus, encourage development and create new job opportunities within the Charter Township of Ypsilanti and to encourage residential homeowners that were currently on well and septic to connect to water and sewer lines (see attached). The motion carried unanimously. Clerk Lovejoy Roe abstained.

2. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF LARRY DOE AS SEMCOG ALTERNATE AND APPOINT BRENDA STUMBO AS HIS REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to accept the resignation of Larry Doe as SEMCOG alternate and appoint Brenda Stumbo as his replacement. The motion carried unanimously.

3. JUNK YARD/STORAGE LICENSE FOR 2008

A. CLARK BROTHERS TOWING 12 TODD K-11-02-456-008

Mike Radzik, Community Standards Director briefly explained the circumstances surrounding the license for Clark Brothers Towing and requested the Board to approve both the 2007/2008 and the 2009/2010 license.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the Junk Yard/Storage license of Clark Brothers Towing, located at 12 Todd for 2007/2008 and 2009/2010 with an expiration of May 31, 2010, subject to conditions stipulated by the Court. The motion carried unanimously.

4. BUDGET CHANGES

A. BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve Budget Amendment #4 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

B. BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFER #1

Trustee Eldridge asked permission to abstain because part of the transfer pertained to his salary as Fire Commissioner.

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Sizemore to allow Trustee Eldridge to abstain. The motion carried as follows:

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

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Budget Line Item Transfer #1 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously. Trustee Eldridge abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to allow the Fire Department to authorize advertisements and take bids for the purpose of selling two older fire trucks and to post them on EBay.

Discussion followed. Attorney Winters asked to review the RFPs prior to their release. Travis McDugald explained the use of EBay and how the process would not allow for other outside bids.

A friendly amendment was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to exclude EBay in the bidding process. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Discussion continued on the EBay process.

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to table the agenda item. The motion carried as follows.

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

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

Accept:

- A. The recommendation of Brian Durant to accept the low bid by Bandit Industries, Inc. for the purchase of a Bandit 1890XP Drum Chipper, in the amount of \$42,353.44. Sixteen thousand (\$16,000) was received for the trade-in of two older

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chippers making the net cost \$26,353.44, budgeted in line item #226.226.000.977.000.

- B. The recommendation of Brian Durant to accept the bid by Spartan Distributors for the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 4100-D mower, in the amount of \$45,989.77 with \$40,000 budgeted in line item #212.970.000.971.004 and \$5,989.77 budgeted in line item #101.774.000.977.000. This amount includes a 24% discount from the State of Michigan Purchasing Plan.
- C. The recommendation of Travis McDugald to renew the AT&T agreement for the existing Point 2 Point T1 line, at an estimated monthly cost of \$250, budgeted in line item #101.267.000.850.000 and authorize signing by the Supervisor and Clerk.

Authorize:

- A. The request of Travis McDugald to seek non-sealed proposals for software licensing upgrade options with software assurance for Microsoft Office Professional 2007. This item was budget in line item #101.266.000.977.001.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve Authorizations and Bids. The motion carried as follows:

Martin:	No	Eldridge:	No	Currie:	No	Sizemore:	Yes
Doe:	Yes	Roe:	Yes	Stumbo:	Yes		

STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve statements and checks in the amount of \$631,718.64. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti