

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 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 HEARING:

- A. 7:00 P.M. REQUEST OF CAS-MI LABORATORIES, LOCATED AT 435/445 JOE HALL DRIVE IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP, FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE, RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15** (Public Hearing set at the May 19, 2009 Regular Meeting)

The public hearing was opened at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Vince Nystrom, Vice President of Business Development at Ann Arbor SPARK gave a brief description of SPARK's role in economic development for Washtenaw County. He said CAS-MI was an expansion and an attraction opportunity. Mr. Nystrom explained the company was headquartered in St. Louis, MO and the expansion could have gone to one of the seven offices located around the country. He stressed the biggest catalyst was tax incentives and tax abatements and the State of Michigan approved a MEGA High Tech Credit worth \$1.2 million for CAS-MI in May.

Fred Willard, Vice President of Technology, CAS-MI-Laboratories thanked the Board for their support. He provided a brief history on the business and explained the type of work done at their laboratory.

The public hearing was closed at approximately 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve Resolution No. 2009-15, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received.

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MINUTES

- A. MAY 26, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING**
- B. JUNE 1, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 Special Meeting and the June 1, 2009 Special Meeting and Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo introduced Ypsilanti Township Fire Chief Eric Copeland. She also provided a summary of meetings attended by the three full-time officials and staff.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe provided an update on the Clerk's office projects.

TREASURER REPORT

- A. MAY 2009**

Treasurer Doe gave the report for May 2009. The beginning balance was \$34,476,211.34 and the ending balance was \$33,044,655.62.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to receive and file the May 2009 Treasurer's report (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY REPORT

- A. AUTHORIZE INITIATING LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF BUILDING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1447 HOLMES (FORMER BULLS EYE MARKET)**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to authorize initiating legal action in Washtenaw County Court to abate the public nuisance because of multiple township ordinance violations, including demolition of building for property located at 1447 Holmes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. AUTHORIZE INITIATING LEGAL ACTION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AS A RESULT OF MULTIPLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF UNATTACHED BARN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1343 E. FOREST AVENUE

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to authorize initiating legal action in Washtenaw County Court to abate the public nuisance because of multiple township ordinance violations, including demolition of unattached barn for the property located at 1343 E. Forest. The motion carried unanimously.

C. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT FILING OBJECTIONS ON BEHALF OF YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP, WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES IN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT REGARDING GENERAL MOTORS AND TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AND TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES NECESSARY TO FILE AN EMERGENCY MOTION WITH THE BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION REQUESTING THAT NO EQUIPMENT BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL MOTORS WILLOW RUN-YTO POWERTRAIN FACILITY

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Trustee Currie to support filing objections on behalf of Ypsilanti Township, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties in United States Bankruptcy Court regarding General Motors. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Eldridge left the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19 – REQUESTING GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TO RECONSIDER THE JUNE 1, 2009 DECISION TO CLOSE THE WILLOW RUN / YPSILANTI TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS PLANT

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve Resolution No. 2009-19, requesting General Motors Corporation to reconsider the June 1, 2009 closure of the Willow Run/Ypsilanti Transmission Operations Plant.

A friendly amendment was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to include sending Resolution No. 2009-19 to President Obama, the Obama Task Force and the newspapers (see attached). The friendly amendment was accepted.

The motion carried unanimously.

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**E. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH STEVE
MATTA TO ASSIST WITH THE GM TAX APPEAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Martin to authorize signing of the engagement letter with Steve Matta to assist with the GM Tax Appeal. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2ND READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14, ORDINANCE NO. 2009-393
AMENDING THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE,
CHAPTERS 42 AND 58 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
CODE OF ORDINANCES (1ST reading held at May 19, 2009 Regular
Meeting)**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve the 2nd reading of Resolution No. 2009-14, Ordinance No. 2009-393, Uniform Traffic Code, Chapters 42 and 58 of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. 2ND READING, ORDINANCE 2009-394, GRASS AND WEEDS (LAWN
HEIGHT) (1ST reading held at May 19, 2009 Regular Meeting)**

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2009-394, Grass and Weeds, Lawn Height. (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUDGET AMENDMENTS #6**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Budget Amendment #6 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. 2009/10 YPSILANTI AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY
PROFILE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY AD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$795.00,
BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.267.000.900.000**

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the 2009-10 Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce Community Profile and Business Directory Ad in the amount of \$400.00, budgeted in line item #101.267.000.900.000 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

3. FIVE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI AND THE YPSILANTI NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE USE OF HARRIS PARK

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the five-year contract extension between the Charter Township of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti National Little League (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO PARK COMMISSION TO NAME INTERNAL STREET IN FORD HERITAGE PARK BRICE BOULEVARD, IN HONOR OF DELORES BRICE

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Treasurer Doe to name a street in Ford Heritage Park Brice Boulevard, in honor of Delores Brice. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo stated a letter would be sent to the Park Commission asking them to forward the policy of naming streets in Township parks.

5. WASHTENAW COUNTY POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve the Washtenaw County Police Services Contract Extension through December 31, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

6. REQUEST TO WAIVE FINANCIAL POLICY TO ALLOW THOMAS PREHODA, P.E. TO COMPLETE STABILITY AND RAPID DRAWDOWN ANALYSES FOR FORD LAKE DAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,760.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #252.252.000.801.000

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to waive the financial policy to allow Thomas Prehoda P.E. to complete analyses for Ford Lake Dam in the amount of \$5,760.00, budgeted in line item #252.252.000.801.000. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUEST TO RETAIN OHM FOR DESIGN AND BID OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ACROSS S. HURON RIVER DRIVE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO FORD HERITAGE PARK FROM FORD LAKE HEIGHTS AND ACROSS TEXTILE ROAD TO ALLOW ACCESS TO FORD HERITAGE PARK FROM THE PRESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,300.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212.970.000.997.000

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve retaining OHM for permit application assistance of a pedestrian crossing across S. Huron River Drive to allow access to Ford Heritage Park

from Ford Lake Heights and across Textile Road to allow access to Ford Heritage Park from the Preserves in the amount of \$700.00, budgeted in line item #212.970.000.997.000. The motion carried unanimously.

8. 1ST READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-392, REGULATING PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the 1st reading of Resolution No. 2009-13, Proposed Ordinance No. 2009-392, Regulating Phosphorus Fertilizer (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

9. 1ST READING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2009-395, AMENDING FRONT YARD SETBACKS AND LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the 1st reading of Resolution No. 2009-18, Proposed Ordinance No. 2009-395 amending Front Yard Setbacks and Lot Coverage Requirements (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

10. WASHTENAW COUNTY AGREEMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) FOR DEMOLITION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Washtenaw County Agreement – Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for demolition of blighted properties, pending Attorney review (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

11. SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR CDBG FUNDED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Martin to approve the Supplemental Second Agreement with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for CDBG Funded Road Improvements (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

12. WASHTENAW COUNTY AGREEMENT – 2008-09 CDBG CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR EXPANSION OF RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION PILOT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve the Washtenaw County Agreement – 2008-09 CDBG Code Enforcement for Expansion of Rental Housing Inspection Pilot Program (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

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13. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

A. TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M. TO HEAR REQUEST OF SENSITILE (ANUTTARA LLC), LOCATED AT 1735 HOLMES ROAD IN YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP, FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Sizemore to set a public hearing date for July 21, 2009 at approximately 7:00 p.m. to hear the request of Sensitile (Anuttara LLC), located at 1735 Holmes Road for the creation of an Industrial Development District. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

Authorize:

- 1. The request of Travis McDugald to purchase Microsoft Office Professional Plus with Software Assurance from CDWG in the amount of \$55,621 to be paid in three yearly payments of \$18,541 and authorize signing by the Supervisor and Clerk. Funding for the first year is available in line item #101.266.000.977.001.**
- 2. The request of Ed Wooton to develop specifications and accept sealed bids for four (4) new trucks to upgrade and supplement the Motor Pool as follows:**
 - 1. Two (2) ¾ ton heavy duty plow trucks with plow attachment**
 - 2. Two (2) compact, extended cab pickup trucks.**

Alternate hybrid and conventional gasoline bids will be accepted for the pickup trucks and all bids are subject to final approval by the board. Funding for the vehicles is available in line item #595.597.000.985.000.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe 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 \$401,161.85. The motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, 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, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti