

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township.

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

Members Absent: Trustees Stan Eldridge and Mike Martin

Legal Counsel: Dennis McLain

1. TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL COUNSEL TO PROCEED WITH LITIGATION TO DECLARE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2601 VERNA A PUBLIC NUISANCE

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to authorize legal counsel to proceed with litigation to declare the property located at 2601 Verna a public nuisance.

Attorney McLain provided an in-depth overview of the deplorable condition of the property and he said the process would be much quicker if he dealt with a family member through probate court. He said the mold was so extreme, it was his recommendation to burn the home, which would have to be done as a training exercise. He explained the heat of the fire would destroy the mold spores. He asked the Board for authorization to take whatever means necessary to abate the property. Discussion followed.

Bill Elling, Ordinance Officer stated he had been in contact with the son who had been very cooperative.

Chief Copeland stated it should be a controlled burn with consideration for the safety of the firefighters and residents. Discussion followed.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to authorize legal counsel and staff to take whatever means necessary to abate the nuisance at 2601 Verna after verification that demolition by fire was a safe process for handling mold for both staff and residents and to waive the bid and burn polices. The motion carried unanimously.

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**2. AUTHORIZE COBALT COMMUNITY RESEARCH TO CONDUCT A
CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY, AT A COST OF \$5,000, ACCOUNT
#101-267-000-801-000**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the three-full officials wanted the cost, not to exceed \$7,000 so more voters could be surveyed.

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to authorize Cobalt Community Research to conduct a Citizen Satisfaction Survey, in amount not to exceed \$7,000, budgeted in line item #101-267-000-801-000. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the Washtenaw Intermediate School District intended to place a 2 mil increase for schools on the ballot. She explained the audit was complete and David Williamson had provided the numbers on reductions in revenue and that the Township could not continue with the same number of police officers with the current revenue. The survey would be done to see if voters would support a millage increase and to let the Board know what was important to them and to help guide the budget process.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated considering the economic conditions, it would be difficult to get a millage passed if voters had already received a tax increase as the result of a school millage. Discussion followed.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. AUTHORIZATIONS & BIDS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to table the item in Authorizations and Bids until the July 21, 2009 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti