

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2009 WORK SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 6:00 p.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, Stan Eldridge, Mike Martin and Dee Sizemore

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

1. REVIEW AGENDA

Supervisor Stumbo reviewed the Board agenda.

Old Business:

2nd Reading Resolution No. 2009-11, Proposed Ordinance No. 2009-391 – Supervisor Stumbo provided a brief explanation. Clerk Lovejoy Roe requested to abstain from voting on the agenda item.

Old Fire Engine Disposal – Supervisor Stumbo explained the item was tabled at the April 7, 2009 meeting. Discussion followed. Clerk Lovejoy Roe asked Trustee Martin if he would work with Travis McDugald to utilize EBay as an option to sell the fire engines and he agreed.

New Business:

DSS Corporation – Annual Maintenance Agreement for the maintenance of the Fire Department's voice recorder – Supervisor Stumbo stated the voice recorder may not be needed since HVA handled all dispatch calls. The captains requested approval of the agreement, contingent upon Captain Webb's review. She said this would be a \$2,700 savings if Captain Webb determined the recorder was no longer necessary. Discussion followed.

Resolution No. 2009-12 – Establishment of Water/Sewer Subsidy Income Levels – Supervisor Stumbo explained the resolution would set income levels permanently, eliminating the need for annual approval. The income levels would automatically update each year in line with the amounts set at the State level.

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Trustee Martin questioned if individuals owning multiple homes would be eligible for the subsidy. Supervisor Stumbo stated the subsidy was income driven and the resolution before the Board made renters ineligible. She explained the resolution could be changed to meet the desire of the Board. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to table the agenda item to obtain clarification on the process.

Pointe At Island Lake – Matt Parks, OHM briefly explained that the change order was necessary to pay the contractor for his work. He stated that Joe Lawson would be inspecting the landscaping in late Spring. Discussion followed. Attorney Winters stressed that the project was not complete and the remaining \$35,990 would remain in escrow, as specified in the Development Agreement.

2009 Engineering Design Standards – Matt Parks, OHM provided a brief overview of the changes and stated the last update was in 2003.

Authorize Ytown Community Forums to be held at 7 p.m. in the designated locations and authorize mailing to inform residents in surrounding area – Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the Township forums had been coordinated and a postcard would be mailed to residents informing them of the meetings.

Other Business:

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said it was clear to the three full-time administrators that residents did not fully understand that the millages would expire at the end of 2009 and approval of the millages was not a tax increase. A memo was distributed, explaining the need to provide millage information and the cost involved. She requested that authorization to print and mail an informational postcard to registered voters be added to the agenda under Other Business. The Board agreed.

Supervisor Stumbo stated it was imperative for voters to understand that the requested millage was the same as 2005 and if the millages failed, those services would no longer be available.

Authorizations and Bids:

Ed Wooton, Building Operations Superintendent explained his request to accept sealed bids on old vehicles and surplus items.

Statements and Checks

Trustee Eldridge asked for clarification on checks #97188 & #97297, both payable to the US Postal Service, in the amount of \$7,500. He thought it might be a duplicate payment. There was also a request for clarification on check #97275 payable to Reserve Account, in the amount of \$10,000.

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Trustee Eldridge asked if there had been a resolution to the Varnum Riddering issue. Supervisor Stumbo stated there was a written update and she would provide him a copy.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident stated she was approached by a resident asking if firefighters went directly to a fire when they were at the grocery store or if they returned to the station first.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti