

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 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 and Mike Martin

Members Absent: Trustee Dee Sizemore

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julia Gilbert, Township Resident and co-owner of Xtreme Play N Go, requested priority be given to local businesses by the Township. She also was seeking information regarding networking in the community.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2010 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 Work Session and Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo provided an overview of meetings attended by full-time officials and staff. She included information regarding tax tribunals and census training being held at the Civic Center. Supervisor Stumbo reported that ISSYS had decided to remain in the Township and Spark had received a request from a company interested in Township land for the construction of a manufacturing and R & D facility. She also reported that Ford Motor Company had requested a meeting with the Township.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe announced Lincoln School District planned to place a bond proposal on the ballot in May.

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TREASURER REPORT

A. January 2010

Treasurer Doe gave the report for January 2010. The beginning balance was \$30,461,395.13 and the ending balance was \$32,050,402.78.

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to receive and file the January 2010 Treasurer's report (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin reported the Asian City Restaurant on Washtenaw Ave. had a great grand opening and the restaurant had provided 31 new jobs to the area. He shared the owner's vision of a Chinatown that would create a regional marketing area covering over a 100 mile radius.

Trustee Eldridge asked if there was interest in extending the ordinance that temporarily waived the sewer and water benefit charge to help with economic development. The Board agreed to add the item under other business.

Treasurer Doe announced the Meals On Wheels, Spring Fling fundraiser would take place on March 18, 2010 at the Ypsilanti Marriott Hotel. He shared that Clerk Roe and Trustee Martin would be servers and Supervisor Stumbo and himself would be hosts. He said this was their number one fundraiser and encouraged all to attend.

ATTORNEY REPORT

**A. AUTHORIZATION FOR OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY TO
RELEASE PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,700 TO YPSILANTI
TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOND #3 494 511
POSTED FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 2997
WASHTENAW AVENUE, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "ZEER SECURITY"**

Motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to authorize notification to Ohio Casualty Insurance Company to release proceeds of \$40,700 to Ypsilanti Township pursuant to terms and conditions of Bond #3 494 511 posted for redevelopment project located at 2997 Washtenaw Avenue, commonly referred to as "Zeer Security". Motion carried unanimously.

During the work session a detailed presentation was given regarding 2997 Washtenaw Avenue and the need to have this prime property in the Township redeveloped. Joe Lawson, Planning and Development Coordinator gave an overview of the history regarding the property.

B. General Legal Update

Attorney Winters thanked Fire Chief Copeland and the Fire Department staff for their professional, prompt response to Township fires. He stated many rental property owners lived outside the Township and they must be held to the Property Maintenance Code. He said the Township was aggressively working to maintain the quality of life in our neighborhoods and thanked the Community Standards Department and all the staff for the hard work and effort they consistently provided to abate public nuisances.

NEW BUSINESS

1. REQUEST OF STAR TOURING & RIDING, CHAPTER 317 TO UTILIZE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT AS A STAGING AREA FOR CHARITY BENEFIT RIDE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Trustee Martin to authorize the use of the Civic Center parking lot as a staging area for the Star Touring & Riding, Chapter 317 Charity Benefit Ride on Sunday, June 20, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo stated this was an annual event that Ed Wooton, Building Operations Superintendent participated in and helped organize.

2. BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve Budget Amendment #2 (see attached). Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo said the amendment was necessary to abate the mold discovered during a construction project at the Green Oaks Golf Pro Shop.

3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY, IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2747 SOUTHLAWN STREET

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to authorize legal action if necessary, in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to abate public nuisance at 2747 Southlawn Street. Motion carried unanimously.

The background regarding 2747 Southlawn Street and the flooding of this home was discussed in detail at the work session.

4. POLICY FOR AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) ARRANGEMENTS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the policy for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Arrangements and Electronic Transactions of Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Doe explained the policy was required because of new banking arrangements.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01, AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Martin to approve Resolution 2010-01 – Authorizing Electronic Transactions (see attached). Motion carried unanimously.

6. 1st READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-402 WIND GENERATORS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 2010-02, Proposed Ordinance No. 2010-402 Wind Generators(see attached). The motion carried as follows:

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

Joe Lawson, Planning and Development Coordinator briefly explained the proposed ordinance. He said it would meet the call for renewable energy sources by Governor Granholm. Mr. Lawson stated the ordinance would allow windmills at a height needed to generate wind energy.

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – 2ND ADDENDUM

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the Waste Management Contract-2nd Addendum and authorize the signing of the contract. Motion Carried unanimously.

Jeff Allen, Residential Services Director explained the addendum would include savings in our single stream recycling and a reduction in the percentage rate increase. The addendum was a five-year extension with minor changes. The addendum proposed a 1% increase in first year and a 2.5% increase in each year thereafter. He explained the current contract averaged a 2.75% increase per year and the new addendum averaged a 2.2% increase per year over the five years. Mr. Allen stated it would save the Township an additional \$43,973.00 over the life of the new agreement.

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Carey Weihmiller, Community & Municipal Relations Representative for Waste Management said they welcomed the opportunity to continue to provide first class service to Ypsilanti Township residents. She said the new contract would expand recycling services to include plastic bags and pizza boxes and also provided the opportunity to receive revenues for the recyclables. The new contract allowed the Township to renegotiate the contract if the Township was faced with major revenue stream reductions and if an agreement could not be reached, it allowed the Township to bid out the contract.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. CANCELLATION OF MARCH 2, 2010 AND APRIL 6, 2010 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to cancel the March 2, 2010 and April 6, 2010 Work Session and Regular Township Board meetings and to authorize payment of Statements and Checks for each of these periods, with formal approval at next scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board agreed at the Work Session to add this item under Other Business. The cancellation was requested due to a lack of agenda items and to allow board members to attend the Washtenaw County Sheriffs planned Township community meetings during these two months.

2. EXTEND ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY WAIVING YCUA WATER AND SEWER BENEFIT CHARGES

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Trustee Martin to approve the 1st reading of the ordinance temporarily waiving YCUA Water and Sewer Benefit Charges until March 31, 2011(see attached). The motion carried as follows:

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

The Board agreed to add this to Other Business at the request of Trustee Eldridge. The extension of the waiver for water and sewer benefit charges would assist with economic development within the Township during these difficult economic times.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

- 1. REQUEST OF MICHAEL SARANEN, HYDRO OPERATOR TO UTILIZE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR PART-12 SAFETY INSPECTION, PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW AND FINAL FERC APPROVAL OF TOR HANSEN, ENGINEER WITH BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY , IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,750.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #252-252-000-801-000.**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the request to utilize professional services of Barr Engineering Company for Part-12 Safety Inspection, subject to Attorney review and final FERC approval of Tor Hansen, engineer with Barr Engineering Company, in the amount of \$12,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve Statements and Checks in the amount of \$2,685,891.27. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti