

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 8:00 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, Stan Eldridge, Mike Martin and Dee Sizemore

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: John Hancock

Board Members agreed to start with Agenda Item No. 2 because the snow had delayed Attorney John Hancock's arrival.

2. AGREEMENT WITH YOZONE NATURALS HEALTHY VENDING TO PLACE VENDING MACHINES IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER, CIVIC CENTER AND GOLF COURSE ON A TRIAL BASIS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Sizemore to approve the agreement with YoZone Natural Healthy Vending to place vending machines in the Community Center, Civic Center and Golf Course on a trial basis. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Currie questioned how the Township would make sure the vending items were fresh.

Supervisor Stumbo stated it was the business of the vending company and they would replace items like they do now, except they would be healthy items.

3. REQUEST OF ASIA CITY RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 2905 WASHTENAW, YPSILANTI FOR A NEW CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the request of Asia City Restaurant for New Class C Liquor License to be located at 2905 Washtenaw Avenue.

Treasurer Doe reported the Liquor Committee met on February 22, 2010 and recommended approval of the New Class C Liquor License for the Asia City Restaurant.

A friendly amendment was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to waive the liquor license application fee. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. REQUEST TO ISSUE HAND CHECK TO HEINOWSKI APPRAISAL & CONSULTING, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,472.00 FOR TESTIMONY AND PREPARATION FOR TRIAL IN THE FORD/ACH V CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI CASE, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM 101-209-000-811- 001

Motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe and supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the request to issue a hand check to Heinowski Appraisal & Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$25,472.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Doe explained the Township would save 5% if the invoice was paid by the end of February.

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The Board proceeded to the 14-B District Court Contract agenda item although Attorney Hancock had not yet arrived.

1. 14-B DISTRICT COURT CONTRACT

Supervisor Stumbo explained that discussion of the 14-B Court Contract was on the agenda at the request of Trustee Eldridge.

Trustee Eldridge stated he had problems with the process because the Board was told they would be kept up-to-date on the negotiations but they had not heard anything until after the contract was signed. He said he had concerns because the contract did not reflect what the Board had advised.

Judge Pope stated Kathy Collins, Court Administrator and himself had met with Human Resources and Supervisor Stumbo before starting negotiations. He said he was advised that the 2010 Budget would have a 3% reduction in wages and benefits across the board and negotiation discussions went together with the budget discussions. He told the Board a savings would be realized with the retirement of Harold Owens. Judge Pope explained that Mr. Owens' position was originally part of the police budget but about 10 years ago, when the court was doing relatively well, a decision was made to transfer his costs to the court budget. He explained how the court would save expenditures with the retirement of Mr. Owens.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe asked Judge Pope if he had determined if Administrative Order No. 1998-5: Chief Judge Responsibilities; Local Intergovernmental Relations as defined in MCR 8.110(A) that reads: "...A chief judge may not enter into a multiple-year commitment concerning any personnel economic issue unless: (1) the funding unit agrees, or (2) the agreement does not exceed the percentage increase or the duration of a multiple-year contract that the funding unit has negotiated for its employees....", indeed applied in this situation. Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated based on that Administrative Order, she felt that a more financially lucrative contract negotiated for the court would require approval by the funding unit.

Judge Pope responded that he had not researched to see if the language applied to the contract he had signed with AFSCME employees of the court.

Trustee Eldridge stated he agreed with Clerk Lovejoy Roe that the administrative order did apply and the Judge could not enter an agreement with the court employees without Township Board approval. Trustee Eldridge made a request to have Attorney Winters review the language to determine the legal obligation of the Court and the Board regarding this administrative rule. The Board agreed to his request.

John Hancock, Labor Attorney arrived at approximately 8:17 a.m.

Treasurer Doe was asked Attorney Hancock if it would be appropriate for the Board to go into executive discussion to discuss the 14-B District Court Contract and the negotiations.

Attorney Hancock stated it would be appropriate to go into executive session for contract negotiation discussions.

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Currie to go into Executive Session to discuss the 14B Court Contract and the negotiations. The motion carried as follows:

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

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 8:22 a.m. and returned to the board meeting at approximately 9:12 a.m.

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Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti