

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 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: Dee Sizemore

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters, Dennis McLain and Angela King

A. PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR LAKESHORE APARTMENTS

Supervisor Stumbo presented Lakeshore Apartments with a Proclamation of Appreciation and an award for their dedication and service to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Barbash, Township Resident asked if the 2nd Reading of the Pit Bull Ordinance was on the agenda. She stated she did not feel mandatory neutering was the answer.

Supervisor Stumbo said the 2nd Reading of the ordinance would be held at the October 19, 2010 Board Meeting.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated she had notified Ms. Barbash that the AnnArbor.com article that had October 5, 2010 as the date of the 2nd reading was incorrect.

Stanley Magiera, Township Resident said he felt there was a lack of information in the newspapers and he asked the Board to work with the papers to provide more information. He said he had concerns that the number handicap parking spaces at the Community Center, the decorative bushes that were obstructing vision when leaving the center and the dips in the sidewalk. He also said the handicap parking at the Civic Center needed to be repainted and made more visible. Mr. Magiera further questioned who paid for the bike path maintenance.

Supervisor Stumbo explained that bike paths were not maintained in the winter and the Township did not have an Ordinance requiring homeowners to maintain them. She explained bike paths were repaired with millage fund dollars when needed.

Susan Dargay, Township Resident said her son was attacked by two pit bulls in her neighborhood. She said the owners were told to get the dogs neutered because they were so aggressive. Ms. Dargay said she agreed with the mandatory law.

David Palmer, candidate for the State House of Representative introduced himself and said he looked forward to serving the Township.

Denise Kirchoff, Township Resident said her daughter was recently mauled by a dog other than a pit bull. She said in a three- year period, pit bulls had killed 52 people and she felt something needed to be done.

Lee Tooson, City of Ypsilanti Resident commented that in Wayne County, offenders were prosecuted for these types of vicious attacks. He recognized the Township Board and Attorney Winters for all they had done.

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Carol Blackburn, Township Resident said there were four pit bulls in her neighborhood that would not allow people to walk or be in their yards. She asked the Township to give them back their quality of life.

Robin Castle-Hine, Township Resident thanked the Township Board for considering the pit bull ordinance. She said some of the problem households were rentals and she felt landlords needed to be held responsible.

Bobby Green, Resident of Redford Township said she was the President of Terrier Club of Michigan and served on the board of the Michigan Terrier Club and she expressed her sympathy to the injured children. She stated that vicious dogs were different and this was not a breed specific issue. Ms. Green said offending owners needed to be held responsible and should be ticketed.

Stanley Magiera, Township Resident suggested the Washtenaw County deputies get out of their vehicles and walk around to see what residents were dealing with every day.

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2010 WORK SESSION, REGULAR MEETING
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the September 13, 2010 Joint Township Board/City Council Meeting and the September 21, 2010 Work Session and Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Stumbo gave a brief update on the meetings attended by the three full-time officials and staff. She said the Township Offices would close during lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. effective Monday, November 29, 2010 and a mailing would be done to inform the residents of the change.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said absentee ballots were available and anyone interested should e-mail or call the Clerk's office to obtain an absentee ballot application. She stated there were several people present from the Sheriff's department and residents with specific dog issues should speak with them. Clerk Lovejoy Roe said there were laws and ordinances in place for animal control. She apologized for the confusion with Ann Arbor.com and said they had assumed the next reading of the pit bull ordinance would be on the agenda.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin said he felt the issue was how the dogs were raised and what needed to be addressed were the owners. He said if owners interacted with their dog properly, they were like members of the family. Trustee Martin stated he did not support breed specific legislation.

Trustee Eldridge commented on the Joint City/Township issue and encouraged anyone who had a suggestions or recommendations they would like considered in the Request for Proposal (RFP), they should contact anyone on the Township Board.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY, IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO INSURE THE CLEAN UP AND REMOVAL OF COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES HOUSING BOTTLE & BASKET MARKET LOCATED AT 2404 LAKEVIEW DUE TO FIRE

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to authorize legal action if necessary, in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to insure the cleanup and removal of commercial structures housing Bottle & Basket Market located at 2404 Lakeview due to fire. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Winters provided a brief overview of the property's condition and said it was an extremely dangerous situation. He recognized Lieutenant Brad Johnson for his quick response in getting everyone out of the building.

Chief Copeland concurred with Attorney Winters and said as soon as the investigation was completed, demolition would begin.

B. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winters provided a brief update on Ypsi Mobile Village. He also said the development agreement for Lombardo Homes was being worked on and recommended the Board approve issuing five additional building permits.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve five additional permits for Lombardo Homes while the development agreement was being completed. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McLain provided a brief update on the demolitions of 724 N. Ford, 2403 E. Michigan Avenue, 1205 Candlewood and portions of the Gault Village Shopping Center.

OLD BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2158 WOODALE

A Motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe supported by Treasurer Doe to remove the agenda item from the table. The motion carried as follows:

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

A Motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the settlement agreement regarding demolition of property located at 2158 Woodale and to authorize signing of the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHTENAW COUNTY AND YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement between Washtenaw County and Ypsilanti Township. The motion carried unanimously.

2. REQUEST OF THE PARK COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MICHIGAN MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOCIATION REGARDING TRAILS AT HEWEN'S CREEK PARK

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the request of the Park Commission for the review and approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Mountain Biking Association regarding trails at Hewen's Creek Park.

Attorney Winters raised several issues regarding the wording of the Memorandum of Understanding.

A friendly amendment was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, contingent upon attorney approval. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF CHRIS OSHELFSKE, ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND AUTHORIZE THE THREE FULL-TIME OFFICIALS TO FILL THE ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR POSITION

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Eldridge to accept the retirement of Chris Oshelkske, Accounting Director, effective December 31, 2010 and to authorize the three full-time officials to proceed with filling the position, with the understanding that the position, as well as the selected candidate would be brought back to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

A. REQUEST OF TRAVIS MCDUGALD, IS MANAGER TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR A DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SOLUTION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the request of Travis McDugald, IS Manager to seek proposals for a document management solution and records management system.

STATEMENT AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve Statements and Checks in the amount of \$425,279.61. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti**

**Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti**