

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 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 and Angela King

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident encouraged residents to vote in favor of the police millage.

Susan Dragay, Township Resident expressed her support for the pit bull ordinance and stated residents should not be afraid to walk in their neighborhoods.

Richard Mason, Township Resident commended the Board on the round-about at Whittaker and Stony Creek and he said he would like to see more of them. He also stated he was in support of the pit bull ordinance.

Jennifer Bark, City Resident said Kansas City implemented the same type of ordinance in 2005 but there was still a 75% increase in the put down of pit bulls. She said she supported an out-reach program to educate pet owners.

Denise Weatherburn Township Resident stated she had four pit bulls and all were spayed and neutered. She suggested the use of a mobile clinic or partnering with a local vet to help increase getting animals spayed or neutered. She said she did not think the ordinance would have the desired effect.

Kathleen Trusdell, Township Resident stressed she did not support a breed specific ordinance and the ordinance did not address aggressive breeds.

Angela Barbash, Township Resident stated she did not support the ordinance and questioned the Board's plan to enforce the current ordinances. She asked how the success of the ordinance would be measured and when would that information be brought back to the Board.

Supervisor Stumbo replied the plan was to deputize the animal cruelty investigators, there were two animal control officers and the possibility of contracting for additional animal control services. She also stated the Board had discussed a sunset clause to allow the Board to measure the success of the ordinance.

Stephanie (did not provide last name) provided information on breed specific legislation and she stated all major humane organizations were against breed specific legislation. She stated there were over 25 breeds of dogs mistaken as pit bulls and she questioned were there provisions if someone said their dog was not a pit bull. She said she was also concerned about spaying or neutering dogs with health issues and she stressed the need for laws that targeted irresponsible owners.

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Carol Blackburn, Township Resident said she supported the ordinance and asked the Board to pass it.

Kristen Hippelin, Canton Resident said the problem was most likely a few bad apples that spoil the bunch and she felt education would be the best approach. She stated the City of Toledo had repealed their breed specific legislation.

Diana McKay, Redford Resident stated Redford had ban pit bulls in the mid 80's but the ordinance was not enforced and the ban was repealed about four years ago. She said the Township already had an ordinance that gave them the ability to enforce the issue of aggressive animals. She further stated the ordinance did not address irresponsible owners.

Kathy Leach, Township Resident stated that a 92% increase for the cost of a deputy was unconscionable, at a time when residents hurt for money and the responsibility laid with the Washtenaw County Commissioners. She felt other alternatives should be reviewed and the use of AnnArbor.com to point the finger at the deputies was not right. Ms. Leach said she did not support partnering with the City of Ypsilanti but thought the Board should consider other communities or implement the Township's own police force.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

A. GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES, INC. UPDATE – KIRK PROFIT

Mr. Profit brief briefly reviewed the issues his company had pursued on behalf of Ypsilanti Township. He said it had been a difficult year for State government but the good news was \$350,000 had been saved from the cutting floor, for Ypsilanti Township. Mr. Profit said they had worked on several different housing problem issues and he thanked Township staff and the Township Attorney for their leadership on those issues. He also discussed the Lakeside Park Grant which would be a great improvement for the Township. Mr. Profit closed by saying on January 1, 2011 the entire leadership of the State would change and encouraged residents to vote in November.

Supervisor Stumbo thanked Mr. Profit for the work done by GCSI, Inc. on behalf of Ypsilanti Township.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING.

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 Work Session and Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the Clerk's office was preparing for the November election and the Clerk's Office would be open on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for anyone interested in voting by absentee ballot. She added the Clerk's Office had received close to 500 requests for absentee ballots in the last week.

TREASURER REPORT

A. September 2010

Treasurer Doe gave the report for September 2010. The beginning balance was \$31,277,014.06 and the ending balance was \$26,365,517.11.

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

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin provided a brief summary of the Water Conservation Advisory Commission meeting regarding the aeration project, decommissioning the turbines and water quality issues. He also stated the WCAC was waiting on a response from Stantec regarding their hourly rate.

Supervisor Stumbo said Stantec had provided information on their hourly rate.

Trustee Eldridge provided a brief update on the Joint Police Services Committee and he stated the request for proposals was on the agenda. He said he wanted to remind everyone this was only an exploration to see if there was any feasibility to continue and no decision had been made. Trustee Eldridge emphasized the City was chosen as a partner because of boundary guidelines.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. General Legal Update

Attorney Winters gave an update on blighted properties in the Township which were currently being addressed, including Garner Jewelry, Bottle and Basket, Tuscan Creek, Liberty Square, Ypsi Mobile Village and the Woodard property.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2ND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-408, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 48, SECTION 28 WHICH SETS FORTH ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (1ST Reading at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting)**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Ordinance No. 2010-408, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48, Section 28, which sets forth additions, insertions and changes to the Property Maintenance Code (see attached). The motion carried as follows:

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

Supervisor Stumbo explained the ordinance would require the property owners to replace broken doors and windows.

- 2. 2ND READING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16, PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-409, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ANIMALS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CODE (1ST Reading at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting)**

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A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Resolution No. 2010-16, Ordinance No. 2010-409, Amending Chapter 14, Animals of the Code of Ordinances with the changes as outlined (see attached).

The Humane Society of Huron Valley gave a presentation and showed a brief video related to the pit bull over population. Several employees of the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) and the Animal Cruelty Investigators provided detailed descriptions of the issues they faced on a daily basis regarding pit bulls, including treating them for severe abuse and the necessity of euthanizing hundreds of pit bulls every year. They stressed HSHV was not in favor of banning the breed and they were committed to finding homes for pit bulls housed at the HSHV facility. They explained this was a public safety issue because owners involved in dog fighting refused to sterilize their animals. They stressed the ordinance would save lives and also help homeowners.

Stephanie Feldstein, Township Resident said she had been involved with animal welfare over 12 years which was when she started working for the HSHV but she did not support mandatory spay/neutering. She stated the Township should legislate other options and focus on licensing compliance. Ms. Feldstein said the ordinance risked alienating those willing to help.

Bobby Green, Terrier Club of Michigan stressed there was a problem with correctly identifying pit bulls and she said she felt the Township should enforce the current ordinance.

Lisa Nichols, Township Resident stated it was a difficult issue but the problems were here and now. She said she supported the ordinance.

Derrick Jackson, Township Resident said he was recently approached in his neighborhood and was asked to buy a pit bull from a young boy carrying a duffle bag of puppies. He said he trusted the HSHV and he felt what they said held a lot of weight. Mr. Jackson stated that pit bulls were specifically bred in his neighborhood.

Trustee Martin provided the process for making his decision on the ordinance. He said he had gone to the Humane Society and it was a heartbreaking experience. Trustee Martin said one of the most troubling issues was that pit bull was a term used to describe several breeds of animals. He said another concern was if the ordinance did stop backyard breeding and diminish the sale of pit bulls, there was another dog called Presa Canario who was becoming the fighter's choice. Trustee Martin stated the HSHV had the funding to do voluntary spay/neutering for pit bulls whether the ordinance was passed or not and according to his information, in other communities where there was mandatory spay/neutering, there was a spike in the number of pit bulls euthanized. Trustee Martin stressed the ordinance did not address aggressive dogs, it was more about population control. He said he asked Mike Radzik, if he would work with him and other organizations to develop a more extensive ordinance that would address the issue of violent and aggressive dogs on the street and he felt the Township needed to go after backyard breeders and dog fighters. Trustee Martin stated the ordinance would not fix aggressive dogs, owned by irresponsible owners who had no interest in following the law. Trustee Martin said based on the fact that the ordinance would not address the issues raised by the residents and because he felt the ordinance would cause the influx of intakes and euthanasia of pit bull type terriers, he would not support it. He said it was not the right solution to either problem.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the Township had an ordinance to address vicious dogs and she felt there was a need to step up enforcement and to educate the deputies. She suggested putting together a fund raising group to help educate. Clerk Lovejoy Roe said her decision to support the ordinance was based on the local experts.

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Supervisor Stumbo said her visit to the HSHV had a very strong effect on her and she was in support of the ordinance because it the right decision.

Trustee Currie stated she understood both sides but she felt it should be tried.

Trustee Eldridge agreed something needed to be done but he did not want the process with the breeders to languish. He asked that something be brought back to the December meeting.

A friendly amendment was made by Trustee Eldridge to have something brought back to the Board at the December meeting that dealt with the backyard breeders. The friendly amendment was accepted.

The motion carried as follows:

Doe:	Yes	Roe:	Yes	Stumbo:	Yes	 Sizemore:
Absent						
Currie:	Yes	Eldridge:	Yes	Martin:	No	

3. 2ND READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-410, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ANIMALS ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CODE (1ST Reading at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting)

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Martin to approve Ordinance No. 2010-410, Amending Chapter 14, Animals, Article II of the Code of Ordinances (see attached). The motion carried as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. BUDGET AMENDMENT #11

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Currie to approve Budget Amendment #11 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

2. REQUEST OF YCUA TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING STANDARDS AND DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS AS NOTED IN THE ERRATA, DATED AUGUST 6, 2010

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the request of YCUA to amend the Engineering Standards and Design Specifications as noted in the Errata, dated August 6, 2010.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the request was for corrections to the original Engineering Standards, which were mostly technical items.

Joe Lawson, Planning Coordinator said the changes were just preference changes to words, such as changing will to shall.

Supervisor Stumbo said it was unclear as to what the Board would be voting to change.

Treasurer Doe suggested the item be tabled and request an YCUA representative attend the next meeting.

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A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Martin to table the agenda item until the November 16, 2010 Regular Meeting. The motion carried as follows:

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

3. REQUEST OF ARTHUR’S, INC. (JACK MUTHLER) TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK (1000 SHARES) IN 2010 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS WITH DANCE PERMIT, LOCATED AT 817 E. MICHIGAN TO NEW STOCKHOLDER, GARY MILLER

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said the letter from Mike Radzik, Office of Community Standards Director stated there were no objections to the approval but noted there were delinquent personal property taxes.

Supervisor Stumbo stated her only concern was the dance /entertainment permit.

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

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

4. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A 319-FUNDED GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT (DNRE) FOR WORK IN THE HURON RIVER WATERSHED

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve applying for a 319-Funded Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) for work in the Huron River Watershed and to authorized signing of the grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Allen, RSD Director explained the grant was an opportunity to receive between \$25,000 and \$28,000. He stated the Township’s contribution to the grant would be in-kind services and mostly volunteers.

5. REQUEST OF JEFF ALLEN, RSD DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL OF HONEYWELL CONTRACT REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED PROJECT – ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES FOR YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-975-000-975-190 AND LINE ITEM #101-975-000-975-555 AS A PASS THROUGH COST ONLY

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the Honeywell contract regarding the Congressional Directed Project – Energy Efficiency Upgrades for Ypsilanti Township Buildings as a pass through cost only. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated the work that had been completed by Honeywell was great but she said the contractors had not done a good job cleaning up after completion of their work. She asked that the contractors do a better job with the daily cleanup on the next project.

Supervisor Stumbo stated the request could be included in the follow-up letter as a condition of approval. She said Mr. Allen had done a great job on the grant.

Attorney Winters stated in Article 2, 2.2.2 it read “Honeywell shall keep the premises in an orderly fashion and free from unnecessary accumulation of waste materials or rubbish causes its operations”. He said Clerk Lovejoy Roe’s concern

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was in the contract and it should be reinforced to the contractor to follow the intent of that section.

- 6. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE AN AD IN THE ANN ARBOR/YPSILANTI REGIONAL CHAMBER 2010 COMMUNITY PROFILE & BUSINESS DIRECTORY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-267-000-90-000**

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve placement of an ad in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber 2010 Community Profile & Business Directory, in the amount of \$275.00. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7. REFER REQUEST TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF AN ESCROWED 2010 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS LOCATED AT 2789 WASHTENAW, FROM COTTAGE INN CAFÉ, INC. TO LEONE RESTAURANT ENTERPRISES, LLC AND THE REQUEST FOR A NEW ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT TO THE LIQUOR COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasure Doe to refer the request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2010 Class C licensed business, located at 2789 Washtenaw from Cottage Inn Café, Inc. to Leone Restaurant Enterprises, LLC and the request for a new entertainment permit to the Liquor Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo stressed that Ypsilanti Township had never granted an entertainment permit because it allowed a variety of distasteful activities the Board had fought against.

Mr. Radzik said the Cottage Inn had been closed for approximately five years and Mr. Leone had purchased the property and it had reopened as a family Italian restaurant. He said Cottage Inn had taken their license out of escrow and Leone's was currently serving alcohol under a valid license but the entertainment permit was a new request.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed at the Work Session to place this item on the agenda under Other Business.

- 1. REQUEST OF ART SERAFINSKI, RECREATION DIRECTOR TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE HELEN MCCALLA TRUST GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000**

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Trustee Martin to accept the Helen McCalla Trust Grant, in the amount of \$4,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Serafinski explained the Recreation Coordinator, Debbie Aue had stumbled upon the trust fund and had asked to look into it as a possible source of funding. He stated the funds would be used to purchase exercise bikes for the seniors. He further explained the trust fund primarily dealt with senior citizens and there were now future opportunities for other programs.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

AUTHORIZE:

- 1. THE REQUEST OF TRAVIS MCDUGALD, IS MANAGER TO UPGRADE THE BS&A SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS IN THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$49,315.00 WITH AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST OF \$14,015.00 PER YEAR, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-266-977-000-001**

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A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to table the agenda item until the digital document management was resolved and to see if both items could be prepared together.

The motion was not supported.

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Trustee Martin to approved (for the purpose of discussion) to upgrade the BS&A software application in the initial amount of \$49,315, with an annual maintenance cost of \$14,015 per year.

Travis McDugald, IS Manager stated he would answer any questions of the Board. He said the request was received from several department heads and letters describing the benefit to those departments were included in the Board packet.

Trustee Eldridge asked would the upgrade provide something that those departments do not currently have and if the upgrade was not approved, would it prevent them from doing their job. He asked if it had to be done now or did it just supply more bells and whistles.

Mr. McDugald explained the current version had not reached the end of life but that it had reached the end of development. He said if anything happened to the current installation, the Township would still receive updates, patches and support. He further explained the added features of the upgrade did not mean a lot to him because he did not use the application and that was why he had asked the department heads to submit features that would benefit their department.

Treasurer Doe stated the Treasurer's Office could not have the upgrade done until after settlement, which would be April or May of next year. He said he was under the impression that the Assessing Department did not want the upgrade until after March of next year.

Supervisor Stumbo said Scio Township had already upgraded and the County was also supposed to upgrade. She said it was her understanding that the systems would talk to each other.

Treasurer Doe said they had spoken to the County and he was under the impression that the County was looking at other systems.

Supervisor Stumbo said Catherine McClary, County Treasurer had done a presentation at the Supervisors/Mayors meeting because this was a countywide system that the Treasurer's Office, Assessing Department and Building Department used. She said she was told the upgrade would help with document imaging.

Mr. McDugald stated if the upgrade was done prior to the document management system, it would make the integration between the two applications much easier.

Mr. Radzik said the benefit to the Community Standards office was in employee efficiency. He explained the Ordinance Officers, Building Inspectors and Rental Inspectors were required to synchronize or replicate the data on their laptops on a daily basis. He said the during the replication process, everyone in the office had to log out of the system, which meant permits could not be issued nor could any other work be done in the BS&A system. Mr. Radzik said the Ordinance Officers started their workday at 7 a.m.-7:30 a.m. so the replication could be completed before the clerical staff arrived. He explained it was necessary to do the upgrade in a certain order, Assessing Department first because they were the master data base, followed by the Treasurer's Office and the Building Department last.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe asked could the Building Department replicate at a different time or was there another solution other than them sitting for over an hour to

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complete the replication. She suggested the synchronization be done at night, with the laptops locked in Mr. McDugald's office.

Mr. McDugald stated that currently there was not a way to automate the synchronization process and they could bring their laptops to his office. He further stated that only one laptop could synchronize at a time.

Mr. Radzik said the upgrade would allow the laptops to synchronize at the same time.

Supervisor Stumbo said Deputy Treasurer, Debbie Agdorny had spoken to her directly about wanting the upgrade. She read the memo from the Treasurer's office, which listed some of the benefits.

Treasurer Doe stated information for County was currently downloaded to a USB drive, which he took to the County and the upgrade would eliminate the need to take it to the County. He said the current system had both summer and winter tax information but not as a total. Treasurer Doe said the upgrade had a lot of nice things that would make the job easier but it would only save minutes or maybe hours in a year.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said the Deputy Treasurer told her she would love to have the upgrade but if she had to choose between the upgrade and document management, she would choose document management. She said the Deputy Treasurer told her that the documents management would save her time and money.

Treasurer Doe said he support both the BS&A upgrade and the documents management system. He reiterated the BS&A upgrade could not be installed in the Treasurer's office until after settlement with the County next year.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident asked was it necessary to approve the upgrade now since the Treasurer's Office could not install it until April of next year.

Trustee Eldridge asked could everyone with the upgraded BS&A application talk to each other and should the Township get the upgrade and the County did not, would the communication still exist.

Treasurer Doe said he was not sure if the systems currently talked to each other because when a taxpayer pays a delinquent tax at the County it did not show in the Township's system.

Trustee Eldridge asked why the maintenance cost was almost \$3,000 more a year. He said since the upgrade would allowed for a quicker upload, would that mean staff would be out in the field more and spend less time in the office.

Supervisor Stumbo suggested inviting a BS&A representative to explain their costs to the Board.

Mr. Radzik responded that based on how the system worked and how the staff used it, it would increase efficiency in the sense that they would not be tied to the desk to do the administrative maintenance functions on their laptops He said there would be one to two hours of more productivity.

Trustee Eldridge asked was BS&A a sole provider of the service or were there other vendors.

Supervisor Stumbo asked was the BS&A upgrade a precursor to the document imaging system.

Mr. McDugald said the integration would be easier to implement with the upgrade.

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Trustee Eldridge said it would be easier but not impossible and Mr. McDugald agreed.

Trustee Martin questioned when the County would have clarification on a packaged discount.

Mr. Radzik stated the County was currently gathering information on what products were needed by each municipality to send to BS&A with a request for a discount.

Supervisor Stumbo suggested the agenda item be tabled until Mr. Radzik had the opportunity to speak with the County Treasurer and Treasurer Doe verifies the information he received.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Martin to table the agenda item until Mr. Radzik had the opportunity to speak with the County Treasurer. The motion carried as follows:

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

2. THE REQUEST OF THE JOINT TOWNSHIP/CITY POLICE COMMITTEE TO SEEK RFPs FOR A REGIONAL POLICE AUTHORITY FEASIBILITY STUDY

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the request of the Joint Township/City Police Committee to see RFP's for a Regional Police Authority Feasibility Study.

Trustee Eldridge stated the RFP was fairly generic so it could be sent to vendors who perform this type of service, to show them what the committee was looking for and what they would like to see accomplished. He stated the RFP was currently a draft and he had received an email from Clerk Lovejoy Roe with questions. The committee would like to have it approved as quickly as possible so it could be kept on track and moving forward. He said it was the hope to get the RFP out to various vendors, select one, bring it back to the Board and City Council for approval and be back by March 1st to act upon.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said generic was a very good term for the RFP because she was under the impression that something more specific was going to be done. She said the only response to her email was from Ed Koryzno, City Manager. She said explained what the committee wanted to get and what was in the RFP were two different things. Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated from reading the draft, she had no idea what they were going to pay for or what they were going to get from the study because it was too generic. She said the bidding process was a legal, technical process and there was a statement in the draft that said if something needed to be added to could be brought back to the committee. She felt that would not be a fair process for other bidders and she suggested the Township's bidding process be followed. The bidding process required sealed bids and a deadline so all bidders were treated the same.

A friendly amendment was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to allow the three full-time officials, with the attorney to finalize the details of the RFP and to follow Ypsilanti Township's bidding procedure.

Supervisor Stumbo requested clarification before voting on the amendment because the document said "the objection was to determine the financial costs associated with a Regional Police Authority and how the cost could be allocated between the two jurisdictions to determine the task and challenges of starting a regional authority". She said her understanding from the previous meeting was there was a professional service that performed the other study for Ypsilanti City and that was who the committee wanted to use.

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Attorney Winters said the City engaged in a feasibility study with seven townships, several years ago and a vendor was utilized. He thought the committee was trying to use that vendor to save money because of the amount of data previously collected. Attorney Winters said most types of professional services were not governed by the typical bidding process. He explained the committee wanted to first get a cost from the previous vendor and if the amount was not reasonable, the committee would then seek a proposal from a larger group of vendors. Attorney Winters said the committee wanted the Board to authorize solicitation from the previous vendor.

Mr. Radzik said it was the request of the committee for the Board to approve seeking a proposal from the previous vendor, which would be brought back to both Boards for approval. If the proposal was not accepted, then it would be sent to a broader spectrum.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated that was not what was before the Board.

Attorney Winters stated the committee wanted authorization to go out to all the parties, however, initially it would go to the previous vendor. He said if the price was not acceptable or he was not interested, then at least there would be an RFP already in place that would be sent to all vendors.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said she would be comfortable voting to engage him for a request for proposal and that he would bring a detailed contact back for the Board to sign.

Trustee Eldridge said the RFP would be open to anyone that wanted to bid but it was the hope of the committee that the previous vendor received the bid. Trustee Eldridge said it was the intent to open it up to all bidders. He said he was not sure what the City was approving and there would be a problem if two versions were approved.

Supervisor Stumbo asked Trustee Eldridge if the intent was for all vendors to bid at the same time and he said yes, that was the intent.

A friendly amendment was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to include the items that Mr. Koryzno shared on the phone and to bring back those specific details for the Board to authorize.

Attorney Winters said the Board could authorize getting a proposal from the consultant that was used to conduct the 2006 study for the Township Board and City Council to consider and if their proposal was not acceptable, then an RFP could be done for all vendors. The draft could then have the other comments incorporated. He said there were two different motions that could be made.

Supervisor Stumbo said the current motion before the Board was the request of the Joint Township/City Police Committee to see RFP's for a Regional Police Authority Feasibility Study.

Treasurer Doe said before the RFP was put together, the talk was the committee would go back to the same person that did the study previously but the only difference was the gentleman did not work for the same company and that threw a wrench in the plan. He agreed with Attorney Winters that the committee wanted to go with him first and if it did not work out, then the committee could seek proposal from other vendors.

Trustee Eldridge said he would prefer to table everything until they spoke to the City because the Board may approve something totally different than what the City approved.

Supervisor Stumbo said she would prefer to move forward. She questioned was this what the City was voting on tonight.

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Trustee Eldridge said that was correct. The City was voting on the exact same thing.

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, support by Trustee Martin to table the agenda item. The motion failed as follows:

Doe:	No	Roe:	No	Stumbo:	No	Sizemore:
Absent						
Currie:	Yes	Eldridge:	Yes	Martin:	Yes	

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to authorize requesting a proposal from the previous professional service vendor and if that failed, more details would be brought back on the RFP that would be sent to other professional service vendors. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT:

- 1. THE RECOMMENDATION OF ART SERAFINSKI, RECREATION DIRECTOR TO AWARD THE BID FOR PART A AND PART B OF PARK SIGN PROPOSAL TO FAST SIGNS, NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #211-970-000-975.974**

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to award the bid for Part A and Part B of the Park Sign Proposal to Fast Signs, not to exceed \$40,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo suggested adding that it was a violation of Township ordinance.

Trustee Martin asked the number of bidders.

Art Serafinski, Recreation Director said seventeen bid requests were sent the second time around and only one bid was received. He said Fast Signs have been used in the past and with their process, graffiti could be removed without damaging the sign.

- 2. THE RECOMMENDATION OF ERIC COPELAND, FIRE CHIEF TO AWARD THE BID FOR A HEAVY DUTY ¾ TON, 4X4 EXTENDED CAB PICKUP TRUCK, WITH PLOW ATTACHMENT TO GENE BUTMAN FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,512.90, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #206-970-000-980-001**

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to award the bid for a heavy duty ¾ ton, 4x4 extended cab pickup truck, with plow attachment to Gene Butman Ford, in the amount of \$34,512.90. The motion carried unanimously.

STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve Statements and Checks, in the amount of \$965,592.34. The 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 10:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
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