

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 6:30 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 Stan Eldridge, Jean Hall Currie and Mike Martin

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

PUBLIC HEARING

A. 6:30 P.M. – ESTABLISHMENT OF WASHTENAW CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

This public hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe read a memo from Joseph Lawson, Planning & Development Coordinator, dated Dec. 15, 2010 regarding the Re-Imaging Washtenaw Resolution of support into the record.

Mr. Lawson said the four municipalities (Ypsilanti Township, Pittsfield Township, City of Ypsilanti and City of Ann Arbor) were working toward the improvement but currently, the legislation was not in place to allow four municipalities to create one Corridor Improvement Authority. He stated the creation of the authority was on hold until the State Legislature changed the act and he recommended the Board take no action until it was resolved.

Lawrence Kreig, a Washtenaw Community College teacher, expressed his interest in the project because he realized the Township was in competition with the entire world and we needed to retain those who have been educated at our educational institutions and given needed skills, rather than see them go elsewhere. He said he would like to see the Washtenaw Avenue Corridor be the start of improving our image and supply a voice to those who live and work along the corridor.

This public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Supervisor Stumbo stated no action would be taken on this item until it came back before the Board.

B. 6:45 P.M. – EXEMPT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FROM COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR UP TO TWO YEARS – RESOLUTION NO. 2011-3

This public hearing opened at 6:37 p.m.

Rob Nissley, Housing Director for Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley stated they currently owned 23 properties in Ypsilanti Township and eleven of them would be sold to Habitat families during 2011. He stated that twelve properties would be renovated and sold in 2012 and the property tax exemption would allow them to put more money into affordable housing. In the last twelve months,

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Habitat and their homeowners had paid the Township nearly \$100,000 in property taxes.

Angela Barbash, Township Resident, spoke in favor of giving the exemption to Habitat. She said the Township Board had helped connect Habitat and West Willow, using the work done in Nancy Park as a model. Ms. Barbash stated Habitat was able to take four or five houses and revitalize an entire street to help turn around what might otherwise be a high crime area. She stressed any help that could be given to Habitat to help other neighborhoods like West Willow, Sugar Brook or Gault Village would be great.

Linda Mealing, Township Resident said Habitat was a fantastic program that taught residents to partner with the neighborhood and see homes rebuilt, which only added to the neighborhood.

This public hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

Supervisor Stumbo questioned the resolution regarding the phrase, lease agreement.

Mr. Nissley stated the phrase could be removed because all of their transactions were sales to homeowners.

Clerk Roe read the Resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve Resolution No. 2011-3, to exempt Habitat for Humanity, an eligible nonprofit housing provider from the collection of property taxes for up to two years (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Mike Martin commented that he had never worked with Habitat for Humanity but had seen the results of their work. He said it would be a short-term sacrifice for the Township but a long-term gain with a very positive influence.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated it was such a great opportunity for the Township. She said in the last 5 years, the number of rental units had gone from 11% to almost 19%. Habitat for Humanity was a great tool to help increase home ownership, especially for those who would never be able to own a home otherwise. Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated it would help our neighborhoods and it had been a pleasure to work with Habitat in the past.

Supervisor Stumbo said this was about community stabilization. She stated Ypsilanti Township had the highest number of foreclosures in the county and if the Board did not do this, they would lose the opportunity to have home ownership, which was needed in our community. Supervisor Stumbo explained that in the twenty years that Habitat had given loans, only four had defaulted. She said she supported the exemption 100% and the City of Ann Arbor did too.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Douglas Dickinson, Township Resident asked the Board to consider a snow removal ordinance. He stated he felt 24 hours after a storm was sufficient time for residents or businesses to remove the snow from the sidewalks, as it created safety issues, especially for the busier streets. Mr. Dickinson said the Township did it for noxious weeds so snow should be considered for next winter.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident said she was opposed to having a snow ordinance because she would rather walk on snow than what looked like a clear

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sidewalk and fall. She said she was also against the 6" height for the noxious weeds ordinance and she felt the Township did not have the money to enforce the ordinance.

Angela Barbash, Township Resident stated she had spent the day at WCC at the Local Food Summit and she wanted to convey the message of hope that Ypsilanti Township was getting involved. She stressed the need to have a conversation on the policy at the local level requiring some zoning, master plans, etc. concerning farming in urban spaces. Ms. Barbash stated there was a way to do that without infringing on the quality of life for those around us and create small business opportunities.

Wilma Gold-Jones, Township Resident spoke about problems with Pulte homes regarding the swimming pool. She said the Creekside West Subdivision Association felt the pool was not a necessity but a luxury and right now people needed to pay their association fees in order to maintain the quality of the subdivision.

Supervisor Stumbo stated that the Pulte Development Agreement stated the pool would not be turned over to the homeowners association until the subdivision had a 70% build-out. She said Mr. Lawson would be attending the meeting with Pulte and the homeowners association.

Monica Williams, Township Resident questioned how the state budget cut would affect the quality of services in Ypsilanti Township and what the Township Board was doing to hold HUD, or whatever rental authority, responsible to keep the number of Section 8 homes to a minimum, especially in West Willow.

Supervisor Stumbo explained the Board had received a letter from State Representative Dave Rutledge stating the expected cut for the next budget was \$477,000, which would affect the 2011 Budget by about \$150,000. She stated the Township had been able to maintain services by not filling 29 positions and closing at lunch to try to accommodate residents without affecting the delivery of services. She further explained they had met with several providers of public housing, State Senators, State Representatives and lobbyists to find out how many of them were in our community. Supervisor Stumbo stated the State had acknowledged that the Township was over the limit, but it could not be addressed until all the data was received. She further stated they met with the Prisoner Re-Entry program to find out how many were here and she said residents would be kept informed.

Ms. Kaiser asked who made the decision to change the noxious weed ordinance. She further questioned where the complaints started and why they were just now hearing about them.

Supervisor Stumbo explained it was a state law and it started last summer with all the vacant, foreclosed homes and excessive length of grass being reported at Neighborhood Watch. She suggested that Ms. Kaiser could find out more information if she attended the Neighborhood Watch meetings. Supervisor Stumbo explained that was the reason there were two readings before an Ordinance was approved.

MINUTES

A. FEBRUARY 15, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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SUPERVISOR REPORT

- The three FTOs and Joe Lawson have a meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 3, 2011 with a company interested in purchasing the GM facility.
- We have a vacancy in the 14-B District Court and in light of State Shared Revenue, there are no plans to fill the position.
- Bosal is not hiring at this time and we removed it from the newsletter, they hope to expand two lines in the future.

Supervisor Stumbo provided the following detailed overview of meetings she attended with three full-time officials and/or staff:

- 2/16/11 Attended WATS meeting
- Spoke at Local 898 Retiree Meeting – the retirees are very upset about the possibility of being taxed on their pensions.
- Larry Doe, Mike Radzik and I attended WCBOC hearing in Monroe County
- 2/17/11 Met with Jeff Allen, Michael Radzik, and Travis McDugald regarding public security camera project. The proposal will be brought back to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2/18/11 3 FTOs participated in a conference call with a new company interested in locating in the Township.
- 2/28/11 Jean Hall Currie, Karen Roe and I attended Gault Village NHW Winter Social
- 3/1/11 3 FTOs attended weekly police meeting
- 3 FTOs met to discuss tonight's agenda
- Participated in a conference call with new potential company for manufacturing in one of our vacant car dealerships on James L. Hart, MEDC and Ann Arbor SPARK to try to locate in Ypsilanti Township.
- In a letter received from State Representative, David Rutledge Ypsilanti Township is projected to lose \$447,000 and it would affect our 2011 budget by \$150,000 if the Governor's proposal is approved.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated Meals on Wheels was a great organization that directly benefited Township residents and they were having a Spring Fling Dinner on March 17, 2011. She said she would be a waitperson at the event and Treasurer Doe was promoting entire tables. Clerk Lovejoy Roe encouraged residents to participate.

She said the West Willow Neighborhood Association had a great meeting, kicking off their Housing Commission and they had allowed her to participate.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe stated her office was preparing for the May 3, 2011, WISD millage election.

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She reported that Urban County was facing a 4% – 6% cut in federal dollars.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe explanation of process on how items were placed on the agenda.

She further stated she attended the elected officials AATA meeting, which focused on transportation and what it meant to economic development. Clerk Lovejoy Roe explained there were several studies correlating an educated labor force and getting the people where they need to go in order to build businesses and they were working on inter-local agreements for funding countywide.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Currie stated she attended the Brotherhood Banquet hosted by Brown Chapel AME Church and the Gault Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Trustee Eldridge stated the Planning Commission would shortly begin discussions on the next Master Plan and those meetings would be posted. He said the Planning Commission would also be discussing the viability of a Town Center.

Trustee Eldridge said the newspaper article about the Ford Lake boathouse gave recognition to several municipalities and parties involved, with the exception of the participation of Ypsilanti Township and the land that was donated.

Trustee Martin said he also attended the Brown Chapel 58th Annual Brotherhood Dinner where Doug Winters gave the opening remarks. He said Jimmy Settles, Jr. the International Vice President for UAW was the guest speaker.

Trustee Martin explained he was involved with the Teamster Helping Hand organization, which supported Meals on Wheels and he would be a waitperson, along with Clerk Lovejoy Roe. He also encouraged residents to attend.

Trustee Martin stated the Township was currently in the process of selecting someone to fill an 80/20 position in the Treasurer's Department, but based on the State shortfall, he recommended not filling the position.

Trustee Eldridge said he met with Park Commissioner Sandy Andresen concerning future restroom facilities and a water spray pad at Ford Heritage Park.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winter stated he was on the Aerotropolis board and he felt very strongly that we needed to reclaim the State and put this project out there, despite the Governor's reduction in taxes and incentives.

Attorney Winters gave a brief update on the following:

- Ypsi Mobile Village

Attorney Winters said Judge Shelton had found owner, Dominic D'Mello, in contempt and he was given 45 days to finish the site cleanup or go to jail.

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- Liquor Control Commission / Grove Road Dairy Mart

Attorney Winters said Lt. Jim Anuszkiewicz, Detective Robbins, Mike Radzik, Ron Fulton and himself attended the LCC hearing. He stated the Liquor Commission issued a suspension of the license for 60 days, starting March 18 and ordered the establishment to meet all state and local building, zoning, fire, sanitation and health laws, at all times. Attorney Winters said he would recommend not renewing their liquor license, especially with the brazen attempt to bribe the detective to not report their violation.

- 1231 Rambling Road

Attorney Winters reported this house was demolished. He expressed his appreciation to the Washtenaw County Road Commission for waiving the frost law in order to get this dangerous situation handled.

- 711 Lamay

Attorney Winters stated a Stop Work Order had been issued by the Township because the insurance company and homeowner had proceeded without obtaining permits and setting funds aside.

Supervisor Stumbo acknowledged Sheriff Clayton and asked if he wanted to update the residents.

Sheriff Clayton discussed the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department's ongoing efforts in responding to increasing violence in the eastern part of the county. He said the department had already discussed the challenges they would face in the coming summer months and there was a meeting planned to proactively engage different strategies in the community. Sheriff Clayton stated the department had reached outside the county and outside local law enforcement for assistance. He said they would be looking inside the Sheriff's Department for additional staffing on the weekends.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. REQUEST OF PARK COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI NON-MOTORIZED PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATHWAY SYSTEM: NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES INVENTORY, ANALYSIS, AND PLANNING STUDY (tabled at the February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting)**

A motion was made by Trustee Currie, supported by Trustee Eldridge to remove the item from the table. The motion carried as follows:

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

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to approve the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway System: Non-Motorized Facilities Inventory, Analysis, and Planning Study, as presented on the CD. The motion carried unanimously.

Sandy Andresen provided a presentation on the Non-Motorized Pathway (see attached).

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Supervisor Stumbo asked if the Capital Improvement Plan, project priority and estimated cost, referenced in Mr. Lawson's letter was available.

Ms. Andresen replied that was something technical that would require a contract and beyond the scope of the study. She stated all other suggested revisions were incorporated into the disc that was provided to the Board.

Angela Barbash, Township Resident asked if Ecorse Road was considered in the plan.

Ms. Andresen said the committee covered all streets, with the exception of neighborhoods that had associations.

Supervisor Stumbo explained that many of the bike path gaps were caused by property owners who refused to give easements when the path was being installed. She said her only concern was that she had not read the new document but it was important to have a plan. Supervisor Stumbo expressed her appreciation for the work done by the committee.

Ms. Kaiser questioned the need to have a bike path, walking path and sidewalks in the same area.

Ms. Andresen agreed that even with a five-foot bike path, sometimes people still used the street. She said the committee felt it was good if there was a sidewalk or path on one side of the street but the ultimate goal was to have something on both sides.

Supervisor Stumbo explained there was no money attached to adopting the plan but in order to apply for grants, the study was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

**1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE TO THE OPEN SEAT ON THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Trustee Eldridge to appoint Scott Martin to the vacancy on the Ypsilanti Township Board.

Trustee Currie recommended appointing Ethel Burns to fill the vacancy on the Township Board of Trustees.

Trustee Martin recommended appointing Mattie Odessa Smith to fill the vacancy on the Township Board of Trustees.

The motion to appoint Scott Martin to the vacancy on the Ypsilanti Township Board carried five to one, with Trustee Currie voting no.

Scott Martin, Township Resident stated he had thought a long time about the appointment and he appreciated the opportunity to serve the Township in this way. He explained that he was currently an Ypsilanti Township Park Commissioner and he wanted to start immediately with the Board of Trustees.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said he could resign immediately.

Supervisor Stumbo said his resignation could be addressed under Other Business.

Trustee Eldridge asked if the paperwork for the current candidates for Trustee could be used for the newly created vacancy on the Park Commission.

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Supervisor Stumbo commented on the excellent quality of candidates for Trustee.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe reminded those candidates that might still be interested in being a part of a "think tank" problem-solving group to contact her office.

2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY, IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1009 SWEET ROAD, 2004 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE, 2085 E. MICHIGAN AVENUE AND 414 E. GRAND

A motion was made by Trustee Eldridge, supported by Karen Lovejoy Roe to authorize legal action, if necessary in Washtenaw county Circuit Court to abate public nuisance for the properties located at 1009 Sweet Road, 2004 E. Michigan Avenue, 2085 E. Michigan Avenue and 414 E. Grand. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Winters briefly stated the one common denominator for all of these properties was they were owned by people that did not live in the township. He said this was becoming a common pattern.

Joseph Lawson, Planning & Development Coordinator provided a photo presentation of the condition of the properties.

3. WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR HOLMES ROAD PHASE III IN THE AMOUNT OF \$322,000 PAID WITH YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP BOND PROCEEDS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve the Final Phase of Holmes Road Phase III in the amount of \$322,000, paid with Ypsilanti Township bond proceeds and to authorize signing of the agreement (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

4. PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2011-412 AMENDING NOXIOUS WEED HEIGHT FROM 8" TO 6"

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-412 Amending Noxious Weed Height from 8" to 7".

Supervisor Stumbo explained this is the first time an ordinance was before the Board without having a working session. She said in December of 2010, Tammie Keen, Deputy Supervisor became the Noxious Weed Coordinator and one of the duties was to publish the ordinance in the newspaper, according to state law. She explained that most of the complaints were because of abandoned properties with 8" high grass and by the time the Township actually got out there, it was closer to 10". Supervisor Stumbo stated from May & June, homeowners were given a 7-day notice to mow their lawn but starting June 1st, the Township contracted the mowing and the cost was put on the tax rolls.

Mike Radzik, Office of Community Standards Director said most of the complaints received in his office concerned grass and weeds. He said the Township contracted with Hepner Landscape Service located on Rawsonville Road who provided improved service and lower costs.

Treasure Doe explained the only time the cost was not recovered was if the property went up for a tax sale, any liens were defaulted.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe withdrew her original motion.

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A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to approve 1st Reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2011-412, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 66 (Vegetation) Sections 31, Entitled Grass and Weeds or the Ypsilanti Township Code of Ordinances (see attached). The motion carried as follows:

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

Angela Barbash, Township Resident said if everyone grew tomatoes, the grass would not be a problem and she suggested employing youth in the neighborhoods to cut the grass. She stated she did not support the ordinance because she did not feel it would make a difference.

Mattie Odessa Smith, Township Resident said she supported the ordinance and thanked the Board for their consideration. She said she had to call many times on her neighbor, who was given a citation and now he finally cuts his grass.

Jesse (last name inaudible) commented that his neighborhood watch group actually would like to see the ordinance changed to 5" or 6", because by the time the Township did get out there, it was 8" to 10".

Mark Clancy, Township Resident, asked if the ordinance would affect the vacant lots, owned by a California resident, next to his property. He stated when he tried to clean up the area and she sued him.

Supervisor Stumbo said they needed to check and see if it was designated a natural area and if not, this ordinance would give the Ordinance Department leverage to evaluate the area.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF SCOTT MARTIN FROM THE YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

Clerk Lovejoy Roe read Scott Martin's letter of resignation from the Park Commission into the record.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe to accept Scott Martin's resignation from the Ypsilanti Township Park Commission, effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo reminded everyone of the suggestion to consider the other Trustee candidates for the Park Commission vacancy. She said interested candidates should contract the Clerk's office.

Sandra Andresen thanked Scott Martin for his service on the Park Commission.

Trustee Martin reiterated that he felt the Board should hold off filling the 80/20 position in the Treasurer/Clerk offices until other options were explored to see if a more cost effective solution was available, in light of the proposed over \$400,000 reduction in state shared revenue

STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Treasurer Doe, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve Statements and Checks, in the amount of \$157,377.35. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 3**

**To exempt Habitat for Humanity, an eligible nonprofit housing provider
from the collection of property taxes for up to two years**

Whereas, Public Act 612 of 2006 (MCL 211.7kk) authorizing the exemption of property taxes for nonprofit owned property was effective on January 3, 2007 as an amendment to Public Act 206 of 1893 (General Property Tax Act); and

Whereas, MCL 211.7kk authorizes the governing body of a local tax collecting unit to adopt a resolution exempting eligible nonprofit housing from the collection of property taxes, effective on the December 31 immediately succeeding the adoption of the resolution by the governing body of the local tax collecting unit or the issuance of a building permit for the eligible nonprofit housing property, whichever is later; and

Whereas, The property tax exemption provided in MCL 211.7kk shall continue in effect for two years, until the eligible nonprofit housing property is occupied by a low income person and there is a transfer of ownership of the eligible nonprofit housing property, and

Whereas, MCL 211.7kk requires the local tax collecting unit to notify in writing the assessor of the local tax collecting unit and the legislative body of each taxing unit that levies ad valorem property taxes in the local tax collecting unit; and

Whereas, MCL 211.7kk requires that before acting on the resolution, the governing body of the local tax collecting unit shall afford the assessor and the representatives of the affected taxing units an opportunity for a hearing, which occurred on March 1, 2011.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti exempts eligible nonprofit housing property owned by Habitat for Humanity, a charitable nonprofit housing organization in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti from taxes collected under Public Act 206 of 1893 (General Property Tax Act), in accordance with section 211.7kk.

Now therefore be it resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Michigan State Tax Commission; and

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Clerk or her designee is authorized to take necessary administrative actions and to execute any documents necessary to implement this resolution.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2011-3 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2011.



Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

HOLMES ROAD, PHASE III

ROAD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2011 by and between the Charter Township of Ypsilanti (“Township”) and the Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners (“Road Commission”).

WHEREAS, due to the deteriorated condition of the existing pavement on Holmes Road, extending from Spencer Lane to US-12 (Michigan Avenue), the Township and the Road Commission have concluded that Holmes Road should be reconstructed (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the Project have been completed and submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) for bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has entered into an agreement with the MDOT, therein detailing the allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Funds and local agency funds based on the estimated costs associated with the construction and construction engineering necessary to complete the Project;

WHEREAS, proper authority is provided to the parties of this Agreement under the provisions of Act 51 of Public Acts of 1951 as amended,

THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED that the Road Commission will administer and provide the construction engineering services necessary to complete the Project. The total estimated local funding share associated with the construction, administration, and construction engineering is \$332,000. The total amount of this agreement will be paid out of the Ypsilanti Township Bond proceeds.

HOLMES ROAD, PHASE 3

AGREEMENT SUMMARY

Estimated Construction and Construction Engineering Costs:

Estimated Construction	\$1,590,800
Estimated Administration, Construction Engineering	<u>\$ 238,600</u>
Grand Total	\$1,829,400
Less Federal Funds	<u>\$1,497,400</u>
Total Estimated Local Funding Share (Township)	\$ 332,000

HOLMES ROAD, PHASE 3

FOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI:

_____ Witness
_____ Witness
_____ Witness

FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

_____ Witness
Douglas E. Fuller, Chair
_____ Witness
Steven M. Puuri, Managing Director

**PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-412**

***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 66 (Vegetation) Section 31 entitled
Grass and Weeds, of the Ypsilanti Township Code of Ordinances***

The Charter Township of Ypsilanti hereby **ordains**

That Section 66-31 of Chapter 66 Vegetation is deleted and replaced by the following:

Chapter 66

ARTICLE II. TREES AND OTHER VEGETATION

Sec. 66-31. Grass and weeds.

It shall be the duty of all owners of any residential, developed, subdivided or landscaped areas, including vacant properties that adjoin such areas, to cut or destroy any grass, noxious weeds or other vegetation found growing on such land before it reaches an average height of seven inches. In other areas situated within close proximity to an occupied structure and when deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens, such vegetation may be maintained at an average height of less than ten inches.

The commissioner may designate natural areas where such vegetation may be permitted to grow in excess of ten inches without causing blight, creating a nuisance or compromising the safe and sanitary maintenance of nearby dwellings, commercial and industrial buildings.

Annually, a notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation during the month of March indicating that if grass, weeds and other vegetation are not cut or destroyed by June 1 and thereafter maintained according to these standards during the growing season, they may be cut or removed by the township and the costs charged against the property as described in Sec. 66-32.

Severability Clause

Should any section, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part as invalidated.

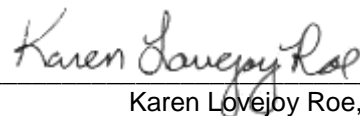
Publication

This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law.

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify approval of the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2011-412 by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees assembled at a regular meeting held on March 1, 2011. The second reading is scheduled to be heard on March 15, 2011.



Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti