

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2011 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 and Mike Martin.

Members Absent: Trustees Stan Eldridge and Scott Martin

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

B. OCTOBER 4, 2011 STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Hall Currie, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

- Ypsilanti Township lost a great friend, resident & volunteer for the Ypsilanti Community – Al Shelton
- Leadsonline is a pawn shop software program
- Request from resident for snow removal ordinance on Hewitt Road for children walking to school

9/21/11

- Attended Cliffs on the Bay NHW meeting

9/22/11

- Attended MPO Exploration Committee meeting at WATS
- Karen Lovejoy Roe & I attended Hope Clinic Open House
- Attended Pointe at Island Lake NHW meeting

9/26/11

- Met with resident Howard Goodine regarding youth facility in Ypsilanti Township and off premise sign

9/27/11

- 3 FTOs attended weekly police meeting – included owner of apartments on Holmes Road
- Attended Sugarbrook NHW meeting

9/28/11

- 3 FTOs attended Ypsilanti Area CVB Strategic planning meeting
- Attended Lake Pointe Apartments NHW meeting

9/29/11

- Attended weekly development team meeting, which included Joe & Naz Sesi and a representative from the Washtenaw County Road Commission
- Met with Sheriff Clayton
- Attended Roundtree NHW meeting

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9/30/11

- Larry Doe, Mike Radzik, Ron Fulton, Doug Winters and I met with Environmental Quality Company to discuss the possibility of a transfer station being located on Norfolk Southern property in Ypsilanti Township

10/1/11

- Attended appreciation ceremony for Pastor Riley, celebrating 30 years of service

10/3/11

- Larry Doe, Karen Wallin, Chief Copeland and I met with representatives of the Firefighter's Union to discuss a grievance issue
- Larry Doe and I met with Tom Colis and Paul Stauder to discuss a refunding bond for YCUA
- 3 FTOs, Mike Radzik, Ron Fulton and Doug Winters met with Kirk Profit and representatives of the Michigan State Police to discuss a possible lease of the State Police Post on Huron Street. We would move our Washtenaw County Sheriff Department to the new location and it would also be a satellite location for the Michigan State Police, with four State Troopers and two motor carriers

CLERK REPORT

- Ypsilanti Township Health Care Committee has met on several days with five different Health Care Agents over the past two months. It has been an extremely educational experience and the committee plans on recommending an Agent to the Township Board for approval at the Oct. 4, 2011 Board Meeting. Once the Agent is selected the Committee will work with the Agent to study and finally make a recommendation to the board and the labor unions for changes to the township health care plan(s) that will keep costs manageable for both the township and employees, meet the legislative requirements and provide health care to the employees.
- Redistricting Plans for the state legislative districts will be finalized in January 2012. At the time the districts are finalized the Clerk's office will be issuing new voter registration cards to all voters who are impacted by the Federal, State and County boundary changes.
- Election Committee has approved changes to Precincts 17, 18, 4, & 6. These changes will make the precincts more balanced in the number of voters and expedite the voting process on election days. Election Committee has also approved list of election inspectors to be used for the November 8, 2011 election.
- Last Day to Register to Vote for the November 8, 2011 election is OCTOBER 11, 2011.
- The Republican Primary will take place on February 28, 2012.
- Work is in progress to have new maps printed for both the precinct maps for Ypsilanti Township and the County Commissioner Districts that will be impacted by the state district and county commissioner boundary changes.
- DTE work for has started and will be completed shortly for complete circuit replacement of streetlights in West Willow. This will help because of the age of the lines and repeated outages related to line problems in this part of the township.
- GM Property Plans – RACER Trust – A meeting was held that the township representatives attended on August 25, 2011. Meetings and plans are underway for Wayne County and Washtenaw County and Ypsilanti Township to work collaboratively with the RACER Trust to develop a vision for future utilization of the GM property. Marketing and review of interested parties will be done cooperatively and in conjunction

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with all the stakeholders involved including the Willow Run Airport authority. A lot of interest has been expressed by several substantial businesses and developers. It was reported at the RACER meeting with the township and others that major improvements were being planned and hopefully funded soon for the Willow Run Airport.

- Pastors Meeting focusing on High School students in the Ypsilanti area was held on August 24, 2011. Pastors, school representatives and elected officials in the area are meeting to focus on supporting the students and schools in the area.
- Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation meeting on August 29, 2011 continued a dialogue with county parks and recreation staff and commissioners, Washtenaw County Commissioners, City and Township staff and officials, River UP! staff and supporters and Huron River Water Shed staff and state legislators. The meeting focused on the proposed new county recreation facility to be located on the Water Street property in the city of Ypsilanti if approved by City Council and improvements to the Huron River including access in and out of the river at a variety of points by canoe and improvements to these access points and also a bridge under I-94 for access to the islands and trails in North Bay Park.
- Met with Ann Arbor Spark and Spark East new Director, Paul Kruto. Spark is undergoing major staff changes due to the departure of many staff members to the State of Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The new director is extremely excited about this new position and opportunity and has hit the ground running.
- East Arbor Academy ribbon cutting for the new elementary, middle and high school complex located on the corner of Merritt and Hitchingham Roads was held on August 30, 2011. It was attended by many community members, parents, students and elected officials from the region.
- On August 29, 2011 a Reimaging Washtenaw Tour was organized. Elected officials, transportation staff, planning staff participated in a tour of Washtenaw Ave as a part of reviewing the area for possible grants for creating better handling of street water run-off as street, sidewalk and bus stop improvements are planned.
- September 1, 2011 Department of Justice meeting with the Sheriff's Department was held at Hogback service center to discuss ways to improve community relations in Washtenaw County.
- Police Services Steering Committee Meeting was held on September 7, 2011 at the Zeeb Road Complex. It was announced that the police contract would be going to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners for approval very shortly.
- Hope Clinic Open House was held on September 22, 2011. This facility serves the entire community for dental and health care needs. It also provides assistance with food and other resources for those in need. It is a beautiful facility and is operated with donations and volunteers.
- Aerotropolis Branding Session was held in the township board room on September 23, 2011 and attended by many Wayne and Washtenaw County, township and city leaders, staff and economic partners to work on visioning for a brand name for the Aerotropolis region. Attendees participate in visioning and idea exchanges as plans are made to move the identity of this corridor and economic region forward. Attendees were asked to meet with businesses in their communities that were willing to tell the story of why their business located or grew in this region.
- Urban County Executive Meeting was held on September 27, 2011. It was announced that seven more municipalities will be joining the group in 2012. Staff reported the large HUD grant had been submitted and the possibility of another round of Neighborhood Stabilization Program dollars may be available. These funds will be dependent on the current budget proposals being discussed at the federal level.
- Ypsilanti Convention and Visitors Bureau strategic planning session on September 28, 2011 was attended by many groups, organizational

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representatives to plan for marketing and increasing tourism and economic development in the Ypsilanti area.

- Washtenaw County Clerks meeting was held on September 28, 2011. Updates and plans for future elections were presented and shared.

ATTORNEY REPORT

A. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION IF NECESSARY, IN WASHTENAW COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7331 ESSEX DRIVE

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Mike Martin to authorize legal action, if necessary, in Washtenaw County Circuit Court to abate public nuisance for the property located at 7331 Essex Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Winters provided an overview of the deplorable condition of the foreclosed home at 7331 Essex Drive, located in Green Farms Subdivision No. 7.

B. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Attorney Winters informed the Board that there had been a lot better communication between the Sheriff's Department, attorneys office, and the Court. He recognized the officers have been showing up for the court appearances and when they have been unable to do so, they have notified them, so they can adjourn for a later date, rather than have to dismiss the case. He further explained those factors, working together, have caused greater accountability to those who have received tickets, and thus greater revenue for the courts.

C. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE BUILDING DIRECTOR, RON FULTON, TO PREPARE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO SEEK THE DEMOLITION OF A PORTION OF THE K-MART BUILDING IN GAULT VILLAGE, THAT HAS BEEN CITED AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE

Attorney Winters explained that Judge Shelton had ordered that portion of Gault Village demolished by November, 6, 2011. He said the judge also included in the court order that, in the event the shopping center did not proceed with the demolition, the Township could do that for them. He further explained that the rent from the remaining tenants would be assigned to the township to fulfill the costs for the demolition. Attorney Winters explained we needed to see what the costs would be ahead of time, in order to determine if the rent would need to be collected beforehand, thus preventing a financial burden on the township.

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Trustee Hall Currie, for the recommendation to authorize the advertising and seeking of requests for proposals for partial demolition of the K-Mart building located at 1075 Emerick. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RECOMMENDATION OF HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE TO UTILIZE MARWIL & ASSOCIATES AS THE AGENT/BROKER FOR YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP TO ASSIST WITH HEALTH CARE NEEDS, PROVIDED BY OUR CURRENT INSURANCE CARRIER AT NO ADDITIONAL COST

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe, to approve the recommendation of Health Care Committee to utilize Marwil &

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Associates as the Agent/Broker for the Ypsilanti Township to assist with Health Care needs provided by our current insurance carrier at no additional cost.

Supervisor Stumbo explained the goal was to get health care costs at the government approved ceiling that the State Legislature had imposed, so no one had to pay additional costs. She said the timing for this was really good, since the union contracts are up for the 14-B Court, AFSCME, the Teamsters, and the Firefighters.

Karen Wallin, Human Resources, said the Broker/Agent would be able to assist in finding ways to reduce cost and therefore reducing cost for employees and still afford employees with very good benefits for health care. She thanked Dennis Doelle and Doug Swiss for attending the meeting and for their help. She also thanked the Health Care Committee for their worthwhile input.

Trustee Mike Martin commended Dennis Doelle on his knowledge and innovative ideas. He was pleased the costs were able to stay within our current budget for Health Care premiums. Trustee Martin felt some of their ideas would save a lot of money while providing excellent health care to all township employees.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. AATA SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,508.00, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.956.000.818.014

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe, to approve and authorize the signing of the AATA Service Agreement for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, in the amount of \$298,508.00 budgeted in line item #101.956.000.818.014 (see attached). The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stumbo said the increase this year was \$118.00 and would keep the same service we have currently.

3. BUDGET AMENDMENT #11

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

4. MTA ON THE ROAD – FALL 2011 REGIONAL TRAINING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109.00 PER BOARD MEMBER, BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101.227.000.960.000

A motion made by Trustee Hall Currie, supported by Clerk Lovejoy Roe to approve MTA On The Road – Fall 2011 Regional Training, Monday, October 17, 2011 in the amount of \$109.00 per Board member, budgeted in line item #101.227.000.960.000. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clerk Lovejoy Roe, supported by Treasurer Doe, To adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Stumbo, Supervisor
Charter Township of Ypsilanti

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
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