

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Members Present: Supervisor Stumbo, Clerk Lovejoy Roe, Treasurer Doe
Trustees: Stan Eldridge, Heather Jarrell Roe
Monica Ross-Williams, and Jimmie Wilson

Supervisor Stumbo: "Lisa are you there? It's seven o'clock. The first item on the agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance and um we usually do a moment of silent prayer and we can't do that on the zoom meeting but we can say prayers and for the people who've been affected by the pandemic, the loss of lives and the continue prayer and good thoughts for our community and our county to heal and our country from this health pandemic. The first item on the agenda is the consent agenda. We have the minutes of the April 21st Work Session and Regular op I missed something so sorry."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Public Comments were first."

Supervisor Stumbo: "I'm so sorry. Under Public Comments um we will everyone will give their name and address for the record and um we allow public comments for three minutes. So at this time we will hear public comments. Are there any public comments? Ok I see one all right."

Public Comments

JoAnn McCollum: "Hello."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Hello."

JoAnn McCollum: "This is JoAnn McCollum. I live at Tyler Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan and my public comment is I am very disappointed in Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe and Trustee Heather Jarrell Roe. Both schemed to get only one person on the ballot for Clerk. Which means the voters of Ypsilanti Township do not have a choice. The choice was made for them. This was an unethical move it shows how disingenuous and apathetic both are toward the people there supposed to be serving. Once I learned of their callous scheme I stopped being an election official it disgusted me to work with someone who has no regard for anyone but herself and her family. If Heather and Karen get any position I will not trust anything they do or say. I was happy to learn of three youngish African American candidates running for Commissioner for District 5 then I learned that Karen Lovejoy Roe at the last minute applied for this candidacy knowing that she could probably beat them it's like Karen is using the Board of Commissioners as a retirement plan and not considering the future of the township. Ypsilanti Township does not need this kind of situation we've worked so hard to be seen as a fair community but two people have changed this view because of their own selfish needs when you are elected in these offices it is not for you to do as you please it is to serve the people. Karen Lovejoy Roe and Heather Jarrell Roe do not have a clue on how to be there for the people I hope somehow neither will ever represent Ypsilanti Township they don't deserve it thank you".

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Supervision Stumbo: "Next we have Jessie Moberg raised her hand is that correct? I see her hand raised, Lisa I'm having a".

Jessie Molberg: "Can you hear me now?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes we sure can."

Jessie Molberg: "Can you see me as well or no?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "No"

Jessie Moberg: "Alright, well good evening everyone. For those of you who may not know me my name is Jessie Moberg, I'm a former resident of Ypsilanti Township, I currently reside in Middlesboro, Kentucky. I am the oldest daughter of Karen Lovejoy Roe. My Mom was pregnant with me the first time that she ran for office in 1988. Because of the public persecution that I witnessed my Mom endure over the years I said many times that I she would never go into politics. But in 2018 I was elected to the City Council here in Middlesboro. My decision to run for local office was because of my Mother. Because I wanted to serve my community like I've seen my Mother do my entire life. My Mom has been a public servant to Ypsilanti Township for nearly 32 years. My Mom has always put her residents first. Dishonesty and deceitfulness has never been characteristics of my Mother and it is not something that begins now as she plans to retire from her many, many years of service to Ypsilanti Township. It's my hope that the truth comes to light regarding this situation. My Mothers' success has come from always being a person of integrity, which she has taught all her children, despite this current political scheme that is sought to defame her character and slander our family name. But as Michelle Obama has said, "When they go low, we go high", thank you all for your time this evening."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you Jessie. Are there any other public comments? I do have two letters from residents to read into the record."

Supervisor Stumbo read two letters from residents into the record one from Donald Hazzard and one from Arloa Kaiser (see attached).

Supervisor Stumbo: "Are there any other public comments did I get them all? Lisa did you see any other public comments that I missed, I'm trying to do two things at once."

Lisa Stanfield: "JoAnn McCullum has her hand raised again."

Supervisor Stumbo: "JoAnn before we go back to you if we could see if there are any other public comments."

JoAnn McCollum: "Sure"

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Supervisor Stumbo: "JoAnn I do not see any other public comments so you may go again."

JoAnn McCullum: "Yes, I wanted to mention too about three candidates who had the affidavits that were incorrectly done. I think that that was done poorly. Two candidates had to drop out should be three but two candidates saw that their paperwork was not done it wasn't valid when you notarize something that is a legal document that is very important and that was not taken care of correctly and that's why I think that Karen Lovejoy Roe should not be in that position and Heather should drop out because her paperwork is not valid. Thank you for hearing my comments."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you. Doesn't appear to be any other raised hands so I'm going to go back to the regular board meeting"

Lisa Stanfield: "Excuse me, Brenda there is one more raised hand."

Supervisor Stumbo: "I'm sorry."

Lisa Stanfield: "Michael Richardson, and a second raised hand, Nancy as well."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Perhaps you can help with the raised hands, Mr. Richardson"

Michael Richardson: "Can you hear me?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes we sure can"

Michael Richardson: "Hello, my name is Michael Richardson (stated address in Ypsilanti Township) I wanted to introduce myself, I am a member of the Township that is now running for a Trustee seat and I definitely understand that there is a little turmoil that is going on but I wanted to take the appropriate time to say hello to the board and to all the concerned citizens."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you."

Lisa Stanfield: "That second hand is no longer raised so as of right now we have no raised hands."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Alright then we will go back to the panelists and go back to the board meeting. As soon as I find mine board packet, alright the next item on the agenda is the Consent Agenda, it is the minutes of the April 21st Work Session and Regular Meeting, we have statements and checks can we have a motion and please state your name for motion and support."

Consent Agenda

A. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

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B. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS

**1. STATEMENTS AND CHECKS FOR MAY 5, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$662,743.50**

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Chair motion by Eldridge"

Treasurer Doe: "Support by Doe"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion by Eldridge support by Doe questions or comments"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I have a correction, Madam Supervisor?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "We did not have a work session I apologize that is an error on the agenda"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Duly noted, we have a motion and support we have to do a roll-call vote, Eldridge?"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Wilson?"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Lovejoy Roe?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Jarrell Roe?"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "I vote yes, did I get everybody, Monica Ross-Williams?"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "The motion passes. To our audience I am so sorry this is not how we normally do business."

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ATTORNEY REPORT

GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE

Supervisor Stumbo: "Attorney's Report, Mr. Winters do you have an attorney's report?"

Attorney Winters: "No report this evening"

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Stumbo: " Alright, under New Business we have Number 1 the **REQUEST TO APPROVE THE FOURTH ADDENDUM WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT TO EXTEND SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE INSURANCE AND PERFORMANCE BOND BY THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**" (see attached)

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "So moved"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion, motion"

Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe: "Karen Lovejoy Roe"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank You"

Trustee Eldridge: "Support Eldridge".

Supervisor Stumbo: "Support Eldridge, discussion, Mr. Williams, Mr. Winters do you want"

Attorney Winters: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "or Mike, does someone want to explain what this is to the audience?"

Mike Hoffmeister: "Sure this is a"

Attorney Winters: "Ah"

Mike Hoffmeister: "Go ahead Doug please"

Attorney Winters: "No I think that the board has previously authorized Mike and as well as the Clerk's office to go out for RFPs for a new Solid waste hauler as well as a yard waste hauler and the specifications have been prepared they have not yet gone out we've obviously had a lot of challenges with COVID-19 they're now ready

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to go out. A Mike has been in constant contact with a Waste Management and they've agreed for a ninety day three month extension. The contract will begin on July one through September thirtieth, and the hope is we'll have competitive bids that can be evaluated between now and that time period so as to either see where we stand with the current contractor as well as whatever competitive bids that might be received. A there is a continuing need for waste management to continue with their performance bond and liability insurance to be in place. I know that Mike has been working on that awhile. There is also a need for them to actually file the performance bond and insurance certificate for the 2019 2020 contract year. But from my standpoint the fourth amendment is in proper form and subject to the two missing documents that need to be provided between now and July first and again this gives the township a the needed time to competitively seek additional bids for recyclables, yard waste and solid waste. I know Mike may have other issues or other concerns to address as well."

Mike Hoffmesiter: "I have nothing further Doug, I appreciate you covering the agenda item".

Supervisor Stumbo: "Alright"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Madam Supervisor"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I just wanted to say, Mike I know we went back and forth not necessarily on this but the bid specs that are going to go out and I know you worked a lot on this you and Doug both and I just want to say thank you especially with everything else that is jumping off. The bid specs I know Lisa was posting them and we finally got it up or worked out today, they may already be up and if not they will definitely be up for anyone that is interested in taking a look, our haulers and contractors that may be listening in they are up and we are looking forward to taking your bids.

Supervisor Stumbo: "Alright, thank you. So we have to do a roll call vote again. Larry Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Wilson, Junior?"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes, Roe, Lovejoy Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ross Williams"

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Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "And Jarrell Roe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ok, the motion is approved. Number two is a **REQUEST to Authorize TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH BEST ASPHALT TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF THE GROVE RD PATHWAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,869.50 which is BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #212-970--997-007**" (see attached)

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Chair Eldridge makes a motion"

Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe: "Support Karen Lovejoy Roe"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion Eldridge support Lovejoy Roe, Hoffmesiter would you like to give an overview of this project?"

Mike Hoffmeister: "As you know this is Phase II of the Grove Road Trail Project, Phase I was completed last year, and as you know we've been working through the process of completing Phase II with OHM, Matt Parks is here also on the call for any questions you may have. This is part of the B2B trail as we discussed last week to be refunded and paid for by Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Excellent, questions or comments by board members, no one is raising their hand so we will do a roll call vote. Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Wilson"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes, Lovejoy Roe?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ross-Williams"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

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Supervisor Stumbo: "And Jarrell Roe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "The motion is approved. Number three is the **Request to Approve THE SECOND AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION and this is FOR LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,375.00 which is BUDGETED IN LINE ITEM #101-446-000-818-022**"(see attached)

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "So moved"

Trustee Wilson: "Support"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "That was Karen Lovejoy Roe that made the motion"

Trustee Wilson: "Support Wilson"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion Karen Lovejoy Roe support Wilson to approve the second agreement with the Washtenaw County Road Commission, are there questions or comments on this from board members? The total amount on this contract is actually \$156,000 or \$152,000 and the county matches dollar for dollar. Road improvements we're doing this year is seal coating and what that does is preserves the life of the pavement. We did substantial amount last year and we're \$152,000 this year as well throughout the entire township. The only one that we have a shared is with Superior Township and that is \$8,750 and that is Mott Road and that is a seal coat. We do this every year we vote on projects. So any questions or comments, hearing none we'll do a roll call vote. Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Jimmie Wilson Junior"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes, Lovejoy Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ross-Williams"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

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Supervisor Stumbo: "Jarrell Roe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "The motion is approved. The next item on the agenda is the **REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE TOWNSHIP CHIPPING OPERATIONS EFFECTIVE MAY 29, 2020**" (see attached)

Treasurer Doe: "Move to approve, Doe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Support Jarrell Roe"

Supervisor Stumbo: "There is a motion by Doe and a support by Jarrell Roe to approve this. So um there there's a pretty long memo in everyone's packet. So we've had extensive discussion with Carl Rowsey and he is also um on this zoom meeting. And we've talked with Michael Hoffmeister, Director of Residential Services, Javonna Neel, Accounting Director as well as Clerk Roe and Treasurer Doe regarding the suspension of services. First of all during the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic we've been unable to hire seasonal positions as well as we have a fulltime vacant Chipper position that is open. We did hire a um person they started and after three weeks of training he decided to go back to his old job. So um we're currently pulling one person from the parks department and one person from the compost site to try to keep it going currently. Secondly the financial cost for environmental services extension which is the current provider is about \$300,000 and we voted on that extension and there was increases in those costs so for the remainder of 2020 the additional costs is \$300,000. We're in the process of soliciting bids for garbage, recycling and yard waste services. Historically we've always extended and given another five year bid to our current waste hauler because it's usually 2.5 to 3 percent increase that was not the case this time. It's a substantial increase so we owe it the board wanted to see it make sure it is a competitive bid since the increase in costs are substantial over what we normally would do. So it's currently out for bid, for 2020, the remainder of 2020 which is September and starting to 2025. And finally Javonna Neel's our Accounting Director and we've been forecasting our millage renewals that are to be voted on in 2021, based on her assumption that were distributed this week the Environmental Services Fund which is a loaded millage, the expenditures will exceed millage revenue by 2021 by \$940,000. So we're thankful we have a fund balance but based on the extension costs for our current waste haulers we can project out what the costs is going to be. So therefore we need to have some in depth discussions on what services should be provided, we'd have to discuss the real possibility of cutting services and or we could increase millage based on the forecast. In my memo and for me and increase in property taxes is a bridge I do not want to cross over um of course it's up to the community to decide um there's a lot of residents struggling with all the tax increases in the past four or five years and um we will have a new board in November and they could have community conversations and input, and engagement regarding the millages and what services we would like to continue. The good news is that we still have pick up of branch services through Waste Management. So they are our current provider and it's in

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our yard waste contract. They pick up branches weekly as long as they're properly put in, they have to be properly bundled or put into a yard waste bag. And we would you know be communicating all that out to the residents. It's also in the helpful handbook that was mailed out to everyone. And basically what it says is that branches that are 2 inches in diameter or less can be bundled, they can't be longer than 3 to 4 feet, they must be tied with twine or string, no bundles are accepted that are over 40 pounds, or larger than 18 inches in diameter. We also have a compost site that is available for branch disposal at no additional cost and it's open 7 days a week. In addition we would recommend that in the case of a storm we would bring the chipping trucks out in order to assist with the cleanup for our community and residents using the existing staff that we have. Are there any questions from board members or attendees that I can, be happy to, do you see any questions or hands up? I don't see any."

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Supervisor Stumbo my hand was up."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Oh I'm sorry I was looking at the attendees list, I'm so sorry ok I apologize."

Trustee Ross-Williams: "That's ok I just wanted to also say that um I would have deep concerns um considering that we are in this COVID crisis and financially we're probably going to continue to be in it for quite some time a so that a is impact on residents and also taxes obviously. I would have deep concerns about a millage at this point to increase taxes to do this I just wanted to express that. That's all."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you. Any other questions or comments from anyone? No, um I would also like to say that we put a memo out to all the Directors we do anticipate a well it's an assumption \$1.2 million loss in 2020 from our state shared revenue. So state shared revenue comes from sales taxes. We've been watching it very closely and it was 10 percent, and MTA said prepare for 50 percent, so \$1.2 million would be about 25 percent of our revenue for that. We are looking and trying to plan as best we can, our hope is that it's larger, it's not that large decrease in state shared revenue. We get about \$5.2 million from state shared revenue. So it's a big part of our revenue stream and our budget in 2020 and moving forward. So any other comments, any questions from Carl Rowsey or Javonna Neel? Seeing no hands raised we'll do a roll call vote. Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Jimmie Wilson"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes, Clerk Lovejoy Roe?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Ross-Williams?"

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Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Eldridge?"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "And Trustee Jarrell Roe?"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "We're sorry we have to do this but we have to plan for the future. The next item on the agenda is the **REQUEST FOR VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE FOR CLERK KAREN LOVEJOY ROE**"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Motion to Approve"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion Ross-Williams, please state your name"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Ross-Williams"

Supervisor Stumbo: "That's ok it just helps the people, is there a support?"

Treasurer Doe: "Support, Doe"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Support Doe, does anyone have their hand raised?"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "I would like to raise my hand, so, sorry with the computer. I would like to read this statement and I will make sure it is sent over to the Clerk for the record. I will start now so it would probably give or take about 5 or 7 minutes, so. Unlikely to what is widely believed and way too overly accepted, being an Elected Official should focus on excel of the common good, welfare and quality of life for residents. What it should never be is about ego, self-gratification, nepotism, or what can be done for me versus we, the collective as a whole. This is not where in three years, 5 months, 15 days since taken oath of office I believed this board would be, at an impasse in the middle of a pandemic called corona virus, ever growing numbers of our citizens being impacted, local businesses closed, in lines and need for food, comfort, or financial assistance. Yet this is where we are, turning the clock backwards to the beginning. The job is to get to work, coming off the heels of a financial crisis from 2008 to 2013 that some feel and have voiced contempt of irritation when mentioned before this board when that not too distance past is reflected upon, repair what was broken, our residential housing stopped with financial crisis as stability for family and individuals by the addition of new businesses while supporting others that stayed and survived, promote strong neighborhoods in the rising activism ah wit them to be their best. This meant to this Trustee, work together, not in silos as a board for our constituents, moving as a collective to meet in the middle, for the good of voters and those who did not vote for us. Today I am sorried, it is not for just having to sit here is this zoom

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conference, due to a global, nationwide, state, and local pandemic versus our Ypsilanti Township Board conference room then instead it is for having to ask for a vote of no confidence against Karen Lovejoy Roe. I take no joy in this what so ever, however, our duty calls, our constituents deserve it, we are public servants to operate for the citizens only, nothing more, nothing less, this board cannot allow for these actions to continue. On April 21st, 2020 at 8:00 the collective changed. That's when nepotism showed its' colors on this board, by an action some have called political gainsmanship, others are still in shock, bewilderment and outright upheaval, the term I would use is a switcharoo, was designed in nature by two individuals over the heads of 57,000 residents, some of which were discouraged to seek office themselves as to not rock the boat. It takes courage to enter a ring against a strong opponent and an incumbent, name ID sometimes take years to build, for others to know often a drop of a hat, less known, collecting the proper signatures, and funds necessary in these days and times, for literature and other marketing materials for voters to know their name. Prior to April 20th, 2020 to the average voter it appeared incumbents were re-running with their associated name ID for their current position, they held the power of the collective, power is always with the people and their leaders are their servants, today's a measure of the people taking their power back. The facts are the following, this motion to vote of no confidence against Karen Lovejoy Roe was due to Number 1, our community is in the middle of a pandemic called corona virus 2019. As of today there are 553 individuals that have been diagnosed with Covid-19 in the 48197 and 48198 area codes. Some of which have perished although our numbers are declining overall with mitigation, which is a blessing, we remain in a state of emergency in our state and our county since mid-March 2020. Our offices in Ypsilanti Township are closed, and the public and businesses are impacted, the public accessibility to their governmental clutches have been impacted, this is a fact and all public officials must be mindful of this. We are a public service that operates for the citizens only, again nothing more, nothing less, but some seem to have forgotten that fact. On April 21, 2020 two members of this board Trustee Heather Jarrell Roe and Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe who are related colluded in an effort to pull a switcharoo, originally filing in their current positions in February 2020 then changed in those places on April 21, 2020. Although it was not illegal to do so the appearance of using nepotism to collude voters of choices in candidates should not be a practice in elections in Ypsilanti Township. There is no right to choose a successor in Ypsilanti Township, this was a statement that was allegedly said, and if you believe that Clerk Lovejoy Roe a rightful correction is solely needed and necessary as the voters in Ypsilanti Township have that right. This is Number 3, repeated errors in affidavit identity and receipt filings which are duty bound to be reviewed by the filing official in these cases the filing official in each incident was the office of Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, and candidates had errors in the signatory date and the notary public date. One candidate did not sign the statements and attestations. These are legal documents, as per election law, act 116 of 1954 section 168.558 which reads as follows, as varies parts therefore.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Supervisor Stumbo, I rise to a point of special priviledge, always in order."

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Supervisor Stumbo: "Clerk Roe"

Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe: "I just have concerns right now because um of the legal action in the process according to Trustee Monica Ross-Williams, so to discuss anything in the affidavits which is what she said she is going to take court action against the Township Clerks office, the County Clerk's Office and the Bureau of Elections. Normally, traditionally or always we've been advised that those are improper subjects to have and if her attorney wants to speak with our attorney that's appropriate but not for us to have comments about those alledged allegations that she's planning on taking to court."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Oh, for clarification the only action that can happen when someone is challenging the local clerk's authority on putting names on the ballot is to go to court. That's what Clerk, County Clerk Kestenbaum advised as well as um that's just the process Karen."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "My point is that for us as elected officials to talk about that legal action the Monica Trustee Ross Williams has declared publicly several times I don't think it is appropriate on that subject to have that conversation for each of us, I think in the past I don't know of a case whenever a resident threatens to sue the township or a developer we're always told cease communication, they can talk to the attorneys that's my only point."

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Point of Clarification"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Wait a minute"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "You're absolutely correct, that's the, that's the place you go"

Supervisor Stumbo: "That's the only road to challenge the decision of the local clerk"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Correct"

Supervisor Stumbo: "So based on that Trustee Williams you can continue"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I was just wondering if the attorney thinks it's appropriate for us to talk about an action that's being filed against the township by one of the Trustees at this time it's going to court according to Trustee Ross-Williams."

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Madam Chair can I have my point of clarification?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Just um um Trustee Ross-Williams since Clerk Roe has asked for an attorney opinion then she doesn't like my opinion then I will give her the attorney's opinion."

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Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "No I don't have any objection to your opinion you're correct but it's clearly going to go to court that's what she said and I didn't know if it was appropriate for us to discuss that, that's all I'm asking."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Discuss going to court"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "To discuss the details she's laying out details about the affidavits which is what she claimed she said publicly which is what she is going to go to court over. Which takes court action, she said she's going to take court action against myself, the County Clerk, the State Bureau of Elections"

Trustee Ross Williams: "Point of Clarification"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "That's all I'm asking"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Ross-Williams I'd like to hear"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "My only question is it appropriate for us when we know, well we don't know the suit hasn't been filed but I know when a resident, a developer or anyone threatens to sue us we're always told we shouldn't talk about that subject. That's all."

Supervisor Stumbo: "OK thank you"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Thank you"

Trustee Monica Ross-Williams: "It was a legal opinion that was asked so I will wait for my clarification for that so"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Attorney Winters"

Attorney Winters: "I'm not aware of any legal action that's been filed against anybody whether by the board or against any individuals as board members. From what I understand or what I've heard so far anyways there's a lot that's being discussed as a matter of public record so board members all seven of you are free to comment as you see fit or you don't see fit. Right now there's no legal action that I'm aware of that's been filed against anybody especially the board. I represent the board anyways so I can't represent board members anyways."

Supervisor Stumbo: "OK, so we have a um Trustee Ross-Williams based"

(Inaudible)

Trustee Ross-Williams: "The only other clarification I would add is that um basically is that um I'm not doing any action against the township as a whole can I continue to read my statement?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

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Trustee Ross-Williams: "Thank you. Um....so....when filing, going back to Number one, going back to Michigan election law 116 of 1954, section 168.558 which reads as follows in parts therefore in various sections. Number 1 when filing a nominating petition, qualifying petition, filing fee or affidavit for candidacy for a federal, county, state, township, village metropolitan district or local district office in any election a candidate may file with the officer with whom a petition fee or an affidavit is filed with two copies of affidavit identity. Number 2 the affidavit identity must contain candidates' name, residential address, statement and the candidate is a citizen of the United States entitled of office sought, and a statement that the candidate meets constitutional, statutory qualifications for the office sought, other information that may be required to satisfy the officer as the identity of the candidate in which a manner the candidate wishes to have his or her name appear on the ballot. Number 4, which is in the election law, an affidavit of identity must include a statement that as of the date of the affidavit all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines required of the candidate or any candidate committee organize and support a candidates election under Michigan Campaign Finance Act 1 1976 PA 388 MCL 169.2012. 169.202 have been filed and paid and a statement that the candidate acknowledges that making a false statement in the affidavit is perjury punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. If the candidate files the affidavit of identity with an officer other than with the County Clerk or Secretary of State, the officer shall immediately forward to the county one copy of the affidavit of identity by first class mail, the County Clerk immediately shall forward one copy of the affidavit of identity for state and federal candidates to the Secretary of State by first class mail. An officer shall not certify to the Board of Elections Commissioners the name of the candidate who fails to comply with this section or the name of the candidate who excludes the affidavit of identity that contains false statements with regard to any information or statement required in this section or if the information including the date therefore are wrong by not being signed or/and somehow affirms by the notary public, in front of the notary public or on different dates than the notary public, the affidavit of identity are not in compliance with state law. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, what could have been done in the past and not caught are found equally of no excuse, we must do better now. Knowing better as duly elected public officials Karen. Number 4, one candidate was only disqualified after Washtenaw County Clerks' Office rightfully questioned their voter registration status specifically the candidates' home address on the qualified voter file was not in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan. Isn't your office required to check if a voter is registered in the township prior to ever appearing on any unofficial candidates list? It is within the elected duties according to state law under the office of Township Clerk in our 1,240 townships in Michigan including our own. Michigan election law again 116 1954 168.342 township office eligibility, eligibility for membership on Board of Review, Section 342 a person is not eligible to a township office unless the person is registered in a qualified election of the township for which the election is sought by the filing deadline. Section 363 oath of office, for township officers, all township officers shall before entering upon the duties of their office take and subscribe the oath provided in section 1 article 11 of the State Constitution before the Township Clerk or any other officer authorized to administer the oath and file the same with the Township Clerk who shall report the name and such oath should be administered

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without reward and certified by the officer of whom it was taken with the date taken the same. In chapter 41 the township revised statute of 1946 41.1B definitions, section 1B for this act an officer is described as the Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk or Trustee, in section 65 it defines the Township Clerk as the 41.65 custody of the records, books, paper preservation, delivery to the successor in office accounts, accounting records, journals, and ledgers. Again section 55 of the same act the Township Clerk at each Township shall have custody of all papers of the township when another provision is made in law the Township Clerk should file and keep all certificates of oath and other papers required under the law to be filed in his or her office and shall keep all items required by law to be recorded, end quote. Number 5, the affidavit of identity in the filing have taken an oath to the following statement with each candidate filing for office in Ypsilanti Township takes an oath for, quote, I am a citizen of the United States and I meet the statutory constitutional requirements for the office sought, I swear and affirm that the facts I have provided are true, I acknowledge that making a false statement on this affidavit is perjury a felony punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of up to 5 years or both and may result in disqualification from the ballot. This is a legal statement that is signed by the candidates, affirmed by the candidates, witnessed as fact by the notary public and reviewed on the form by your office the Township Clerk, Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe as the local filing official some of which were signed as they were reviewed by your Deputy Clerk. Not sure if some of these candidates paperwork was actually reviewed as there's errors in these documents were not caught before some of the candidates ever appeared on unofficial or official candidate lists, at the Washtenaw County Clerks' office, or how some of these candidates weren't afforded the opportunity to correct the error paperwork. Number 6, the failure to review the four affidavits of identity in receipt of filing was unknown by two of the candidates filing for office in Ypsilanti Township until well after the filing deadline of April 21st at 4:00pm or the withdraw deadline of April 24th at 5. These two candidates made a combination of public notices to withdraw their candidacy and/or emailed the office of clerk of Ypsilanti Township after learning of these errors between April 25th and April 27th. These candidates still were added onto the official list of candidates with Washtenaw County Clerks' Office by you Ypsilanti Township Clerk as the filing official. It is unsure if the other candidates know or if they knew or cared about the status of their affidavit of identity or received a filing. Number 7, in my case, Clerk Lovejoy Roe claimed IT issue was a factor in an email that sent to you on April 27th at 3:30pm was the cause of you not seeing my email request. That request for the record was sent to you as the filing official along with Township Supervisor, Brenda Stumbo, who confirmed to me she was able to see my request for the withdrawal communication. I have been aware of other candidates visiting Ypsilanti Township Clerks' Office, been made aware of other candidates who were allegedly initially given improper paperwork to filing for the offices sought which was corrected upon the candidates visiting the Washtenaw County Clerk's office. Again, the voters of Ypsilanti Township have the following rights, to expect our candidates seeking office in Ypsilanti Township are Ypsilanti Township residents, to expect the office of Clerk as a custodian of Township records to perform the duties of the office as prescribed by law, to have the Director of Elections in Ypsilanti Township, which this township has had since 2019 and Ypsilanti Township taxpayers pay the

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salary and benefits, therefore overseeing all matters as it relates to candidate filing and elections in Ypsilanti Township, or in the event of their absence his or her properly trained designee. It does not appear at this time that the Director of Elections was involved or otherwise made any of the errors noted above, to only have candidates on the ballot who have met or exceeded guidelines and requirements as described by law in the State of Michigan, to have fair and free elections and to know that the office of Clerk in Ypsilanti Township is run fairly without favoritism, nepotism, or any impartiality to any candidate seeking office in our township. At this point this Trustee does not believe this to be so. Voters have all rights to choose the candidates qualified for the ballot, the elected official in charge of this action must follow state law and make sure that this is so, this is why I'm calling for the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees to affirm my motion of a vote of no confidence for Karen Lovejoy Roe as Clerk. In closing I am also formally requesting the Michigan Secretary of State Office and/or if necessary the Attorney General to investigate these matters as described above in a letter to be forwarded to the respective offices and ask the Township Supervisor to consider such, thank you, respectfully forwarded Monica Ross-Williams, Ypsilanti Township Trustee and that is the end of my statement."

Supervisor Stumbo: "I see one hand raised Myla Harris, did I do that right?"

Myla Harris: "Yes, can you hear me?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yep, I can hear you."

Myla Harris: "So you can hear me?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

Myla Harris: "OK, my name is Myla Harris I am the Vice President of AFSCME Local 3451. I am also the Chief Steward of AFSCME Local 3451 Ypsilanti Township Chapter, it seems like I loss visual, it doesn't matter, um are you there?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

Myla Harris: "Ok, so um I wanted to didn't get a chance to speak earlier and I thought this was an opportunity under this particular um article, not article but request so I concur that um Karen Lovejoy Roe Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe's family will automatically say she's a woman of integrity but um from all of us who are not part of the family we know her to be um something else. Um so I won't speak on behalf of all the AFSCME employees I will speak on um as the leader um with the run ins I have had with Clerk Roe in regards to nepotism to where her continued um her continued um resistance to um HR's request to not have family doing AFSCME work during AFSCME worktime to where the AFSCME leader, me, I had to step in and file a grievance in regards to um the nepotism and to have the ah employees who that were due overtime that were given to her family. And with that AFSCME um won that grievance where I filed against Karen Lovejoy Roe ah so um I been township employee for 27 years so am if obvious to say that I have been um

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around pretty much since 2008 is when I believe she became Township Clerk and um we have had run ins with her and a lot of it has to do with integrity and nepotism with the family and was so, when I read the article in the newspaper it did not surprise me one bit because as AFSCME Chief Steward um because that is always something we are addressing with her or had to file grievance, I did file the grievance in the latter part of 2019 and I just encourage um Ypsilanti Township residents is to go out and vote. Your vote matters and this is not the type of leadership that you want representing um on your behalf and um so I just wanted to make sure that I spoke to make sure the residents really pay attention to whose running and what they stand for. Thank you for your time.”

Supervisor Stumbo: “Next is Valeria Brown, Valeria?”

Lee Tooson: “Can you hear me now?”

Supervisor Stumbo: “Yes”

Lee Tooson: “It’s not Valeria Brown, its Lee Tooson. Ah I have some concerns here but I don’t have enough time to address all my concerns. Ah you know I I don’t have any friends where right is wrong is concerned. And I certainly don’t have no friends here. Now my question reading the newspaper and listening to Monica’s statement I have to ask how ethical how ethical ah ah ah is it for ah ah for Miss um Roe to do such thing as she has done and I to class this with white privilege. It it it is no doubt in my mind ah that is the classification it comes under because certainly ah I do not believe a black person would have ah ah ah that right to do that. And when you talk about ah ah ah when you talk about naming the person to take your position that is just it is not nothing new nothing new ah ah you I can see Miss Roe wanting her daughter-in-law to take her position but Miss Roe must understand she is doing her daughter-in-law a disservice. Simply because the way her daughter-in-law would get the position would not be on the basis of a true won election. Ah it would be on the basis of name sake. And her daughter-in-law should look at it from the point I will catch hell from the community ah ah by getting this position the way I got. So she she she’s doing her daughter-in-law a disservice and that ah ah (can’t make out). When we talk about naming successors like I said it’s not nothing new they even do that stuff in churches. And I’m sure Miss Roe know what I’m talking about. They do that stuff in churches. When folks put a lot of their money in churches and they have a reason for the Pastor to leave by retirement or whatever they want to name their successor so that’s nothing new. Miss Roe understands what I’m talking about. I hate to be at this junction because talking to you guys on on on screen is not what I like to do. I like to see people when I’m talking to them. And I like to have a lot of time Because I know too much stuff about this stuff that’s going on and needs to be and should have been exposed many many many years ago. And it might not be to this point where we are today. This is almost like a new Jim Crow law. Now we all are

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familiar with Jim Crow law. And I don't care who it is sitting on a board anywhere they are they are familiar with Jim Crow law and I believe if you just look at the ingredients some Jim Crowing some Jim Crowing been thrown into this arena here. And it's not right, it's not fair for this kinda stuff to continue to happen because it does not share light or good light on what the Township is trying to do or should be doing and certainly it does not shed good light on the community and ah at large. We should be better than this. How can you, I know you guys going to cut me off because I like to blow when I'm talking."

Supervisor Stumbo: "I'm sorry I'm so sorry Mr. Tooson"

Lee Tooson: "I understand sister, I understand I hope there will be another chance for me to talk cause I want to drop it like it's hot I want to tell all of it because this ain't the half of it."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you for your comments Mr. Tooson. We're going to move to Melvin."

Melvin Parson: "Can you hear me?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

Melvin Parson: "Good evening everybody. My name is Melvin Parson. Well I don't want to speak for my professional position. I'll speak as Melvin Parson. And although I'm not a resident of Ypsilanti Township I'm invested there for a couple of different reasons and I would like to encourage the Trustee Board to vote for ah ah no confidence to cast a no confidence vote ah for several different reasons. One of one of the I don't know if it's been brought up yet but this move from what I understand especially in light of Washtenaw County and their whole initiative bring racial equity and inclusion and diversion and diversity one of the things this move cancels out almost is the fact that ah Karen, Clerk Lovejoy Roe now steps into ah the candidacy the open seat for the County Commissioner in the Township against three African Americans who don't come with the resources and the name recognition that she does come with and so that almost cancels out that piece of diversity for the potential for that. And the other thing it seems like it's very clear that and I could be wrong but just the aura of collusion and nepotism and like underhanded it's something that I don't think the Township itself or the Trustee Board ah ah for the governing body wants to be a part of or to approve because If you don't cast that vote for no confidence that's kind of like a being complicit In that sort of move and I'm hoping that that a vote of no confidence is cast for that. Thank you that's all I have."

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Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you for your comments we have, Janessa"

Janessa Monahan: "Hi, can you guys hear me?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "We can."

Janessa Monahan: "I'm Janessa Monahan and I am I'm actually a black woman and I'm a resident of Ypsilanti and I'm also an election worker for Karen. And I just have to say that right now I'm very just shocked and disappointed by what everybody's saying because the different roles I've played working for Karen side by side she's never done anything but shown me the upmost respect and to question her integrity right now, I just I'm so baffled because it shows how nobody whose speaking right now truly knows Karen. And honestly at the end of the day I would just like to remind everybody that you guys all have the right to vote and whether you agree with what I'm saying or not just vote. You guys already are acting like this is what the positions are and I just think that this is very shocking and at the end of the day I just have to stand by Karen."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you for your comments. Are there other comments? All right so let's go to the..I'm sorry Clerk Roe."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I wanted to give everybody the opportunity to speak, I think that's really really important. I don't really even know where to begin and I'm not even going to try to it other than I know and God knows and Monica Ross Williams knows that her statement is full of outright falsehoods. The idea that I got something in the mail or got an email, I never got and I even sent you an email to your Township address. Travis who is our IT person, when I asked him what this is and I asked him to open it to fix it he kind of just went ballistic saying that whoever was running that server, and it was not an email address that you never ever used before Monica. So I clearly tried to get that and when he said that I'm not fooling with that because there's no safety or controls or it was dangerous and said I'm not messing with it so I said ok. I would email you back and I did that and you know that so you sit here and try to say that you submitted something to me and insinuate that I made a mistake it's wrong. To say that I sent an affidavit over for someone that wasn't registered here, that's a falsehood and you know that. It's one thing to not know but to purposely try to portray my background and what I'm doing in my job with outright lies, there might be things that you don't agree with but don't put falsehoods in people's heads, with other board members that is just outright flagrantly wrong. You never commented back, you never sent me anything and even if what you did send me was way past the filing deadline, if that's what it was. On your email it just said please read my letter that was attached and I could not open that because it was a security issue and was sent from some weird server and you know where it was sent

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from so be honest. I don't know anything about the issue of anybody ever registering I'm sure that the county clerk's office would have sent that one to me like they did yours and several others. And to tell me that this person is not registered is just outright falsehood. Our differences on other opinions is fine but to try to portray things and say things that are just not true is not appropriate, it's not appropriate and it's false and it's misleading to try and get your point across. In addressing Ms. Harris who made her comments, JoAnn McCullum, Angela Rogers, and Nancy Hare-Dickerson are all folks she complained about even though it was done during the same work hours and you had to be qualified to be a chairperson which everybody knows that that takes training to set up. She proceeded to write a grievance and it was not a grievance on nepotism so I wanted to clear that up. And I'm not sure why other than I know that I have had disagreements with Ms. Harris as head of the union or even as a union member or when she was a steward and most of those had to do with things protecting employees and what I saw was employees rights being overseen or being overrun by those that had nothing to do with the union contract it was personal issues that were being addressed. In closing I just want to say that I appreciate those who have commented here tonight and I really appreciate all those who have not in terms of not you have the freedom what I'm saying is I know that there's been a lot of pressure on a lot of our friends throughout Ypsilanti Township community and I'm sorry for that, that people are working you over and trying to get you to take sides and that I truly am sorry for. Other than that to all my fellow board members the allegations before you for the most part are false in terms of the things that Monica has laid out, the other things would come out in court. Some of those things are the affidavits, quoting Chapter 168, the decisions I made were not made alone and they were done with counsel from the Bureau of Elections speaking to both their attorney and their election law person. It is a big deal to take someone off the ballot and if I'm going to do that I'm going to have back up to say yes, Karen you have the legal standing to do that and I didn't get that from both the attorney at the Bureau of Elections and the Election Law Specialist whom I trust and call every time, and everyone in this, I talked to Clerk's well represented across Washtenaw County if they'd ever been involved in that and would they remove something over one little date and absolutely beyond question everyone that I talked to said, once they were given the facts, said you are absolutely correct and I wouldn't do that. If someone else wants to do that a judge that's up to them. I'm not just going to unilaterally after I've talked to specialists in the field and read the law myself take someone's name off the ballot. So to be accused of, it's insane, I don't even understand it. Why you would want, you wanted to take your name off the ballot, you wanted, you couldn't take your name off the ballot and now you blame me for your name being off the ballot and not that your name is on the ballot now you want to sue me to get your name off the ballot, I don't understand it, I don't know what your motivations are, I know they will eventually come to the light of day. Why it is that you're trying to do this trickery, I represent, really. I listened to

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you Mr. Tooson I heard what you said and I really respect you as a person of the community who does a lot for our residents. But I want to assure you and our board members that I think that in your hearts of hearts that you know that there's nothing that I've ever done or would ever do that would in any way bring any kind of darkness to the residents I serve in Ypsilanti Township whom I'm so grateful to and I love, I love taking care of their issues; and I would never bring darkness to my friends or my family and most importantly, which is the real check to live with myself and live so that I don't cause a separation between me and Jesus Christ, who really is my Savior and the Lord of my Life and I wouldn't do anything that would jeopardize that. I thank you for listening. Thanks."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Are there other comments from the board, I got to see if hands"

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Chair"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "I'll just be brief. Because I don't have all the information behind it but I'm extremely disappointed that we're here at this point discussing this type of an issue. I've been on this board now for just over 16 years and from time to time I've considered at some point pursuing a full time spot on this board. I never did because they were held always by an incumbent and I respect that process. Little over a year ago um I spoke to the current Treasurer and Larry let me as well as everybody know that this was going to be his last time through and he was going to be retiring. Which I think was the right thing to do because not only did it allow me but anybody else that would desire that position to file for it and to seek it. My concern here umm is that none of us knew on the board that this position was going to open up or at least that I did not. I think it would have been fair the right thing to do to allow the community to know that so they could have registered. That's all that I'll say on that issue. Ah listening to Monica earlier and trying to jot down notes as I went along she made mention that I believe there were three candidates whose paperwork is not completed correctly, if I heard correctly after that two of them asked to be removed from consideration to be placed on the ballot. So I guess my first question would be if they filed incorrectly why we haven't removed them and if two people asked to be removed of their own free volition why could they not be removed um I'll just stop there for the moment. Thank you."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Was that a question for Clerk Roe?"

Trustee Eldridge: "Well, I guess I want to be um sensitive to everybody talking about legal issues that might be forthcoming but I think these are questions that we should answer and I think it's appropriate to answer or discuss them in a public format so

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yeah it would be a question, were there incorrect filings, if so why they weren't removed, and if candidates did ask to be removed why they could not be removed from the ballot. Om, thank you."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Did you want me to answer those?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Clerk Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Um, I have no knowledge of anyone asking to be removed from the ballot prior to the deadline, had they done that they would have been removed. I had one candidate who asked to be removed after the fact and I informed him that it was too late I can't remember if it was 2, 3, 4 days later. And that was the only candidate that ever asked me as the filing official to remove their name and it was after, it's a law. The law says you have to ask to be removed within three days following the date that you filed and that didn't happen by any candidates."

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Chair may I follow up?"

Trustee Ross-Williams: Inaudible...." Go ahead, sorry Trustee Eldridge"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Ross-Williams just one moment let Trustee Eldridge please continue and then I'll call on you next. If people could raise their hand I'll try to call on them. Trustee Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Thank you. Um just to follow up on that um if the notice to be removed came prior to the submission into the County Clerk then um if if the township received those notifications the Clerk's office received them before the filing was done would the County Clerk, it seems like we had an opportunity to grant those wishes um and if we're following that strict letter of the law that still doesn't address if there were improper filings. I know both Trustee Ross and Clerk Roe brought it up differently in their statements. Um, but if the paperwork's not filled correctly does that leave discretion, if the rule says fill something out completely and correctly that seems like that's a steadfast rule I won't say a law but a rule. And if we're going to follow the rule of meeting timelines to withdraw did we meet them in the case of proper filings. That's my only question. I have not seen any of the paperwork for clarification."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I can address that. I had no one that tried to file after the deadline. So everybody filed on the deadline when they were supposed to file. And once their application of identity affidavits were looked at and confirmed by our office they were sent to the County Clerk's office. I only had again, to repeat earlier,

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I had one candidate and I apologize the filing was on Tuesday, you had to withdraw on Friday, by 4:00 PM, I think it was Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday that I was sent an email saying they wanted to be removed because they thought they filled out their forms wrong. So it was after the filing deadline as when they could be pulled off. And as I talked about earlier after researching and talking in particular to the Bureau of Elections, the decision to not pull people off the ballot was made and I approved all of the filings that were made.”

Trustee Eldridge: “Madam Chair may I follow up just briefly, I’ll relinquish after this.”

Supervisor Stumbo: “Yes”

Trustee Eldridge: “I, I’m sorry maybe I wasn’t clear I didn’t mean to insinuate that somebody tried to file after April 21st, if somebody tried to withdraw and there was a computer glitch and it sounds like maybe and we just didn’t open it did we know if that was received in time. And even if it wasn’t if they tried to withdraw prior to April 27th could we not have allowed that and maybe we wouldn’t have some of this going on right now. But I’m looking for an answer were any of the filings that were received on or before April 21st not filled out correctly by law, the way it’s required. Notary public is pretty specific I don’t know that it allows for discretion to be made in asking other people what did the rule, what did the law say and I’ll leave it at that. I don’t have any further questions, thank you Madam Supervisor.”

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: “I’ll cover it again to withdraw under election law, Chapter 168 MCL you have to withdraw by 4:00 PM three days following the deadline. In this case that was April 24th at 4:00PM. I did not receive anything from anyone to withdraw by that time. What I did receive again three or four days later from one candidate wishing to withdraw which I emailed back and said you had to withdraw I explained the law to him. In reference to the email that got snatched by our IT security system that was sent way into the next week I want to say, I could look it up I want to say the 28th or 29th. And I never I don’t even know what was in there because I couldn’t open it and when I sent that back to the correct Ytown address which was not what Trustee Ross-Williams sent it was from a server I think the words he used was corrupted and that was from Travis McDugald our IT person, so I sent that back and showed her a copy I did a copy and paste with statement from IT Director saying please forward to me whatever it was and she never responded. So I never got only one person well after the deadline who wanted to withdraw. And as I said again removing individuals from a ballot is serious, if it’s a flagrant you know didn’t put their name down or how they wanted to run, but for several reasons checking past historic records here in the township and in the county and because of the decisions that were made by the Bureau of Elections telling me what they would do, the decision was made to not to err on the side of allowing candidates

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who went through the process, if there is an error I don't believe, there's nothing in my heart of hearts, after discussing many times with different people that are of a much higher level and much more experience than me that anything was done that was improper. And again it just floors me that a person is complaining that I took them off the ballot and wants because I left them on the ballot now they're threatening to sue the township, the Clerk's office or the Clerk, the County get the Attorney General involved and the Bureau of Elections. It baffles me as to what's behind that but that's not for me to worry about my job is to go by the law and that's what we did in every aspect of this situation of what's involved here."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Jimmie Wilson"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes thank you Madam Chair. First and foremost I want to make it very clear that whatever was done on the filing deadline it has a lot of folks feeling deceived or it may look shady and I agree with that however it was not illegal. But I'm going to take politics out of it because if you start to let politics get involved your vote will get a little cloudy. Ah I'm also going to take personal feelings out of it because I've had a relationship with specifically with a gentleman I use to work with Rick Roe, knowing that the Roe's have been very involved in the labor movement UAW I have a personal relationship with and respect them for that. But I have to take personal feelings out of it and I'm only going to look towards if the Clerk's office has information that there's affidavits that are not in order then these candidates should be disqualified and she is choosing not to disqualify them I would have concern moving forward that from this day all the way to the end of her term that the Clerk's office is not doing things ethically. I'm going to have to question everything that comes out of the Clerk's office and think that's the culture now and so I guess I have a question through you Madam Supervisor to Clerk Roe that I would gladly make some sort of motion to table if you can vow that you have paperwork that is not in order and you will do what's right tomorrow morning say hey County Clerk these three candidates are disqualified cause the paperwork is not in order. If you can't make that kind of vow to do that then I will have to vote yes in favor of this agenda item of vote of no confidence, thank you Madam Chair."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you. Clerk Roe would you"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I just, there's confusion here and I respect everybody's opinion, there's confusion over what's legal and what's not legal. And everything that was done was legal. I didn't haphazardly make a decision it was done in consultation with Larry Kestenbaum with Ed Golembiewskie from the County, was done in consultation with State Election Officials who work there, and they clearly said the decision to throw those people off the ballot is a decision in conclusion is a decision that they would not do. So there's not anything improper."

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Supervisor Stumbo: "Why did you ask them Clerk Roe? Why did you even have to talk to them?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Because the County sent the information back and said we need to know if you think there is a discrepancy here. So I did research around it."

Supervisor Stumbo: "What was the discrepancy?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Pardon?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "What was that discrepancy?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "There was discrepancy between dates that folks put on the application and dates that the notary signed and after research talking to folks, actually one of the election officials laughed and said I don't care if they filled out a date at all. They would never ever throw out anything because the actual official date is actually the notary's date on the application. We actually have cases if you look at your old affidavits, all you have ran a long time, see if you find a date next to your name, it doesn't even exist. So that date is not even necessary on the form and that's what I was told by the elections they literally when I called I had I talked to them and so ok that was the decision. If someone was running for Senate or Congress and filed at the state they would not that date didn't matter to them. And when we researched and found out that we don't believe that date was ever I didn't go back to the beginning of time but I went back three different prior years and you can go look at your own affidavits and that date wasn't on there. So it's not a question of a serious thing that went into it, it's like do you throw out take people off the ballot because of a date and they wanted to know, the county wanted to know, that was their position was that there was a discrepancy what's your ruling, how do you rule on it. And I didn't do that immediately there's lots of stuff that went into it the research that went into it."

Supervisor Stumbo: "I believe they're new forms."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Pardon"

Supervisor Stumbo: "I believe these are new forms."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "There's always a new form. There are new forms every single year. Some things change or they lay it out differently, sometimes the swearing is at the top, the notary is at the top of the statement. I think probably every four years, every two years, I'm not really sure. I didn't go back to see if those were the actual

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forms that were used in 2018 because people don't file here that was one of the things that I had on my list to do but then we got busy with stuff going on in the office and I haven't had a chance to check that so."

Supervisor Stumbo: "The County Clerk notified you that there were some affidavits that were discrepancies."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "He said there was a discrepancy here what is your position? So I talked to them individually Larry and Ed. That's where I started and they said they talked to the Bureau of Elections so I talked to the Bureau of Elections so. And to your question Jimmie no I'm not going to pull people off the ballot when I was told that's not what they would do if you were running for U.S. Senate, I don't think that standard is any different, or for Judge if Mr. Nelson or Erane Washington had sent those in and not filled out the date maybe they didn't fill them out according to the Election Bureau they wouldn't have even looked they don't care about that date and they wouldn't use that to throw someone off the ballot."

Supervisor Stumbo: Inaudible ".. qualify for ballot"

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Chair?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "You're right they're not on the ballot, to qualify absolutely."

Trustee Wilson: "Madam Chair:

Trustee Eldridge: "Go ahead Trustee Wilson"

Supervisor Stumbo: "I'm sorry."

Trustee Wilson: "Madam Chair"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes"

Trustee Wilson: "I just had one final question, ultimately do these decisions fall upon the local clerk? Does it not does it have to go through the County Clerk, the Secretary of State, ultimately does it fall on the local Clerk?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "It falls it depends on the position. If you read Chapter 168 MCL the filing official is different it depends on what you are running for. The local offices I'm the filing Clerk, anybody running for County positions it's the County Clerk, anybody all Judges even local Judges all the way up to the top all file with the State and so does State Reps, State Senate, US all those file with the state so the filing

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Clerk there makes the decision for them, what's on the ballot, the County Clerk makes the decision for county positions and local Villages, Townships, Cities and municipalities make the decisions for local candidates it's where you file your petitions. So wherever you petitions are filed that's the elected or appointed, in the Cities cases they are appointed."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Filing Official"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "That's the law. It's pretty easy to read it's not a difficult read so if you wanted to just look at MCL 168 believe me I kind of almost know it forwards and backwards not to say that I'm not an attorney that's why I deferred to the Elections Bureau in terms of making my decision."

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Chair"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Well I also think that the affidavit of identify is pretty clear too and pretty straight forward."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Actually date is only mentioned one time in the entire law and it has to do with the date of the actual application which the state's determined it's the date that's notarized, that's the date of the application. It's obvious it's the date no other date was included on it in any other affidavits from years prior."

Trustee Eldridge: "Madam Supervisor"

Inaudible

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "...to myself and some other Clerk's in the County and other local municipal Clerk's and actually even County Clerk Larry Kestenbaum and Ed, are saying you know the confusion around that comes from the form and probably need to go back to the form they always had where the date wasn't on there."

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Madam Chair is it possible that I can have just one comment?"

Supervisor Stumbo: Inaudible

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Just real quick I know Trustee Eldridge wanted to ask a question. If the affidavit of identity was not an important paper maybe not in Ypsilanti Township at least for the county I am aware that there is a candidate that filed affidavit of identity, that candidate had an error of date that candidate was called by the county in order to correct their paperwork. I am aware of that so."

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Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I make a motion to call the question."

Supervisor Stumbo: "No, not yet."

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "I'm sorry"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Is there any, did I hear Larry Doe say something?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yeah"

Supervisor Stumbo: "I don't see a hand, yes Treasurer Doe I'm so sorry."

Treasurer Doe: "I just wanted to make a brief comment you know. Over the 19 plus years I've worked with Karen Lovejoy Roe. I've thought she's always tried to be transparent and wanted the voters to have a choice who they could vote for. For her to sign up to run as Clerk in March which may have kept many people from even trying to run because of her incumbency and the ability to beat her and on the 12th hour she pulls out her daughter-in-law Heather pulls out of the Trustees and signs up for the Clerk that's not fair to the voters or anyone who may have wanted to run for either of those offices. I feel this really is unethical and looks to be a collusion between the two. I can just imagine how I would feel or if I could look at myself in the mirror had I not said anything early on and ran as if I was going to run for Treasurer and had a somebody at the last minute sign up and for me to sign up it's just it just sort of smells that's my that's my feeling on it."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "I just had a quick question maybe this would be either for the Clerk or for the attorney. I've heard the comment several times about research done on about dates on a filing document and they really don't matter if they don't matter and the dates were incorrect why would the county clerk call over and refer to it as a discrepancy. It doesn't make sense, if it doesn't matter then there shouldn't be a discrepancy. If the date is on the document then apparently it's supposed to be completed correctly or otherwise I don't believe they would have called from the County referring to it as a discrepancy. And that's it for me thank you."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you. Monica Ross-Williams has her hand raised."

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yeah, I won't speak long just a point of clarification. First thing first as the document that was put on to Facebook I think it was the 25th ah of

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April when I found out about my affidavit of identify was had errors. I filed my documents either on December 16th 2019 or December 19th 2019 I can't tell because of the fact that there's a signature with a date of the 16th and there is a notary with the date of the 19th. Those documents was somewhere ah for four months and 5 days I don't know if they were at the local Clerk's official office ah but ah I'm assuming that a copy would have to be left there somehow because State laws says two copies um so I don't know why I was not called or even given notice to correct. If I had got notice to correct like the person who filed for the county office I would have. Um I don't like to waste time and I feel like I've wasted a lot of time. It's not right for me to be in this race because of the fact there's a error in my document. It's not right. Um that's just the bottom line um period. And as for the 24th I didn't find out until the 25th, I found out by a meeting that I wasn't even at. Someone texted me and then I called and said uh there's three candidates with errors in filing dates. I wasn't even at that meeting. So to find out like that after four months and five days sad. I don't know about the other candidate I do know that um they filed on the 16th I don't believe they got notice either. Um there was a lot of discussion especially with Clerk Roe especially in regards to the withdrawal deadline and basically what that was and um if I would have found out by the 24th I would have withdrew. There's a error in my paperwork it's an error. It's also what the state law says. So I can not morally or ethically to not fight to be off the ballot if I don't if I'm not rightfully on it and I'm not because of the issues in the notary and signatory date. That is the bottom line."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Alright, thank you. Any other board members? Do I see a hand anywhere no hands, ok. Um I'd like to speak now and this is hard because Clerk Roe and I have been very close for about 30 years and I've been very close to her kids as well. But this isn't about that. To me this is shining light and being honest. And during a health pandemic when the building was closed it appears that two board members who are related conspired colluded in order to make sure there was no opposition in a race. Is it illegal I don't know I question it because the Clerk is the official filing she controls that process. So she was a person of authority and when you're in that position and you are over elections, it should be a sanctity is should be a sacred place where people are treated equal. I do not feel like this is what happened. Is it clever, is it politically a cue maybe, yes. But when you find an error in an affidavit and I disagree Clerk Roe, Larry Kestenbaum himself told me as County Clerk he would not accept an affidavit that was incorrect. Maybe he's telling you one thing and he's telling me something else but I don't think that is the case. He also went on to say that the State of Michigan would not accept it either. So it's not a matter of throwing someone's name off the ballot they were never on the ballot. The duty and responsibility of Clerk is to make sure that things are accurate before you submit the name to the county to be on the ballot. You failed to do that. I find it more than ironic that you fought for a Director of Elections and yet that Director of Elections

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was not here to assist and she's very qualified. She knows the process. These are new forms so it's a little different than in the past. I can see how mistakes have been made but when you make a mistake you call the candidate to correct it unless it's pass the time which it appears that's what happened so everyone can have a fair and equal opportunity to apply for an open seat. Only you and Heather knew what was going to go down. Not one other board member had this knowledge. Cause had we of you're right we would have let other people know. You failed to do that, I know you, that's not who you are. It's not who we are the Township Board. It should be open for all people equal opportunity and I know Heather feels the same way too. And there was not an equal opportunity. But when things happen like you have good a lot of faith. And things happen for a reason. You got a second chance to disqualify people based on their affidavit. They were never on the ballot yet. The Clerk's office notified you the problem with Heather Roe's affidavit the date she signed it was not the date it was notarized. Monica Ross-Williams had the same issue and Billy Sinkule had the same issue. You also submitted a name of a person who is not registered to vote in time to even qualify to be on the ballot. You didn't check that that's why I feel and I was hoping you would be maybe consider what Jimmie asked Karen. Because the vote of no confidence is because the inability to process forms correctly. It shows (inaudible) not only in the Clerk's office but the entire township. And I am passionate about it I know and I thought very long and hard. I was upset because all this went down when our building was closed and we had the worst health pandemic any of us have ever seen and people weren't working here. The access to the building was very hard. And I just think that I do believe we both know this was not the right way to say I don't want to run for office as Clerk. That's not who we are that's not who you are that's not who you ever are. Is it illegal, no, does it stink, yes. Does it bring a black eye or a mark on our township. I think it does. Based on the emails and comments that I have gotten from people. But I think we have an obligation to remove people not from the ballot cause they're not on there from being qualified based on not being registered on time, based on not having proper documentation to submit for office. So that's the reason I support the vote of no confidence. I'm just very concerned about the process that you used to do what happened on the very last day of the filing. Any other comments Clerk Roe did you want to respond?"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "No, I think I've said everything. I have good conscience about all of it. I did from my perspective, I researched it, talked to people and that is where we came down. The County Clerk's office about this is not together on that, I'm not sure when you talked with Larry Kestenbaum but I think after information was provided to him I'm not so certain that that statement is where he would be today but I'm not going to speak for him."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ok"

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Trustee Ross-Williams: "Madam Supervisor last comment. I am also in receipt of the email which you mentioned in regards to the County Clerk's office will not accept the filing of that nature. Again a candidate for county office in fact I can go ahead and mention his name because he that it's ok Eli Savit whose running for Washtenaw County Prosecutor his paperwork was not correct and he was called by the County Clerk's office. Um my it's not really a question but just a comment um I feel disappointed ah and my former candidacy that's what I'm going to call it because that's what it is. The supporters of that candidacy there time was wasted also. And I don't personally see any reason why three candidates that have errors in their identity should be even considered for a ballot. None period at all."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Are we ready to vote on this issue? We have a motion and support on a vote of no confidence for Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Jimmie Wilson Junior"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes, Clerk Lovejoy Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe; "No"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ross-Williams"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "And Jarrell Roe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "No"

Supervisor Stumbo: "The Motion is Approved. The next item on the agenda **BUDGET AMENDMENT #5, Clerk Roe**"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yeah, I have a budget amendment to offer a **Motion to Amend the 2020 Budget Number #5 Motion to increase the General Fund budget by \$20,000 those are expenses related to COVID-19 to \$9,615,571 and approve the**

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department line item changes as outlined and increase Environmental Services Fund budget by \$305,950 and that's the increase cost that we voted on for the amendment to the Waste Contract for \$3,256,471 and approve the department line item changes as outlined, I would so move the amendment #5 to the 2020 Budget "(see attached)

Trustee Wilson: "Support"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion by Clerk Roe support by Wilson, discussion on the budget amendment? Roll Call Vote Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Wilson"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes. Lovejoy Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Ross-Williams"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Jarrell Roe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "The motion is approved."

AUTHORIZATIONS AND BIDS

- 1. Supervisor Stumbo: "The next item on the agenda is Authorizations and Bids-REQUEST TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR A PREFERRED NETWORK PROVIDER that will come back to the Township Board."(see attached)**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "So Moved"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Lovejoy Roe"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Lovejoy Roe"

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Treasurer Doe: "Support"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Support Doe" Questions? Hearing none we go to a roll call vote. Doe?"

Treasurer Doe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Wilson Junior"

Trustee Wilson: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Stumbo votes yes. Clerk Lovejoy Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Ross-Williams"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Trustee Eldridge"

Trustee Eldridge: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "And Trustee Jarrell Roe"

Trustee Jarrell Roe: "Yes"

Supervisor Stumbo: "The motion is approved. There is no other business to come before the board. Are there board member updates?"

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Madam Supervisor"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Clerk Lovejoy Roe"

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "Yes I just wanted to report that voters are requesting daily to be added to the permanent list. They were doing that daily but now that the card went out it is really increasing and people are really grateful that the board supported doing that. Especially during a time with what's going on and people don't really want to be around large groups of people to vote. Um they can request an absentee ballot by sending that card back or emailing, it has to be in writing by law and mailing back the postcard recently mailed or sending just a written request through the mail that would be fine, to be on the list to receive an absentee ballot. We are also still in need of election workers for both the August and November elections due to the COVID-19 probably for August for sure and hopefully things keep moving in the right direction. But we're going to have to put

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election workers six feet apart and probably going to have to have someone at the door controlling it so that you only have one person at applications, so what I thought we could do with five or six workers in some cases is probably going to be six or seven in order to make sure the residents are safe. Hopefully more and more will vote. I know Senator Ruth Johnson who was Secretary of State for many many years and is a Republican is working really hard to get her Republican colleagues in the Senate to join in things like allowing us to put precincts together so we don't have to use as many workers, to allowing the ballots to at least be processed for absentee ahead of time though not tabulated, they're asking because they think it is going to take hours and have introduced legislation to allow two shifts of workers on the AV count board so people don't have to work a 24 hour day that's what it appears it's going to be with number of ballots that are coming in. One of the things that we're going to have to do is find a new location for the Absentee count board, even with just two count boards which would be a tiny, just 5,000 people voting absentee where we're expecting at least 8,000 to 12,000 in Ypsi Township based on the projections in today's election and the election in March. So that we will have to keep the AV workers six feet apart. So we don't have a facility or anywhere big enough so I've approached the Marriott and am waiting for a phone call back hopefully they will make a donation and allow us to use the grand ballroom which would be great. We're going to approach Arbor Prep though they haven't been helpful in the past. I'm thinking that since they won't be open in August that maybe they would let us use it anyway. So we're working on that, you can contact my office, you can actually get it on line put in Election Inspector Application in the search engine or call us. You just have to be 16 years of age and in school. If you're 18 or older you got to be a registered voter in the State of Michigan. I also want to take a chance and thank God for everything that He's done helping us to move forward and discerning the truth because that was kind of a big issue to figure out if this was real or not and to listen to what the science was saying. I think as a community and a nation, I think even though there are doubters, overall it's the reason we are moving forward is because we took it seriously and stayed home. Thank Him for the number of deaths that are going down and the number of new cases that are going down not just here but in other areas. Pray for those rural areas because it is just starting to reach some of those and there are even threats in areas like Texas of hospitals closing because of the loss of funding because they weren't able to do normal procedures so I think that is important. Also I really thank and shout out to Commissioner Ricky Jefferson, and St. Joe's and University of Michigan Hospitals, and the Washtenaw County Health Department for hearing our call on this side of the county where our residents are so disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and providing testing at St. Joe's daily that has been there for some time now and the two new pop up's that are coming up. If you haven't heard there is one coming on Saturday, this Saturday May 9th at Ypsilanti Township Community Center on Clark Road and there's going to be another one the following Saturday in Ypsi Township, May 16th at the Grace Fellowship Church, also referred to as the Community Life Center on South Harris. And overall I just want to ask for continued prayer for all those that are out there in listening land and each of us with our families and I know we've been doing it on our prayer chains, just pray for all those on the frontline at the hospitals, the clinics, first responders along with all those essential workers who have done such

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a great job in providing us with needs during this critical time. And just ask to give strength and peace to all those who have lost loved ones, it's devastating, and so many are in our community. And those who are still in hospitals sick and especially our seniors. It just breaks my heart that seniors in our nursing homes are unable to see their loved ones. And just ask for divine intervention and help for those who are working scientists across the world to develop knowledge and to provide skills that would come up with a vaccine to rid us of this horrible infection. And particularly I want to thank everybody that participated from home tonight it's so exciting. I know I've gotten lots of emails from folks who are saying, Hey or it's been on Facebook, can you guys make sure and continue. I know we can't do the Zoom thing once the think is lifted but is there some way we could have so people could participate from home maybe we can have Zoom and we're not on it, I don't know how that works but maybe we can figure that out. Because we do live in one of the greatest nations on earth, there is hope for us. There are a lot of countries where you can't speak freely, the liberty we have I appreciate that and don't take that for granted. So everybody be safe out there and we're getting ready to come back to work here at the Township, right Brenda?"

Supervisor Stumbo: "I've been here. Trustee Ross-Williams"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "Yes ah thank you. I just want to take a moment to equally but separately thank County Commissioner Ricky Jefferson. He put out a video call and ah asked for residents in Ypsilanti Township in order to respond within that call. I also want to thank ah residents in Ypsilanti Township who did, I want to thank residents in various communities that have been passing out food to our families in need and and also the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department that have been helping with that. This is a very difficult time. And even though our numbers are down it does not mean it is over. There are states where they have stopped social distancing already and have opened up businesses again. And so this virus can and the experts do say can have a 2nd wave. So I would just want to tell residents to stay vigilant in order to continue to do social distancing, highly consider wearing a mask when you are outside, when you are going to the grocery store, when you are going out and also basically it is important to save lives, obviously but we need to keep in mind also of people including here in our township that have lost their lives and then lost souls to this virus. So just wanted to make sure that residents that are still going out, right now trying to make sure our community is being fed. I know JoAnne McCullum is one of them I know I saw Justin Hodge and his wife, I have saw Michael White participate on in side of feeding our residents. Each and every resident that's going out, knowing the risk that they are putting to themselves in order to make sure our community is fed and they have the needs they require. I thank you and thank you for doing that and make that you continue to stay safe."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Thank you. There are no other board members, hands raised. But I will, we are having virtual neighborhood watch meetings now in order to try to bring people together without actually having to physically being in a place and that is May 11th, 12th and 13th for the neighborhood watch groups that will be posted on our website. We also starting Monday of this week we will have bulk

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pick-up. So our waste hauler stopped yard waste and one bulk item pick-up. We restored yard waste and now will have one item bulk pick-up as well. I was going to talk about the pop-up testing but Clerk Roe covered that. We also have, I want to apologize I don't know what happened why the board packet was not up on the website on Monday or it didn't get posted until Monday I'm not sure what happened but I know residents were texting me and calling me and I just, I apologize for that, I see there's fifty-one people in attendance virtually I do believe the next meeting will be held in person. And Clerk Roe's report also talked about a lot of absentee ballots. I haven't received whatever you mailed out Clerk Roe but I do think that the absentee ballots should have went to the Election Specialist or the Deputy Director of Elections, it should not go to you. Especially in light that your name may be on the ballot that should not have happened. If our name is on the ballot we should stay as far away from it as we can and other family members are on the ballot as well. Family members can't work the polls when your name's on the ballot you should not be handling them either especially in light of the vote of no confidence as well. So I would encourage us to use our Deputy Director of Elections for this purpose. And that's all I have. So at this time a motion to adjourn."

ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: "So moved"

Inaudible

Supervisor Stumbo: "Motion Lovejoy Roe, support Wilson is that how it went?"

Trustee Ross-Williams: "It actually went Motion Wilson then support Eldridge that's what I heard."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Well we have a motion and support to adjourn. We'll do a roll call vote again. Do I have to do a roll call vote on adjourning, I don't think so. All in favor?"

All: "Aye"

Supervisor Stumbo: "Meeting Adjourned"

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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