

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023 WORK SESSION**

Supervisor Stumbo called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00pm in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township.

Members Present: Supervisor Brenda Stumbo,
Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe and Treasurer Stan Eldridge
Trustees: Ryan Hunter, John Newman II, Gloria Peterson
and Debbie Swanson

Members Absent: None

Legal Counsel: Wm. Douglas Winters

AGENDA REVIEW.....SUPERVISOR STUMBO

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE BID OBTAINED BY THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE FORD LAKE PARK PUMP STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,000.00 BUDGETED IN THE 2024 BUDGET LINE ITEM #101-446-982-004

The Director of YCUA Luke Blackburn described this agenda item as the complete replacement of the Ford Lake sanitary pump station owned by Ypsilanti Township and maintained by YCUA. Mr. Blackburn explained the procurement process that led to receiving a bid from Midwest Power Systems for \$154,000. YCUA has worked with Midwest Power Systems for many years and finds their work and pricing extremely competitive.

Director of Maintenance Ryan Stettler expanded upon the technical issues stating that the \$154,000 quote was for the replacement of the inner workings of the pump station as well as excavation outside the station. The original pump station equipment is extremely old, the pipes and valves are deteriorating, and the guide rail system is failing, making it very difficult to keep the pump station running. Mr. Stettler went on to say that it is really important to the community to have this station up and running as it services the bathroom facilities at Ford Lake Park.

Furthermore, Mr. Blackburn added that upon approval by the Board, the goal would be to finish this project by early spring 2024 to not impact the opening of the park later in the spring of that year.

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**REQUEST TO APPROVE THE DESIGN FOR SECURITY RENOVATIONS AT 14B
DISTRICT COURT**

Treasurer Eldridge stated that he has been working closely with JFR Architect James Renaud to develop the schematic drawing for renovations and additions. Treasurer Eldridge went on to explain that this was an opportunity for the board to provide direction if there are any changes requested as well as hearing input from Mr. Renaud, Judge Washington and Magistrate Mark Nelson.

Mr. Renaud presented the drawing in detail stating that the project would include renovations to the interior of the existing court building and a small addition to the south side of the building. The renovations would also include secure entry points. Mr. Renaud also addressed the recommendations made by the Michigan Supreme Court saying that many of their security items would be fixed through this project. When Supervisor Stumbo asked if there was an alternative plan if renovation costs exceeded budget, Mr. Renaud said there was a 20% contingency built into the plan.

Magistrate Nelson was also present to discuss the proposed drawings. According to the proposed plan, there will be a main corridor where the public can access the courtrooms, clerk counter, or the probation conference room. For those in custody, there will be a new sallyport where prisoners can be transferred from a van directly to a holding cell and then directly to a courtroom. This will be an isolated, secure area monitored by jail staff and kept separate from court staff and the public. Finally, access through hallways along the perimeter of the building will allow staff to navigate and move throughout the courthouse without using the public corridor or holding cells.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE THE INCREASED GOLF CART RATES FOR THE 2024 GOLF
SEASON AT GREEN OAKS GOLF COURSE**

Green Oaks Golf Course Director of Golf Kirk Sherwood was present to clarify that the proposed \$2 increase for an 18-hole rate for cart fees and \$1 increase for a 9-hole rate would only affect those that are renting carts. He went on to explain that this increase was decided based upon research into other golf courses in the area and prices of gas.

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BUDGET REVIEW

Accounting Director Javonna Neel reviewed the proposed 2024 budget thoroughly the work session adjourned. The budget review discussion continued in the regular meeting.

State Representative Jimmie Wilson, Jr. was present to give a summary of the court security grant process and how those funds will be disbursed.

The Work Session meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Jarrell Roe

Heather Jarrell Roe, Clerk, Charter Township of Ypsilanti