

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

March 13, 2018

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Terry Lilley, Clerk
Mike Roman, Treasurer
Mike Powell, Trustee
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee - Late Arrival
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

Also Present: Lisa Hamameh, Attorney
Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary

Clerk Lilley amended the Agenda as follows: Add Items 6A, New List of Bills dated 3-2-18; 11D, Dublin Senior Center New Carpet; 11E, Discussion on Cemetery Lots.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to approve the Agenda as amended. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments by the Public at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. LIST OF BILLS
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES
- C. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS
- D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 1. POLICE
 2. FIRE
 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 4. TREASURER'S REPORT
- E. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

Supervisor Kowall introduced Joseph Seward as the newly appointed member of the Planning Commission. He will be taking the place of David Lewsley who retired from the Commission in December.

PRESENTATION

A. LIFE SAVING AWARD - OFF. JESSICA SNOW

Chief Keller. On February 13, 2018 at approximately 5:42 in the evening, Mr. Fuller was at the Leo's Coney in White Lake. While Mr. Fuller was eating he swallowed a piece of food which became lodged in his airway not allowing him to breathe. At that time Officer Snow was off duty and sitting with her family at a table nearby. She heard the commotion, looked over and saw Mr. Fuller grasping at his neck and giving signs that he could not breathe. Without hesitation Officer Snow went over to his table and began performing the Heimlich maneuver, eventually clearing his airway and allowing him to breathe again. Had Officer Snow not reacted in the quick and calm fashion that she did, Mr. Fuller might not be alive today. With heartfelt gratitude, Chief Keller presented Officer Snow with a Life Saving Commendation in recognition for her life saving service to the community.

(Trustee Smith is now present at the meeting.)

B. HURON VALLEY COMMUNITY COALITION

Randy Root, Director. Our mission is to prevent substance use amongst youth in the Huron Valley Schools. The first thing we like to do is identify local conditions, learning what the kids have been doing. Once we do that, we find appropriate ways to address it. There are seven strategies for community change. The first three are the easier ones where we provide information and we help people in the coalition enhance their skills and provide support such as alternative activities for the kids. The last four require a longer term effort. Amongst those are to work with municipalities to find out about the local ordinances. The laws have not caught up to some issues such as vaping. One of the things we might do is talk to local authorities and the school district about alternative punitive consequences.

We are located at Milford High School. We are funded by the Drug Free Community Support Grant which is a Federal Grant and locally through the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities which is 18 coalitions around Oakland County. We are doing many activities around the community to create awareness of who we are. We have a lot of informational literature regarding the negative effects of drug, marijuana and alcohol use. Currently, there are only two full-time staff members and we are looking to build the coalition with volunteers. He is meeting with parent groups, PTO organizations and attending meetings such as this to invite people to call us to volunteer.

C. BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL PROCESS PRESENTATION

Brad Hansen, Oakland Co. Economic & Community Affairs. He was here tonight to give a brief presentation of the Brownfield Program in Oakland County's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority or OCBRA. A brownfield is any property where real or perceived environmental conditions cause a barrier to full use. Under the Brownfield Redevelopment Act a municipality may create a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority which is the avenue to pass a brownfield plan in order to get incentives for the clean-up activity for the site. This is usually done through Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF is the capture of increased taxes on a property due to a redevelopment or improvement in order to reimburse the developer. In the beginning the developer has to come up with the money to clean the site up but through their taxes that they pay they get reimbursed through the Authority to help cover those costs. Per State Statute the payback period is up to 30 years. The benefits of a Brownfield Redevelopment is clean up of contamination and protection of environmental assets, urban revitalization and full use of existing infrastructure and the creation of new jobs and taxes.

With the Oakland County BRA we have a lot of input from the local cities, villages or townships. In order for a project to go to our Oakland County BRA we need two resolutions from the local township. One is a resolution of understanding which basically releases the project to the OCBRA and orders us to go forward with it. Next is a concurrent resolution which states that you're familiar with the project, you have no issues with the project moving forward and you concur with the provisions of the brownfield plan in order to move forward. One important step also is what we call local host committee and that consists of one of our OCBRA members and chief elected official from the city, village or township or his/her designee to meet and discuss the brownfield plan to see if there's any question or concerns, get those all answered and move forward at that point. If at any point the city/village/township has any issue with the brownfield plan and votes no, the project is over. Once we get through the two resolutions it goes through our Oakland County process which is the OCBRA. We have two board of commissioners' subcommittee meetings which is an economic development community affairs subcommittee and a finance subcommittee. We get through those and it goes to a full board of commissioners for a public hearing and the final vote. Typically, depending on the board of commissioners' schedule we can get this done within two months. We try to streamline as much as possible and that is why we like meeting with the communities up front and the developers to make sure everybody is on the same page.

Trustee Powell. It wasn't really clear whether or not the reimbursement included any development costs or just clean-up costs. One of the major issues that came before us when we agreed to the tax abatement was to assist the developer to create the development and clean up the site. We allowed for seven years of us abating the taxes. It almost seems like double dipping. We've given seven years tax abatement and now they'd like to have up to

another 30 years on top of that.

Treasurer Roman. The project going on now that is interested in this brownfield has already been given an abatement by the township. It was our understanding that we would be using your brownfield designation. Will we actually have to create additional tax rolls if we approve this brownfield? This project going on now, they knew in advance that there was previous contamination. Is it odd they are coming now looking for the brownfield?

Clerk Lilley. It has been known for a number of years that there's been contamination on that site. Is there understanding as to the extent of the contamination and how long before it is totally cleaned up? Is the goal to eliminate it or do the best you can to clean it up?

Randy Martinuzzi, representative of 4 Corners Square LLC. When the site was originally looked at everyone knew that on the southern portion of the property there were two sources of contamination. Based upon that we agreed to take all the utilities down the center of the property for the purposes of staying out of the contamination. Approximately three to four months ago because of the contamination when DEQ issued the water permit they put a stipulation that they wanted a gasket used. Based upon that we needed to delineate where the utilities are going through are clean. When we started taking samples we found out that a dry cleaner was in one of the back buildings of the retail. We found a contamination site that no one expected. We are now in a situation that all the utilities are going right through it.

In the last 60 days we've spent about \$38,000 doing borings trying to determine all the hot zones and the heights. As a result, we've lost one lease. We are in a position now that we agreed with DEQ we would put a vapor barrier under the entire 10,000 sq. ft. building because it is close to the hot zone. The estimates for that are anywhere from \$74,000 - \$115,000. The soil is contaminated with PCE and it has to go to a special landfill where the costs are very high. This isn't something anyone knew about. The state tax incremental financing is huge for us. It would give us the ability to start recovering some of the money now as opposed to having to wait until seven years out.

Mike Kulka, engineer and principal founder of PM Environmental. They are the ones who suggested going after a brownfield. It is their job to look for incentives to offset costs. The original consultant that did the prior work stated there really weren't any soil management issues. The vapor regulations that went into effect in August of last year are very strict. You'll probably be dealing with this issue much more in the future. There will be a large land balancing component to this property where we're changing grade. We have to surgically remove the contaminated soil. This has come to light in the last four months. The costs are so astronomical the brownfield is the only solution that can help soften the blow.

Supervisor Kowall. The Board needs to do homework on this issue. We aren't prepared to

pass a resolution tonight. We need to know the impact and gather more information.

Trustee Powell. If the developer has his abatement which we've already given him and then he does the brownfield, he gets his building up and ten years from now he is getting some profits from his investment. In theory the Township would not be capturing funds because of the TIF for another 20 years and yet they will be pocketing profit. How could we dovetail the two together to be fairer to the people of White Lake?

Mr. Martinuzzi. At this point there are four separate parcels. As a compromise we might be able to apply the TIF to two parcels out of the four.

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Trustee Powell noted a correction to the Feb. 20, 2018 Minutes. Page 5, Item H, add language "Transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund for the Final Payment on the Phase One Sewer Bond."

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Minutes dated February 20, 2018 as amended. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Trustee Smith suggested a notation be made to reflect Trustee Powell left before the Board went back into Public Session and amend the vote for the final two motions to reflect 6 rather than 7 votes.

It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Minutes dated February 26, 2018 as amended. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

PUBLIC HEARING

A. SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR DANGEROUS BUILDING

Brent Bonnavier, Building Official. Six properties on Gale Island are considered dangerous. A public hearing was held on November 29, 2017. The Hearing Officer rendered a decision to have the six properties demolished and the property cleaned up and restored. As of today's date, all six properties are in violation of the Hearing Officers findings and recommendations. We are in front of the Board tonight to either hear from the property owners to have them show cause why the properties shouldn't be moved forward and the Township seek to have them demolished.

David and Peggy Allen, the owners of the property 8531 Gale Road, have started some of the clean-up. He is in violation of the Hearing Officer's findings that the property be cleaned up by January 31, 2018. He has cleaned up about 75% of the property. It would be his and the Building Department's recommendation to grant the owner more time to get the property cleaned up. The other five properties we recommend the Township Board make a motion to allow us to secure bids to get the properties abated and cleaned up.

The parcels, owned by Stephen Franklin, are identified are as follows: #12-13-128-008; #12-13-128-012, 2525 Gale Island; #12-13-128-016, 2349 Gale Island; #12-13-128-020, 2335 Gale Island; and #12-13-202-012, 2355 Gale Island.

It was noted for the record that neither Mr. Franklin nor a representative for the parcels identified is present at the meeting tonight.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to affirm the findings of the Hearing Officer for the five parcels identified by Mr. Bonnavier in the Public Hearing, allowing the owner, Stephen Franklin, 21 days to comply with the order, authorizing the Building Dept. to obtain 3 contractor bids for the demolition and removal of debris from the island within a 60 day period once they've started. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

Mr. Bonnavier stated the final parcel is owned by David and Peggy Allen, Parcel ID #12-13-128-022, 8531 Gale Road. Mr. Allen mentioned he would not be in attendance at the meeting tonight but he has moved forward with the clean-up to the satisfaction of the original complainant neighbors.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to affirm the findings of the Hearing Officer, modifying the order to allow, David Allen, owner of Parcel #12-13-128-022, 8531 Gale Road, enough time to clean up the property at the discretion of the Building Official. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. HEARING FOR MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT (MNRTF)

Sean O'Neil, Planning Director. The property being discussed tonight is the Brendel Lake Campground property. The Trust Fund Grant process is one that's been around for approximately 40 years. A video was shown to more fully describe what the Trust Fund Grant is and how the funds can be utilized.

(Whereupon a video regarding the Trust Fund Grant was played.)

Mr. O'Neil. This application to the Trust Fund would not be the Township's first. Vetter Park

and Bloomer Park were both previous development projects. This would be an acquisition through the same Trust Fund with the idea of potentially going in the future for a development grant similar to the ones we've received previously. The property known as the Brendel Lake Campground has been in our Recreation Master Plan on an acquisition list for almost ten years now. An aerial view was presented showing approximately 57 acres of land with roughly 550 ft. of lake frontage on Brendel Lake. Future development goals could include pathways to connect to a future Civic Center which would include Township and Library facilities, non-motorized boat access, play structures and pavilions. Part of the preservation area would be the Mud Lake system which is very high quality wetland. Acquisition requirements would be a signed letter of intent which has been obtained, access to the public and elimination of non-recreational uses and structures. It is a long process, taking approximately one to two years. A phase one environmental assessment would have to be done. Two appraisals are necessary as the value of the property is estimated at \$1.85 million. A 25% match is required in order to be eligible for the grant.

Treasurer Roman. He asked if Mr. O'Neil could briefly explain the necessity of applying for an additional grant for developing this property if we are fortunate enough to get it.

Mr. O'Neil. There is an acquisition grant and there is a development grant. Tonight we are talking about an acquisition grant for the property. If we are able to purchase and become owners of the property we will be able to go back and ask the same fund for a development grant.

Trustee Powell stated that when you use the term development most people think of houses, stores, subdivisions and roads. What are we talking about in terms of development for this parcel?

Mr. O'Neil responded it is basically finishing the park. The future goals we are speaking of are pathways, trails, a fishing platform or viewing platform, pavilions and possibly a restroom facility. The restriction of this Fund is you have to build recreational type structures and facilities.

Trustee Powell asked Mr. O'Neil to comment on a project that was proposed by a developer back in approximately 2006 for development of homes on that site.

Mr. O'Neil stated the development was called the Shores of Brendel Lake for approximately 70 homes. The project got preliminary site plan approval and the property was rezoned. What was most controversial about the project is it had approval from the State of Michigan to continue to use the boat launch and docking facilities for the new residents. That project ultimately went away. If the Township doesn't preserve this property now, we may miss the opportunity to control it. If we are able to get the Trust Fund money it would cover 75% of the

cost and would be a great thing for the lake, the Township's residents and for the preservation of the environment.

Supervisor Kowall stated we have an opportunity to create an oasis within the center of our city. Things are evolving and changing quickly. We can take these areas, save them from further development and preserve it for the community for the future.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to Open Public Hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (MNRTF). The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

Justine Kelso. With the transition of Brendel Lake going from private to public, what would the DNR's place be at Brendel Lake with this proposed transition?

Scott Damman. It is a great idea provided there won't be power boat access. If it will take up to two years, can the current owner back out during that time?

Chris Levins. Mud Lake is very popular with boaters on the lake. With developing that area, do you foresee any restrictions going through the channel to Mud Lake?

Sharon Keranen. Her concern is the problem of invasive species. You're saying you're going to have a public dock with people bringing in their canoes and kayaks and what have you. If zebra mussels are not hosed off now you're transferring invasive species into a pristine area.

Mark Lammert, President of Lakewood Village Homeowners Association. Mr. Kowall and Mr. Roman came to our monthly meeting last night and explained the project. At the end of that meeting we made a motion and a resolution and I'd like to read it. "Lakewood Village Improvement Association moves to support the purchase by White Lake Township of parcels #12-27-100-001, #12-27-100-002 and #12-27-100-003 for purposes including the development of a municipal park understood to be void of any boat ramp or swimming beach." We think it is a great idea and would like to offer our services.

Brian Lovejoy. He is also a board member with the LVHA. You asked for our support and we think this is a great idea in many respects. Our biggest concern is additional lake access. We're hearing a lot of approve it now and plan it later. There is certainly some logic to that. But if we could get a commitment from this Board that there will not be a boat ramp I think you'll get a much better response and much more support from this group. We would hope when the planning stages come about the riparians on this lake are invited onto a planning board to have real meaningful input. What was the date of the letter of willingness to sell?

Ron Creek. Do you plan on making it bigger with the triangle piece and some of the other

plots?

Bill Dow. Board member on Brendel Heights. You're talking about a boardwalk through that area on the Township portion? So there's a potential of a pier there and also a pier on the other parcel? We are very sensitive about the fact that we're going from what we consider a private lake to a public. The plan is great but we do need the confidence and the support of the Board that there won't be a boat launch. Can there be a separate resolution by the Board tonight? Are there any plans for the parcel where the fire station is now that will be moved in the future?

Kim Turner. He lives directly across from the campground. The idea of having some control via the city versus a private individual is a good step forward. He's all for it.

Steve Woodard. For the last 50 years that campground has been there it has been essentially a public avenue. We are a private lake but it is a public access and that could have been the portal for the invasive species and zebra mussels that exist now. Having this become a township park is spectacular. He's excited to get it cleaned up.

Brad Rostrum. The acquisition is a good idea. He has concerns about the development and he'll be back when we're talking about it.

Dan Springer. He's concerned about the triangle parcel. Is it a private owner?

Melissa Cummings. She is curious about cleaning it up. How does that happen? Is that part of the money that will come from the grant?

Matt Barr. Will the presentation video be available on the Township web site?

Mr. Woodard. Do we expect any environmental concerns in there?

August Baecker. There are a lot of people here who have spent hours over the last several years because water quality became such a big issue for us. We all want better quality of life. Anything we can do to support that, we are with you. We have very knowledgeable people in our neighborhood that would be more than happy to form a subcommittee. We support you 100 percent.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to Close Public Hearing for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (MNRTF). The MOTION PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

RESOLUTION

A. RESOLUTION #18-003, SUPPORT OF MNRTF

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution #18-003, Support of MNRTF. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Smith-yes/Voorheis-yes/Powell-yes/Ruggles-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Kowall-yes.).

Trustee Smith commented to the HOA members present tonight, she would encourage them to stay involved and will pledge to make part of the deal moving forward asking for a resident committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DPS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Trustee Powell noted a correction in the Employment Agreement. Under Item 1, Term, the term is described in Section 6 of the agreement rather than 5.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Supervisor Kowall to approve the DPS Employment Agreement as corrected. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. OAKLAND COUNTY TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT - 2018 GRAVEL ROAD PROGRAM

Trustee Powell commented that last year he made mention that gravel roads, as important as they are, can swallow up money. He would recommend this Township do some road improvements, paving of roads and/or improving some intersections, possibly paving the first 100/150 ft. of gravel roads that outlet into a paved street. That would stop the washboard effect when people leave the pavement. This money could be used to improve the Township permanently instead of just putting gravel down and so he will vote no on this item as he would like to see the money put somewhere we could most benefit the public safety.

Trustee Smith concurred with Trustee Powell's comments. She questioned whether this Item could be tabled to explore other options.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Oakland County Tri-Party Agreement, 2018 Gravel Road Program, Project #54242. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes/ 1 no vote - Powell).

C. PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, ASPEN MEADOWS PHASE II, FILE NO. 17-020

Mr. O'Neil. Before the Board is the Preliminary Site Plan, Aspen Meadows Phase II. It is immediately adjacent to Aspen Meadows Phase I. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this request for Preliminary Site Plan to the Township Board, subject to all the

review comments of the staff consultants as well as the requirement to have the developer provide a community impact statement.

Trustee Ruggles commented that the requirement for the community impact statement was brought about to help ease the concerns expressed by the residents as reflected in the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2018.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Preliminary Site Plan, Aspen Meadows Phase II, File No. 17-020, subject to the review comments of staff consultants, a development agreement be provided and a community impact statement not be required. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes/1 no vote - Ruggles).

D. DUBLIN COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER CARPET PURCHASE

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Dublin Community Senior Center to proceed with the purchase of new carpet, amount not to exceed \$9000. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

E. CEMETERY LOT DISCUSSION

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to authorize the Township Attorney to draft an agreement to repurchase 4 (four) cemetery lots in the amount of \$550 per lot, and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. STULBERG REZONING, FILE NO. 17-021 (SECOND READING)

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to approve Stulberg Rezoning, File No. 17-021, rezoning of property from R1-A Single Family Residential to RM-1 Attached Single Family Residential, authorizing the amendment of the map accordingly. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. MINI REZONING, FILE NO. 18-002 (SECOND READING)

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Mini Rezoning, File No. 18-002, from Local Business to General Business. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Voorheis. The White Lake Historical Society encourages field trips to Fisk Farm. They are available to school groups, Boy or Girl Scout Troops, seniors or any interested groups. If this is something that peaks your interest, contact Marge or Ron through the Historical Society web site. The Historical Society has a membership geared toward the younger age group of historians called The Young Historians for ages 5 to 10. With this program they hope to inspire interest in the history of White Lake, it's early residents and the Fisk Farm property by engaging children with a quarterly newsletter, puzzles, games, contests, fun farm facts and local history. The membership fee is \$3.00 and their parents do not have to be members in order for their kids to be members.

Who in this room knows that March 26th is Kevin Nave day in White Lake Twp. ? Major Kevin Nave was a Marine who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He graduated from Waterford Kettering. On March 26th throughout our day we can think of Kevin Nave.

Trustee Powell. He noted that David Lewsley resigned from the Planning Commission. Mr. Lewsley provided a great deal of insight into this Township and helped this Township and the Planning Commission tremendously. He thanked him for his service all these years. He was asked a question of how Alpine Valley Ski Lodge was built. Back in the 1940s it was a cow pasture and farm land. He went to the source which is Mrs. Stoyk who is the wife of Mr. Stoyk who actually built Alpine. Alpine opened in 1962. She said her husband just loved operating that bulldozer so much he just started pushing dirt and borrowing as much as he could until he built this great big hill. If anyone knows more about the history of the making of Alpine, please contact him and it can be documented for the Historical Society.

Treasurer Roman. He thanked his staff for all the work they did in this year's tax season. After receiving warrants to collect taxes and assessments and all the many adjustments from the Board of Review and the Michigan Tax Tribunal, they collected roughly \$39.9 million. Those that we collected for include Oakland County, the five school districts, the township, police, fire and 59 township related special assessment districts and eight county related special assessment districts. Also, he thanked his staff for the hundreds of letters they sent out regarding summer deferments, NSF's, closed accounts, wrong amounts paid and refunds due.

Clerk Lilley. Many times the Supervisor has been given approval to negotiate changes in documents and those negotiated changes come back to the Board for approval. He would like to see those documents that the Township Board approves, if there are any changes in those that they come back before the Board for approval. On the Four Corners project, the Board had quite an extensive list of items they needed to comply with for final site plan. Since it doesn't come back before the Board, maybe the Planning Dept. could prepare something to let us know that the recommendations of the Board have all been complied with. He'd like to see the Township set aside some money for road improvements. Our roads come spring are going

to be terrible and it is time the Township put some money into a fund, possibly even a road millage. At this point, the election precinct for Houghton School will be moved to White Lake Oaks Golf Course. He thanked his Deputy Clerk for staying out late tonight.

Trustee Ruggles. Thank you to Supervisor Kowall. He is pretty much totally responsible for pursuing the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

Trustee Smith. She thanked her colleagues for making a really good choice for the residents in moving forward with the property acquisition. The Library Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 28th at 6:45 in the lower level. Thanks again to Officer Snow for her amazing lifesaving skills. Just since her time on the Board, this is the second time Officer Snow has been recognized for saving a life. Thanks to both Chief Keller and Gurka for a wonderful fire and police award dinner at the VFW Hall. It was nice to have an evening out with her colleagues. It was very enjoyable.

Some residents have contacted her regarding a planned walk-out in our schools tomorrow. She would encourage parents and caregivers to take this opportunity to communicate with the students, asking about their mental health, are they lonely, depressed, bullied or are they the bully. The walk-up is an alternative to the walk-out. Students are being asked to walk-up to other students that maybe are the loner or the one that is socially awkward or might be of concern in the student body.

Also, she's been contacted by residents this past month regarding things that have been floating around social media. Instead of coming to the Board they are going to social media and not getting the right answers. We are all here. Her door is always open. Please email or call to get truthful and accurate information so we are not spreading falsehoods throughout the community. Everybody have a safe St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter and a Blessed Passover.

Supervisor Kowall. It is the fun part of his job to do something when he sees there is an opportunity to fix something, make it better or have an effect for a long period of time. If we as a community can approach ideas like this we can go a long way and do a lot of things for this community that will set us up for generations to come. It is just a matter of time when the fill in will start. We need to very craftily provide things to our community in such a manner that we think for that long term.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 (h).

B. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR STRATEGY AND

**NEGOTIATION SESSION CONNECTED WITH A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 (c).**

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve adjourning into Closed Session to Consider Attorney/Client Privileged Communication in Accordance with MCL 15.268 (h) and to adjourn into Closed Session for Strategy and Negotiation Session Connected with a Collective Bargaining Agreement in Accordance with MCL 15.268 (c). The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Ruggles-yes/Powell-yes/Voorheis-yes/Smith-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Kowall-yes).

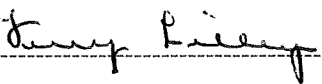
The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 10:24 p.m.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve returning to open session. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Ruggles-yes/Powell-yes/Voorheis-yes/Smith-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Kowall-yes).

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to authorize the Township Supervisor approve and sign the POLC Command Tentative Agreement. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 Yes votes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the adjournment of the meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 Yes votes).

I, Terry Lilley, the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the March 13, 2018 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan