

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting

August 25, 2015

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

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

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

Also Present: Lisa Hamameh, Attorney
Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary

Clerk Lilley made the following amendment to the Agenda, add Item 5A, New List of Bills dated 8-25-15.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the following Amendment to the Agenda: Add Item 5A, New List of Bills dated 8-25-15. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (5 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Treasurer Roman thanked everyone who applied for the Trustee position. There were twelve interested residents. Every one of them would serve with integrity and he thanked them for taking the time to apply.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LIST OF BILLS

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to approve the New List of Bills dated 8-25-15. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (5 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION #15-027, NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution #15-027, Recognizing September as National Recovery Month. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (5 yes votes).

C. RESOLUTION #15-028, TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH ALLIED WASTE AND WHITE LAKE

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution #15-028, Authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with Allied Waste and White Lake. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (5 yes votes).

Trustee Kowall is now present at the meeting.

**D. AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS
REDWOOD/WORTHINGTON CROSSING**

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to approve the Amendment to Purchase Agreement and Escrow Instructions Redwood/Worthington Crossing as follows: The Township Attorney to revise the Agreement language to reference the Eastern District in the Township Ordinance regarding fees (indirect \$2100) (direct \$4200), the Township Ordinance must be followed, authorize the Township Supervisor and/or Clerk to sign the Agreement. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

E. TRUSTEE POSITION

Supervisor Baroni stated it is now time to select a replacement for the vacant Township Trustee position. In fairness to all involved, it was suggested the applicants all leave the room during the interview process.

Clerk Lilley thanked all who made application to fill the position of Trustee. They are all well-qualified to move the Township forward and he commended them for taking the initiative to apply.

Supervisor Baroni addressed three questions to each of the ten applicants who were allowed up to five minutes to respond: Todd Birkle, Matt Carr, Dave Lewsley, Allen Linson, Anthony Noble, Mike Powell, Richard Prueter, Mike Smith, Gene Straley, and Peter Piccinato (via telephone). There were two initial applicants, Susan DuBois and Scott Rolando, who withdrew their names for consideration.

Clerk Lilley requested a brief recess upon completion of the interview process. (Whereupon a recess was taken from 8:21 to 8:29 p.m.)

Supervisor Baroni called the meeting back to order. It was now time for the Board to make a decision. Each of the candidates are highly qualified for the position and their interest and input was much appreciated.

Trustee Kowall commented that this is a very daunting task. He recalled the feeling of being in their position at one time as a candidate.

Trustee Ruggles agreed that there have been many difficult decisions he's had to make as a Board member but this is one of the toughest. He also appreciated everyone for taking the time and effort to participate.

Trustee Roman felt certain each applicant would represent the Township responsibly and with great integrity. As a new trustee, it took him a year to get comfortable with the policies and procedures. The appointment time is for a little over a year and he didn't feel it was fair to appoint someone without previous experience for such a short time. He looked at the decision from the viewpoint of what the Township needs. Coming up within this year is the proposal of negotiating the sewer contract with Commerce Township as well as dealing with the Pontiac Lake sewer issue. For that reason, he is supporting Mike Powell for the position due to his previous experience, knowledge and expertise in this area.

Clerk Lilley stated that there have been numerous discussions between himself and Mr. Powell regarding the issue of potential conflicts of interest. He has a growing engineering business. There will possibly be many times he will have to step aside in order to avoid such conflicts.

Trustee Kowall felt that won't be an issue due to Mr. Powell's professionalism, integrity, his past experience on the Board. He is certain Mr. Powell will recognize these potential conflicts and make the public well aware of them at the time.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Kowall to approve appointing Mike Powell to the position of Township Trustee. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Voorheis-no/Kowall-yes/Ruggles-no/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-yes).

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Trustee Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to Adjourn the meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

Adjournment of meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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 August 25, 2015 special board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan