

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

## Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

October 21, 2014

Supervisor Baroni called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Baroni led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present:           Greg Baroni, Supervisor  
                  Terry Lilley, Clerk  
                  Mike Roman, Treasurer  
                  Carol Burkard, Trustee  
                  Rik Kowall, Trustee  
                  Scott Ruggles, Trustee  
                  Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

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

Clerk Lilley made the following additions to the Agenda:   Add a new List of Bills dated 10-21-14 and Item 5F, Treasurer's Report.

Supervisor Baroni tabled the following items:   8C, Szott Building Expansion, File No. 13-016 and 8F, Change to Medicare Plus Assure Plan.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to approve the Agenda as amended: Add List of Bills dated 10-21-14 and Treasurer's Report; Remove Items 8C, Szott Building Expansion, File No. 13-016 and 8F, Change to Medicare Plus Assure Plan.   The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teri Les, representing Walled Lake Consolidated School District.   White Lake is one of nine communities which they serve.   There is a very important millage renewal which will be on the November ballot.   It is an operating millage, which means it covers daily operating expenditures. It represents \$30 million which is approximately 20% of the overall budget.   This millage has two parts.   There is a non-homestead piece, 18 mills, which will be levied on businesses and also a homestead piece.   It is the last item on the ballot so it is on the back.   Please consider our school district when voting.

Doug Hanks, 10115 Joanna K.   He handed out envelopes to the Board members.

Matt Carr, 1490 Langfield.   He recently had an opportunity to sit down with the Supervisor,

attorney and Mr. McAdams to discuss issues regarding sewers. He is looking for a letter with bullet points outlining what was discussed in that meeting to pass on to the residents. Also, he volunteered some time to initiate a Facebook page. It is something that the Board should decide if they would like to continue to do that. It simply incorporates information from the web site. There already has been feedback from residents. This would be a new way to communicate events and information to a younger generation. Please give it some consideration.

Larry Ostrowski, Library Director, White Lake Township. He thanked all the Board members, Fire and Police personnel who helped out at Indian Springs on Saturday, October 11th. There were activities such as a pumpkin hunt, pumpkin and face painting. Approximately 3000 people attended. It was a great event.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. LIST OF BILLS**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - 1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
  - 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT**
  - 3. POLICE REPORT**
  - 4. OVERTIME REPORT**
- D. BUDGET AMENDMENT**
- E. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Supervisor Baroni introduced Mark Fine as his recommendation for an appointment to the Planning Commission.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Kowall to approve the Consent Agenda.  
The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).**

#### **PRESENTATION**

##### **A. PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF CRAIG STROUP**

Senator Kowall read a proclamation on behalf of the State honoring Craig Stroup following which Clerk Lilley read a proclamation on behalf of the Township. Mr. Stroup recently became a member of the 50 State Marathon Club, having reached a benchmark of running a complete marathon in all 50 states. This legislative tribute celebrates Craig's determination and hard work which has attributed to his individual success and serves as a source of inspiration to others to strive for their aspirations.

**B. PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF MARGE SAWRUK**

Senator Kowall read a proclamation honoring Marge Sawruk in recognition of her volunteerism for the Township of White Lake and presenting her with a 2014 Distinguished Volunteer Service Award. The Historical Society of Michigan presents an award each year to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation, collection, preservation and promotion of state and local history. Marge is an active participant in the White Lake community, having served several roles preserving the township's many historical markers. Supervisor Baroni also presented Mrs. Sawruk with a proclamation to thank and honor her as a true historian. She was particularly involved in preserving Fisk Farm, the one room school house, and is also a member of FOHRA who are working to preserve the Ford compound within Highland Recreation Area.

Treasurer Roman congratulated Larry Ostrowski, Library Director, for becoming an official on-call firefighter.

**MINUTES**

**A. SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**B. SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burkard, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Minutes for September 16, 2014 and September 30, 2014. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REQUEST TO INCREASE DONATION FOR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION**

The Board members expressed some concerns regarding increasing donations for senior transportation. The current rates are on par with what the surrounding communities charge. If there is danger of a budget shortfall, it should be addressed as a budget amendment, having fundraisers or applying for block grant money. The township is trying to provide an affordable service to help the seniors out. An increase in amount, no matter how small, could be significant to a senior living on a fixed income.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Kowall that the proposed three items concerning the Dublin Community Senior Center be considered as part of the 2015 budget process. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**B. RESOLUTION #14-037, MICHIGAN WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK AGREEMENT**

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve Resolution #14-037, Michigan Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network Agreement w/correction on the last page of the agreement the date to read '2014'. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**D. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 22, WATER SYSTEMS**

It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to move to Second Reading, Amendment to Ordinance No. 22, Water Systems. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**E. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 122, FIRE CODE**

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Kowall to move to Second Reading, Amendment to Ordinance No. 122, Fire Code w/corrections Section 18-19 add Appendixes H, I & J; Section 109.3 to read "Except as provided herein"; Section 5701.3 reference to Chapter 36 not 45; Section 6101.1 reference to Chapter 36 not 45. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**G. RESOLUTION #14-035, TOWNSHIP BOARD SALARIES**

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to approve Resolution #14-035, Township Board Salaries. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**FYI**

**A. UPDATE ON THE FALLEN SOLDIER MEMORIAL FOR WHITE LAKE CEMETERY**

Supervisor Baroni stated that through a generous donation by AT&T, the fallen soldier statue is now fully paid for. We are currently looking at purchasing the granite portion of the base. The cost has been quoted at \$5,766. As of today, approximately \$4,800 has been collected with donations still being accepted. The statute will be formally displayed at an event at the cemetery on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a gravel portion leading up to the Veteran's Memorial. Currently, there is a program provided by the Clerk's Office called, Purchasing a Veteran's Memorial Brick for veterans buried at the cemetery. He would like to propose that all residents of White Lake may purchase Veteran Memorial Bricks for relatives who served in the armed forces. These bricks will be used for the pathway leading from the driveway edge to the circle area of the American flag. The price will be \$20, engraving the veteran's name, branch of service and war served. This item will come back before the Board as a formal motion for next month's meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to Adjourn into Executive Session to consider 1. Attorney/Client Privileged Communication in accordance with MCL 15.268H; 2. Purchase a Lease of Real Property in accordance with MCL 15.268D; 3. Consult with Counsel regarding trial strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268E. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Kowall-yes; Voorheis-yes; Ruggles-yes; Burkard-yes; Roman-yes; Lilley-yes; Baroni-yes).

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to return to open session. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Kowall-yes; Voorheis-yes; Ruggles-yes; Burkard-yes; Roman-yes; Lilley-yes; Baroni-yes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to direct the township Supervisor to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding the Elizabeth Lake Road vacant property. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to direct the township Supervisor to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding case no. #14-141776-C2. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Burkard, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to direct the township Supervisor to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding Hitchcock Road property # 12-09-476-005. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

I, Terry Lilley, the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, herby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the October 21, 2014 regular board meeting minutes.

  
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Terry Lilley, Clerk  
White Lake Township  
Oakland County, Michigan