

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

September 18, 2012

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

Treasurer Brendel called the roll:

Present: Gregory Baroni, Supervisor
Forrest J. Brendel, Treasurer
Todd Birkle, Trustee
Carol Burkard, Trustee
David Lewsley, Trustee
Mike Powell, Trustee

Absent: Terry Lilley, Clerk

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

Hon. Wendy Potts, Oakland County Circuit Court judge, was present in the audience and introduced herself and fellow colleagues, Phyllis McMillen, Denise Langford Morris, Michael Warren, and Leo Bowman. They are currently presiding judges who are running for re-election. She let the students know they are always welcome in the county court rooms and would be glad to answer any questions by the citizens. She is hopeful for everyone's support in the coming election.

Hon. Denise Langford Morris also introduced herself. She also invited the students present to visit their court rooms. It is quite an experience to see what goes on in open court. It is very important to know your judges. Even though they are at the circuit court level, they touch the townships and cities throughout the county. She is the deanette of the Oakland Circuit Bench, that is the longest serving woman on the court.

Hon. Phyllis McMillen is very happy to be present tonight. For fifteen years she was the district court judge in Waterford and was a regular fixture at board meetings. At circuit court there is not a lot of ability or occasion to interact with the local board. They do handle cases which come out of White Lake Township such as felonies and civil disputes. She is glad the students are present to see their government in action. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights are living documents and that is what the judges do is uphold those rights.

Trustee Birkle added that this team of candidates who are running for judge are unique in that they have bi-partisan support, being endorsed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and former governor James Blanchard.

Supervisor Baroni made the following changes to the Agenda: Table Item 7A, the Presentation regarding Sewers.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to Table Item 7A, Presentation on Sewers. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Sprader, 64 Grandview Circle. He recently found out that Pontiac Lake had a weed harvester that belongs to White Lake Township which they are no longer using. He would like to obtain that for use on Oxbow Lake.

Norm Newberger, 8760 Arlington, White Lake Township. He has two issues. At the last board meeting he asked that the title for the weed harvester be transferred in order to complete the sale of the boat. The other issue has to do with the administrative fee being charged by White Lake Township for managing the fees collected from the SAD. He is requesting it be reduced to zero cost since it is a public lake and it does benefit the general public.

Supervisor Baroni stated that Ordinance 129 would reduce the administration fee for Pontiac Lake from 10 percent down to five percent. He is aware that many residents feel it should be further reduced down to zero. There are actual administration costs and time involved in setting up meetings, mailings, notices to the papers, agendas, and public hearings. There is the option of taking on the responsibility of administering the funds themselves for zero costs.

Roger Herrington, 2240 Wigger Lane, White Lake. He is also in favor of lowering the assessment fee. He distributed to the board members a letter and recent article from the Spinal Column regarding the fees being charged for Orchard Lake's SAD. He would like the Board to consider the five questions which he listed in his letter to justify the amount of money being charged Pontiac Lake for its SAD.

Laura Vogel, 6220 Whispering Meadows. She would like to encourage the township administration and board to try to move forward with transparency. There have been residents who have tried to find information which should be available publicly on the web site and wasn't. To tell people to come to the Township Hall during work hours to get a paper copy of something doesn't recognize information should be available via the internet.

Peggy Miller, 3066 Muirfield Circle, White Lake. She is disappointed in the fact that citizens have asked for some information from the Board on cost comparisons for dispatch services and haven't been able to get it. Any service not considered essential by statute should be subject to a cost comparison. Every cost cutting measure should be explored to save the taxpayers money.

Stan Ludlow, 9310 Waltham. He also commented on the subject of the 10 percent administration fee charged to Pontiac Lake residents. They all pay through their regular taxes for services in this community which maybe they don't use. We provide a benefit to this township. There is state, public and private access on Pontiac Lake. It should be the attitude of the leaders of this community to serve the people in the right way. Fairness is what everyone wants.

Laura Lewsley, 9507 Steephollow Drive, White Lake. She lives in the Twin Lake Subdivision. They

do have a SAD on that lake. She is also a tax payer in this community and she doesn't expect others to absorb the costs involved in administering her SAD. That is not fair for all the people that live off the lake. Be mindful that the township brings in no money from that lake. It is state land. The permits are not paid by White Lake Township people. There is not a public access for White Lake Township residents over there. If you're asking this Board to reduce your fees then every other SAD is going to come forward and expect the same consideration. You can't ask the tax payers to pay for your special assessment.

Sandra Fitzpatrick, 9673 Bonnie Briar. She was one of the original organizers of the Pontiac Lake Weed Harvesting Board. At that time only one-third of that lake was navigable. There were very few residents and businesses there. Since they have donated their time and hard work to clean up the lake, there is more boating traffic and businesses are thriving. State land and Oakland County is thriving. It is not fair that White Lake can't donate their time and their money to help maintain this lake.

Bob Smith, 8734 Townsend Drive, White Lake Township. He was chairman of the Water Board and one of the primary goals was to get iron filtration in. Over the years, we've gotten the money. There are three well sites targeted. We do have the money in the capital fund to implement phase one of the plan. The Board should be getting bids to move that forward.

Trustee Birkle noted that it has been a year since there was a meeting with Waterford and we talked about doing that study and they still don't have anything. We need to get the study wrapped up.

Dave Cornwell, 9183 Camelot. He is on the Weed Board and Lake Improvement Board for Pontiac Lake. He would like to point out one distinction. The difference between Pontiac Lake and the other lakes which they administer funds for, the assessment benefits the people who are in the district. In the case of Pontiac Lake, we are providing the focal point of what is probably the most highly visited park and public facility in the township and it is done at the expense of the homeowners. We are a unique situation where we are providing amenities to virtually everybody in White Lake Township.

Jed Chrzanowski, 2205 Teggerdine. He would like to support Ms. Miller's proposal for receiving bids for new dispatch. It should be addressed to the township people also because outsourcing never works. If you are going to do any bidding the township people need to find out about it. Outsourcing is never going to work for dispatch. You lose dedication and honorable people.

Trustee Powell is very disappointed that this board hasn't received any budget items from the administration yet. There will be another team serving on this board in the month of November. That will be a brand new board. They will have no idea what is involved in the budget or what the problems or issues are. Normally, you would be requesting them to adopt it that month. He personally asked for a cost analysis for dispatch just to compare what this township spends and what the county will charge for it. That information may be valuable for the next board. He didn't even get a response to his email let alone any data.

Trustee Birkle also requested a cost comparison and would like to see some numbers put to paper.

The amount mentioned by Police Chief Harris at a previous meeting was \$423,000 to run dispatch a year and the county is about \$200,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. LIST OF BILLS**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - 1. TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT**
 - 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
 - 4. OVERTIME REPORT**
- D. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Consent Agenda. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (4 yes votes, 2 no votes-Birkle & Powell).

MINUTES

- A. AUGUST 21, 2012**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burkard, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the Minutes for August 21, 2012. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

RESOLUTION

- A. RESOLUTION #12-009, SHERIFF'S SERVICES FOR WHITE LAKE CARNIVAL**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lewsley to approve Resolution #12-009, Sheriff's Services for White Lake Carnival. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

- A. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 129, FEE ORDINANCE (TABLED 8-21-12)**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lewsley to remove from Table Ordinance 129, Fee Ordinance. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to move to Second Reading, Ordinance 129 - Fee Ordinance. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

- B. ORDINANCE 88 PERMIT AT WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Ordinance 88 Permit, White Lake Presbyterian Church, subject to the conditions outlined by the engineer. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. CLEAN UP WORK AT 288 TOWER ROAD

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the Clean Up Work at 288 Tower Road. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION #12-008, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2013-2018

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Lewsley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Birkle to approve Resolution #12-008, Capital Improvement Plan 2013-2018. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

C. PARKING LOT REHAB ESTIMATES, FIRE STATION 1

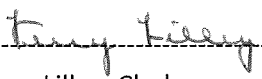
It was **MOVED** by Trustee Lewsley, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to put three (3) plans out for bid: (1) The Original Fire Station 1 Parking Lot Rehabilitation Plan; (2) a Modified Fire Station 1 Parking Lot Rehabilitation Plan; (3) a Parking Lot Plan to make the Old Township Hall handicapped accessible. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Birkle to adjourn the meeting. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 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 September 18, 2012 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan