

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

May 15, 2012

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
Forrest J. Brendel, Treasurer
Todd Birkle, Trustee
Carol Burkard, Trustee
David Lewsley, Trustee
Mike Powell, Trustee

Also Present: Greg Need, Attorney
Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Piccinato, 8771 Townsend Drive, White Lake, Michigan. He was taken aback by reading about all the tax levies that are going on, especially the .5 mill for ten years for the fire department. He really has a problem when they want to add 10 years. He doesn't have a problem supporting maybe two or three years.

Linda McDonald, 6080 Raphael Court, White Lake, Michigan. She presented the Board with an aerial view of the entrance to Hidden Pines. The Township is the owner of Lot 40. The Condominium Association for Hidden Pines has been maintaining White Lake Township's portion of the property, having incurred considerable expense in mowing, weed control, planting shrubbery, planting and removing trees and this isn't right or fair. The visionary plan for Hidden Pines Park, where the ball field is, includes linking the entrance to the park to the private road which is Hidden Pines Trail. There could be ongoing perpetual costs involved in maintaining that entrance and she doesn't feel the Homeowner's Association should be responsible for that.

Robert Smith, 8734 Townsend Drive, White Lake, Michigan. He would like to know what the Township is doing to update the ordinances to help fight potential blight with the amount of foreclosures occurring. Also, he has a concern about the increase in the .5 mill for the fire department. Maybe the Township should consider shared services to reduce costs before passing on the increase to the citizens.

Thomas Johnson, 9136 Buckingham, White Lake, Michigan. Before people get upset about the increase in the millage for the fire department, consider the increase in fuel costs. The increase is not out of the range of the costs they will be incurring for fuel and equipment.

Matt Sprader, 64 Grandview Circle, White Lake, Michigan. He doesn't feel an increase of .5 mills for the fire department is necessary. There are currently funds available in the O4M fund which could be spent judiciously.

Trustee Birkle questioned whether there were any updates on the Iron Filtration Study and was informed the Township will be presented with results in the next couple of weeks. He had previously asked for a price quote and comparison to be done in weighing the costs for possibly using the Sheriff Department's dispatch service and was told that numbers would be available for him to review at a later time. Also, he feels there needs to be a serious discussion on solutions to fund the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Smith was on the Water Board for ten years. Over time the budget was able to be balanced. Should a Sewer Board be put together? If there is a major malfunction or catastrophe concerning the sewers, the money had better not come from the water fund.

Trustee Burkard stated her eye is always on the Water Department. No water money is going to go for sewers. There are three water users on the Board and all of them are keeping an eye on that.

Trustee Powell would also like to remind the administration that we lose our contract with Commerce Township in three years and negotiations should be taking place concerning that.

Clerk Lilley would like it to be noted that each of the current Board members are very fiscally responsible, the current budget proves that. There has been over a thirty percent loss of revenue to the Township and each member takes very seriously maintaining the current level of funding for services to the citizens.

Supervisor Baroni amended the Agenda by adding Item 8E, Huron Valley Schools Permit; removing Item 8C, and Item 9B under FYI.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to approve the Agenda as amended. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. LIST OF BILLS**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - 1. TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 2. POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT**
 - 4. WATER DEPARTMENT**
 - 5. OVERTIME REPORT**

D. PROCLAMATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

E. BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Trustee Burkard commended the fire department for providing the report by Sgt. Russell Wrijil. It was very helpful for her to understand some of the fires that were going on. She hopes the other departments will consider providing such reports.

MINUTES

A. APRIL 17, 2012

B. MAY 3, 2012

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2012 and May 3, 2012. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING, ORDINANCE NO. 47, REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to approve Ordinance No. 47, Regulations for Public Shows & Exhibitions as proposed. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 57, OUTSIDE STORED VEHICLES

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Lewsley to approve Ordinance No. 57, Outside Stored Vehicles with the amendment of adding definition language for a term such as Primary Residence. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

C. SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 126, UTILITY ORDINANCE

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to approve Ordinance No. 126, Utility Ordinance. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. SECOND READING, ORDINANCE NO. 58, (CLEARZONING)

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to approve Ordinance No. 58, Clearzoning. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

E. SECOND READING, SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Brendel to Table the Second Reading, Solicitation Ordinance. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING, ORDINANCE NO. 135, GRADING AND SURFACE DRAINAGE

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Brendel to Table First Reading, Ordinance No. 135, Grading and Surface Drainage. The MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote (Lewsley-yes/Birkle-no/Powell-no/Burkard-no/Brendel-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-no).

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Lewsley to Table First Reading, Ordinance No. 135, Grading and Surface Drainage for further modifications. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (5 yes votes, 2 no votes-Burkard & Birkle).

B. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 88

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Lewsley to Table First Reading, Amendment to Ordinance No. 88. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST

Clerk Lilley stated that the recommendation before the Board is that the interest monies earned by the police and fire millages be allocated back into those funds rather than the general fund. The Board and people are somewhat divided whether the O4 millage interest money should go into the fire fund or back into the O4M fund. This Board is going to be forced to either make cut backs or to utilize a portion of the O4M to make up the shortfall if the level of services and manpower isn't changed.

Trustee Burkard is adamant that the interest money should go back to the O4M fund. There are certain things you can use the O4 money for that is totally legal. In this economy, the overtime by the fire department needs to be looked at. The department can tighten their belt and creative ways can be used to solve some of the problems.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve allocating interest into the appropriate police and fire department accounts, pending the auditor's

recommendations. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

E. HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PERMIT

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Huron Valley Schools Request for Permit, waiving the permit fees. The MOTION PASSED with a voice vote (7 yes votes).

Supervisor Baroni announced that there will be a Carnival at Lakeland High School on June 14, 15, 16 and 17.

FYI

A. DEMOLITION OF 7515 HIGHLAND ROAD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

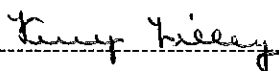
It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to adjourn into Executive Session. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to return to Regular Session. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

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

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 9:11 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 May 15, 2012 regular board meeting minutes.

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Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan