

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting

April 26, 2011

Supervisor Baroni called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Gregory Baroni, Supervisor
Terry Lilley, Clerk
Forrest Jay Brendel, Treasurer
Mike Powell, Trustee
Todd Birkle, Trustee
David Lewsley, Trustee

Absent: Carol Burkard, Trustee

Also Present: Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION

2010 AUDIT

Les Pulver, Audit Partner with Plante Moran, and staff presented the 2010 Audit to the Board. A packet and graphs were supplied outlining the audit results. Their responsibility was to do an audit of the Township's work throughout the year. The auditor's report is an unqualified opinion, meaning it is without exception, without qualification. The financial statements are complete, accurate and they are done in accordance with the accounting rules.

A brief summary of the auditor's findings are as follows. The primary sources of revenue for the Township are state shared revenue and property taxes. State shared revenue decreased by about \$38,000 and property taxes by \$49,000 from 2009. State shared revenue should bottom out in 2011. The Township is no longer going to be receiving the statutory revenue sharing but they'll continue to receive constitutional which should increase going forward. The decline in property tax revenue should continue into 2011 and for the next couple of years. The largest expenditure for the Township is general government, which is mostly the administrative operations of the township, the second is operating transfers. Total expenditures decreased by \$200,000 from 2009.

The only way to make meaningful changes in expenses is personnel costs, possibly renegotiating with health care providers. The Township has been able to reduce general fund spending by \$881,000 since 2008. This Township has done a very good job of making budget adjustments over the last two years as revenues have come down. The next couple of years will continue to be rough but the Township is in a good position to continue to make changes as necessary in order to weather the storm.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Pulver recommended that the Township develop and implement a plan to fund retiree health care. Also, to consult an actuary regarding the MERS Defined Benefit plan, the ramifications of employees purchasing X number of years, and whether the Township can shift to a Deferred Compensation plan or should freeze it at a certain point.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Birkle, to accept the Audit Report as written, subject to the Administration continuing to work on the suggestions from the accountant. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

MARINE PATROL CONTRACT

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Lilley to approve the Marine Patrol Contract, including both Agreements. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

REVIEW OF CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER SERVICES WITH WATERFORD

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to approve the Contract for Computer Services with Waterford. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COMPUTER SERVICES

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lewsley to approve the Budget Amendment for the Computer Services. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

BOGIE LAKE/LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL SEWER PROJECT

- A. FUNDING**
- B. ENGINEERING**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lewsley to approve the Bogie Lake/Lakeland High School Sewer Project, a \$325,000 expenditure from the Improvement Revolving Fund to be loaned to the Sewer Account for the Bogie Lake Road West Extension and for Johnson and Anderson to proceed with design requirements for presentation to the DNRE.

The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote.

Lewsley-yes/Lilley-yes/Brendel-yes/Birkle-yes/Powell-yes/Baroni-yes. (6 yes votes)

DISCUSSION OF OVERTIME

Supervisor Baroni would like the Board to review two areas of policies and procedures. He read into the record from Page 21, 10.10 Overtime Compensation and 10.12 Call In Pay.

Clerk Lilley felt there were two issues the Board needs to study in depth. There have been many questions concerning the overtime for Fire and Police. The Supervisor should set a Special Meeting for the Fire Chief and Captain to discuss and explain to the Board the contractual obligations of the Fire Department towards various organizations and the State of Michigan under their emergency management rules.

Trustee Birkle suggested the Township look at different ways to do training and meeting attendance, maybe a flex time schedule.

Supervisor Baroni questioned whether there should be a separate Special Meeting for each, Police, Fire and General Township employees.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle, to Table Discussion of Overtime. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 votes).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR
NEGOTIATIONS ACCORDING TO SECTION 8 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS
ACT.**

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to adjourn into Executive Session. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote;

Lewsley-yes/Lilley-yes/Brendel-yes/Birkle-yes/Powell-yes/Baroni-yes. (6 yes votes)

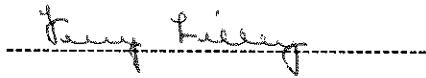
It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to return to open session. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to pursue an agreement as discussed in Executive Session. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote; Lewsley-yes, Lilley – yes, Brendle-yes, Birkle – no, Powell-yes (5 yes votes, 1 no vote)

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to adjourn. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 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 April 26, 2011 special board meeting minutes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terry Lilley", is written over a horizontal dashed line.

Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan