

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

April 19, 2011

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
Forrest Jay Brendel, Treasurer
Terry Lilley, Clerk
Mike Powell, Trustee
Todd Birkle, Trustee
David Lewsley, Trustee

Absent: Carol Burkard, Trustee

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

Clerk Lilley listed some additions and changes to the agenda. Add Birchler & Arroyo to the List of Bills. Under Presentations, the auditor presentation has been delayed until the Trustees receive their information, to be replaced by a citizen commendation awarded by Chief Maltese. Item K will be removed. Under FYI, add discussion concerning the audit report and a special meeting regarding the Huron Valley School Lakeland sewer project.

Trustee Powell recommended that Item 11J, Computer Partnership with Waterford Township, be moved to 11A.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Brendel to approve the amendments to the Agenda. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clerk Lilley recognized our State Representative, Eileen Kowall, was present in the audience tonight.

MINUTES

A. MARCH 15, 2011

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2011. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. LIST OF BILLS**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - 1. TREASURER**
 - 2. BUILDING**
 - 3. FIRE**
 - 4. POLICE**
 - 5. PLANNING**
 - 6. PARKS AND RECREATION**
 - 7. WATER**
 - 8. OVERTIME REPORT**
- D. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to approve the Consent Agenda, A, B, C 1-7, D as proposed and amended, excluding the overtime report for discussion. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

Trustee Powell had concerns about the amount of overtime for the Police and Fire Department and would like to discuss that at a future meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Birkle to receive, file and approve the Overtime Report as submitted. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PRESENTATION

Chief Maltese presented a Citizen Commendation to Kenneth Cavanaugh by the White Lake Township Fire Department in recognition for his actions on February 15, 2011 when he found a 47 year old woman lying on the ground in the middle of several bystanders. Relying on his Navy training, he swiftly performed proper CPR procedures which resulted in the woman regaining a heart beat just before the Fire Department arrived. He is commended for his courage and swift and proper response.

RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #11-006, FAIR HOUSING MONTH

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Lilley to approve Resolution #11-006, Fair Housing Month. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION #11-007, APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMAC

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Lilley to approve Resolution #11-007, Approval to Participate in MEMAC. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

C. RESOLUTION #11-008, RESOLUTION TO OPERATE TASKFORCE EQUIPMENT (FIRE)

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to approve Resolution #11-008, Resolution to Operate Taskforce Equipment (Fire), subject to authorization by MMRA for insurance coverage. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

D. RESOLUTION #11-009, CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

It was **MOVED** Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Lilley to approve Resolution #11-009, Class C Liquor License Transfer. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PLANNING

A. POTENTIAL REZONING OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

Mr. O'Neil recommended looking at rezoning Township property, including the Township Hall, library, police department, Hawley Park and the parking lot that goes out to Porter Road. It is currently zoned R1-D, Single Family Residential. The most appropriate zoning, in the event of wanting to expand or improve the facility, would be GB, General Business. This would provide the flexibility to continue our operation or in some way alter the site and is consistent with the Master Plan Land Use.

Trustee Powell would like to see the Planning Commission do a micro area study of the Master Plan Land Use of the surrounding area.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to move ahead with the rezoning of the Township properties as planned; the Planning Commission should also do a micro area study of the Master Plan Land Use for the surrounding area. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. PHONE SYSTEM FOR FIRE STATION #1

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Lewsley to remove from Table, Phone System For Fire Station #1. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to approve up to \$6,100.00 from the 04M funds to upgrade the phone system to Northern Telecom for Fire Station #1.

The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPUTER PARTNERSHIP WITH WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Lewsley, to approve a Computer Partnership with Waterford Township, completing all necessary legal documents, bringing back to the Board the needed Budget Amendments to implement service and move forward, authorizing Supervisor Baroni to sign the contracts after review. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

B. REQUEST FOR AN ADDITION AT THE DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve going out for Proposals on the Request for an Addition at the Dublin Senior Center with recommendation for award back to the Board. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

C. PARKS & REC, MOVIE IN THE PARK FINAL CONTRACT COST

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell, to approve the Movie in the Park Final Contract Cost of \$2800.00 for Saturday, July 9 and August 20, 2011. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

D. AGREEMENT FOR WATER DEFERRAL OF WATER CHARGES

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Agreement for Water Deferral of Water Charges. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

E. BUDGET AMENDMENT (ELECTIONS)

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Lewsley to approve the Budget Amendment (Elections) for Fall 2011. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

F. TRI-PARTY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION APPROVAL

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Tri-Party Program Participation. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

G. BUDGET AMENDMENT (TRI-PARTY)

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to approve the Budget Amendment for Tri-Party Funds. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

H. MERGING OF BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Lewsley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve Merger of the Building and Planning Departments. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

I. APPROVAL OF FULLER APPRAISAL INVOICE

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

J. 4-DAY WORK WEEK PROPOSAL

Trustee Lewsley was not in favor of the 4-day work week proposal. Township employees are here to serve the citizens of the Township. Business contacts, developers, realtors, and many other people need to come into the township offices to get information, pay taxes, and get dog licenses. This proposal would reduce citizen access from five days to four days a week, and in a holiday week only three days. It is hard to see where the cost savings would really be seen. When his own office tried to implement this program, they experienced many problems such as lack of productivity at the beginning and end of each day and the employees reserving use of their vacation time until the end of the year.

Trustee Birkle also was not in favor of the 4-day work week. He concurred with the comments made by Trustee Lewsley.

Trustee Powell stated that this issue was previously discussed. The people in the Township decided to increase their taxes to not have a drop in police, fire and Township services. He has personally been inconvenienced by driving out to communities already participating in the 4-day work program only to find their offices closed. The Village of Wolverine Lake tried this as a pilot program. Feeling that it limited day to day access to their own children, they eliminated it and voluntarily went back to five days.

Clerk Lilley felt before implementing the program, the citizens should be asked for their input. For it to work there has to be some real cost savings. There are a lot of issues to consider regarding vacation time and personal time. We would need full cooperation with union members.

Kathy Gordinear, Senior Center Director, felt a 4-day work week would be a great disservice to the members of the Dublin Senior Center. For some members, Friday is the only day they come out. There is a Meals on Wheels contract, a transportation contract with Wolverine and Commerce Townships, and seven or eight different programs would be disrupted. Two communities that did implement the 4-day program exempted their senior center from participating and she hopes White Lake would do the same.

Chief Maltese suggested following the example of some other businesses in the area which close a bit early one day and stay open later another day.

Thomas Johnson, 9136 Buckingham. He has been on both sides of the fence, management and employee. There are a lot of things going on under the wire in this Township and the ordinance officer is not there. If you cut his hours, things could get worse. There is also the problem of employees piling up their vacation time and complaining they were going broke using up their savings on the three day weekends.

Resident. As a resident of White Lake and employee of West Bloomfield Township, she has had to take personal time off from her job to take care of business here in the township. She would appreciate longer hours at least one day rather than have to take time off from her job to get things done.

Stanley Piatkowski. As an engineer by profession, if you increase operation hours daily and eliminate one day, you are not going to conserve energy, electricity or gas for heating and cooling. It will not work.

Andrea Voorheis. As someone employed in retail, frequently working 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., by 3 p.m. her production level drops. A good idea would be to follow Secretary of State hours, staying open late one evening and leaving early another day.

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the 4-Day Work Week. The MOTION FAILED by a voice vote (1yes votes/5 no votes).

FYI

A. VEHICLES TAKEN TO AUCTION

Clerk Lilley stated that five vehicles have been sent down to auction which will take place May 14, 2011. Two will be credited back to the police department upon sale. There are three pick-up trucks that will go back to general government.

Trustee Birkle mentioned the auction will be held at Oakland County Building 16 East. To get more information about the auction visit the web site, Oakgov.com/auction. You can register to bid on line. There is a listing on line and pictures of a majority of the vehicles.

B. SPECIAL MEETING

Supervisor Baroni advised there will be a Special Board Meeting on April 26, 2011 at 4 p.m. The items on the Agenda to be discussed will be the Bogie Lake/Lakeland High School sewer addition that is going in for Lakeland High School. Also, the 2010 year end Auditor's

Presentation will be available at that time for the Board members and any other things that we bring to the agenda beforehand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY ACCORDING TO SECTION 8 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to adjourn into Executive Session. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Powell-yes/Birkle-yes/Lewsley-yes/Brendel-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-yes).

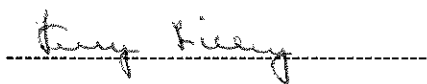
The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

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

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to recommend the settlement agreement as proposed by the township attorney. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

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

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 19, 2011 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan