

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**  
**Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 18, 2011**

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

Treasurer Brendel called the roll:

Present: Terry Lilley, Clerk  
Forrest Jay Brendel, Treasurer  
Carol Burkard, Trustee  
Mike Powell, Trustee  
Todd Birkle, Trustee  
Gregory Baroni, Trustee

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

It was **Moved** by Trustee Baroni, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to appoint Clerk Lilley as Chairman for tonight's White Lake Township Regular Board Meeting. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

It was **Moved** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve additions to the Agenda, Item F/Supervisor Applications, Item G/Signing of Liability Insurance Renewal, Minutes of November 23, 2010 Joint Meeting w/Planning Commission, 3 items to be added to the List of Bills. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Renwick. 685 Amenia, Wolverine Lake. He came tonight to recommend and endorse Mike Powell for township supervisor. He was on the council in Wolverine Lake. He has observed that Mr. Powell works and communicates well with people in all walks of life, government, union, regular and sophisticated folks. He strongly recommends Mr. Powell and feels he would represent our community with dignity and integrity.

Tim Brendel. Small contractor in White Lake. He also would like to recommend Mike Powell for township supervisor. He has personally known Mr. Powell for 20 years. He is a twice elected official. He is an engineer by profession which would be a great help in the position. The citizens are taking a chance of not knowing who they will get in a special election.

Tom Johnson. 9136 Buckingham, White Lake. This township is a business. The job of supervisor is a 24/7 job. It takes 100 percent of the person's time and effort. A special election could cost as much as \$30,000. This is money we could well use in the township. He would like the Board to come together and make a decision before it gets to that point.

Cliff Seiber. 8145 Benny Lane, White Lake. He has been a resident of White Lake Township for 38 years and has known Mr. Powell for most of that time. He has operated his own civil engineering firm for the last 25 years. He has been asked and would be willing to take over running Powell Engineering in the event Mr. Powell was appointed as supervisor. He strongly supports and endorses Mr. Powell for the position. He has the business and municipal background. The township residents know him from past elections.

Jim Kassab. 750 Hilltop. The appointment should go to the public, let the public decide who the supervisor should be. The payroll that is not going to pay a supervisor could cover the election. Let the citizens of White Lake decide.

Trustee Powell stated he has been studying and learning and preparing to be supervisor for the last 30 years. He has gone to all the meetings, knows what all the departments are, meeting all the people, dealing with personnel. Mr. Baroni and his supporters have a one issue position. Quoting Clerk Lilley, "He was waiting for a supervisor that is going to pay attention to and nurture the employees." We have a great staff of professional employees who don't need nurturing, they need a leader.

He added that he has knowledge of the roads in the township, who designed and maintains them. Thaddeus McCotter, knowing the roads were an important issue to him, through the Federal Highway Administration gave \$400,000 to White Lake Twp. to improve the roadways in the township. He is in favor of establishing a SAD process so people of White Lake Township can have a say over, maintain and improve the roads at their discretion. He believes in maintaining the ruralness of White Lake Township, at the same time supporting local businesses. He would work to renegotiate the water and sewer contract with Commerce Township.

The state of Michigan has written requirements for this township concerning our storm water that is going to cost thousands of dollars to implement. He is willing to work with the township attorney to overturn that ruling. He is a major proponent of recycling and would propose a recycling center along with neighboring communities to eliminate high fees paid for garbage collection. He is a major fan of pathways and would like the opportunity to install pathways in the township.

He stated that he has no learning curve to the position of supervisor. Each of the current board members has been given a list of the actions he would take if appointed. He has owned his own business and created over 30 jobs in the township. He has donated countless hours of his time to the township. It is a slap in his face and to the 8300 residents who supported him in the last election to consider appointing someone to the supervisor position that has never run for a public office and not received one vote from the residents.

Trustee Baroni spoke to his qualifications and plans for the township if appointed supervisor.

As township supervisor, you are here as a manager. He has 34 years of management experience. He is active in the community. He will report to and work for the people. He has no hidden agendas. There are issues facing White Lake Township. There are employee grievances, lawsuits, sewer issues, attorneys and fees, township contracts and agreements, computer issues.

We need to improve the budget process, involve the department heads. Implement employee job descriptions and performance review processes, a department organizational chart, improve the process with committees reporting to the board on a regular basis, improve the inspection process and reviews between police, fire, planning, building and sewer and water departments. Record storage needs to be addressed. The township web site need improvement. Policies to prevent favoritism and personal gain. Implement department head and employee meetings.

We need to look at how township events are handled. Implement pre meetings before the regular township board meetings, developing a good agenda and proper presentation, improving on the audio and visual equipment. He would like a White Lake Veterans Memorial to honor our veterans. To implement a help line for residents who are experiencing hard times due to the economy. Those are just some of the immediate township issues and concerns that need to be corrected. He would like to get this group working as a team to serve the people of White Lake.

Trustee Burkard questioned Trustees Baroni and Powell regarding their feelings on televising the township board meetings.

Trustee Baroni felt it was great idea. He considered it another tool to get information to the folks of White Lake, especially as the meeting room is not equipped to handle large crowds. Trustee Powell also has no problem with videotaping the meetings. His only caution is other boards and councils who televise their meetings, people occasionally take advantage by grand standing before the public.

Trustee Burkard responded that she felt the public is knowledgeable enough to recognize when people are grand standing. Exciting and important developments are taking place in White Lake and she feels it is important that the public be able to take part in it. Also, on the issue of a special election, it would more likely cost in the range of \$15,000 to \$18,000. A supervisor's wages and benefits for one month is approximately \$8416 so it would be a wash if it does go to an election.

#### **MINUTES**

**A. DECEMBER 7, 2010, DECEMBER 21, 2010, JANUARY 6, 2011, NOVEMBER 23, 2010**  
It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2010, December 21, 2010, January 6, 2011 w/corrections, and November 23,

**2010/Joint Meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (5 yes votes, 1 no vote-Powell).**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Consent Agenda. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- A. RESOLUTION #11-001**

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Baroni to approve Resolution #11-001. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**PLANNING**

- A. BP GAS MART DRIVE-THRU ADDITION**

Clerk Lilley stated there was a meeting with the applicant. There was one issue which has been resolved. There is no need for further action by the Board. The item will be removed from the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. GRISIUS VS. WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP**

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to grant a quit claim deed to Mr. Grisius for \$3,000 reserving to the Township an easement across the quit claimed property for public and private utility purposes. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).**

- B. GARBAGE CONTRACT**

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

Chief Maltese commented on the recent shooting death of a Livonia policeman in Walled Lake. Anyone who has served in the armed forces, have children in the armed forces or served in the police or fire department knows his death affected every family of every police officer in the Detroit metropolitan area. The thoughts and prayers of everyone in the fire department go out to you.

Chief Harris commented that Officer Nehasil was on surveillance. He was involved in the arrest of some B&E suspects. In the last four months, in White Lake Township, there were two occasions where apprehensions were made in two breaking and entering incidents. This can happen anywhere and does happen even in White Lake. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of the fallen police officer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2011 PATROL VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Trustee Birkle felt it was excessive to request that XM radio in the vehicles be paid for with taxpayer dollars. Otherwise, he was in support of purchasing the vehicles.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burkard, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Baroni to approve purchase of 2011 Patrol Vehicles. The **MOTION PASSED** with a voice vote (5 yes votes, 1 no vote-Birkle).

##### **B. BULLETPROOF VEST PURCHASE**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve purchase of the bulletproof vests using Narcotic Forfeiture Funds. The **MOTION PASSED** with a voice vote (6 yes votes).

##### **C. WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL ITEMS FOR 2011**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the Water System Capital Items for 2011. The **MOTION PASSED** with a voice vote (6 yes votes).

##### **D. NOVEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING DATE**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to change the November 2011 Regular Township Board Meeting date to Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

##### **E. LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH PLANTE & MORAN**

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Letter of Engagement with Plante & Moran. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

**F. BLANKET INSURANCE POLICY**

It was **Moved** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Baroni to authorize Clerk Lilley to sign the Blanket Insurance Policy. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

**G. SUPERVISOR RESUME DISCUSSION**

Clerk Lilley stated two resumes were withdrawn as they weren't submitted within the time constraints according to the motion by the Board. Also, one was removed as the applicant was a resident of Highland Township.

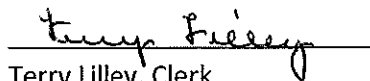
The Board approved a meeting to take place Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 4 p.m. open to the public. Trustees Baroni and Powell are not to take part in the interview process but may be present in the public audience during the interviews. Each Board member will provide the Clerk a short list of applicants to be interviewed by noon, Wed., January 19, 2011. Each candidate will be given 15 minutes to discuss their qualifications and be questioned by the Board. Two follow-up meetings were scheduled, if necessary: Friday, January 21, 2011 at 4 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 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 January 18, 2011 regular board meeting minutes.

  
Terry Lilley, Clerk  
White Lake Township  
Oakland County, Michigan