

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

December 21, 2010

Supervisor Kowall called the Board of Trustees regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for everyone to please take a few moments amidst the busyness of the season to remember the true meaning of the Christmas Season which is the birth of Jesus Christ, to spend time with friends and family, and treat each other as you would like to be treated.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present:: Mike Kowall, Supervisor
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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean O'Neil, Planning Director, announced they are updating the five year land use master plan. One of the most important components is public input. On January 20, 2011 there will be a visioning session at the Dublin Community Center. There is a print out of the visioning session brochure available. There is an online survey which can be found at www.helpwhitelakeplan.info or a hard copy for those who don't have internet access. We would appreciate your input.

Buck Frederickson, back in June, made a statement accusing the fire chief of pulling the paid on call away from Station 3 as punishment for his wife going in to see Supervisor Kowall. Since then, he has met with the chief and Supervisor Kowall. He is here tonight to officially apologize to the chief and retract that statement.

Kathy Gordinear, Director of the Dublin Community Senior Center, would like clarification on a question of whether the transportation issue will be decided by the current Board or held until there is a new supervisor. She was advised the issue would be discussed later in tonight's

meeting.

Larry Ostrowski, White Lake Township Library, advised a newsletter will soon be sent out regarding all the activities at the library within the next week. An event coming up next week is Food for Fines during the first full week of January. After the holidays, by the end of January, the food pantry at Open Door starts to dwindle down. If you bring in a canned good, a dollar will be taken off your fine. It is a good way to build up the food stock again for Open Door.

Tom Johnson expressed that the township has gone through a lot of trying times this year with the economy being down. He has watched the Board perform and the current supervisor. He thanked the township supervisor since this is the last Board meeting he is going to chair. He has done a fantastic job keeping us afloat and not going under like the rest of the communities who are in real financial problems. He congratulated him for his work and the Board for backing him up and working with him on it.

PRESENTATION

Chief Harris presented on behalf of the Fire and Police Departments to Supervisor Kowall a plaque with his badge and ID card in recognition for his service as the Public Service Director. Also, from the Police Department, an award in recognition of his support over the years as Public Safety Director.

There was a presentation to promote two individuals, Sgt. Nankervis to the rank of lieutenant and Officer Chris Hild to the position of sergeant. In the White Lake Police Department, promotion to the rank of lieutenant does not come very often making it a very special occasion. Sgt. Nankervis has been with the Department since 1981. He has served as an officer on patrol, assigned to investigations, in 1997 promoted to sergeant. He has since served as a sergeant on patrol and in the detective bureau. He holds a bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State University and is a graduate of the Eastern University of Staff and Command. He is a recipient of a citation for meritorious service and two commendations from the police department.

Officer Hild was hired in 1995 and has served in both the detective bureau and the patrol division. Officer Hild holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and is one of the fire arms instructors. He is the recipient of two citations for meritorious services.

FYI

A. THANK YOU TO DOUG UTTER

Clerk Lilley publicly thanked Doug Utter for putting up Christmas decorations throughout the entire building without having been asked. It helped put everyone in the Christmas Spirit.

THANK YOU LETTER TO LYNN O'BRIEN

Clerk Lilley read into the Minutes a letter to Lynn O'Brien from Supervisor Kowall:

"December 21, 2010

Dear Lynn,

Thank you so much for everything you do for White Lake Township! In particular, we appreciate all of your efforts in making the Veterans Day Ceremony and the White Lake Tree Lighting so very special. Most people don't realize how much goes on behind the screen to pull off a successful event. You go above and beyond the call of duty to promote events and then make sure every detail is attended to. You always willingly step forward and volunteer so much of your time. The citizens of White Lake Township are fortunate to have someone of your caliber working for our community. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Mike Kowall

Supervisor

White Lake Township

Board of Trustees"

B. THANK YOU LETTER FROM JAMES HAAR

Clerk Lilley acknowledged receipt a letter of thanks written by James Haar, a young gentleman from Lakeland High School, to the township for allowing him to do a job- shadow with Supervisor Kowall. He also spent time with Clerk Lilley who took him through the facilities and introduced him to the elected officials and employees in various departments. Jim is a fine young man and we wish him good luck in the future.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM SUPERVISOR KOWALL

Supervisor Kowall read into the Minutes his official letter of resignation from the position of Township Supervisor.

"December 21, 2010

To the White Lake Township Board of Trustees and all of the residents of White Lake Township:

I want to thank you for letting me represent you as Supervisor and trusting me to manage White Lake Township for the last six years. We have come a long way in that time and we can look back with pride and satisfaction at the many positive changes and advancements in our township. This could not have been accomplished without the great teamwork exemplified by the Board of Trustees, Commission members, and all levels of management and departments.

Having been elected to the Michigan State Senate on November 2, 2010, with the term beginning January 1, 2011, I will be stepping down as White Lake Township Supervisor on

December 31, 2010. It is my sincere wish that the Board of Trustee members and all Township employees will continue to work as a great team to keep White Lake Township moving forward. I trust that they will keep it foremost in their minds that they work for the 30,000 residents and the businesses in the township.

As State Senator, I will continue to work for White Lake Township, as well as the citizens of the 15th Senate District and the state of Michigan to make this state the best place to live, work, and raise our families.

Your friend and colleague,
Mike Kowall"

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to accept Supervisor Kowall's letter of resignation. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to move additional discussion regarding the nomination of a replacement for supervisor to be moved to Item 13K on the Agenda. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. PARKS AND REC CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2011

Mr. O'Neil stated that within the Board members packets is the agenda for Parks Capital Projects for 2011. If the Board members need any additional information or details they can contact Jason Iacoangeli.

MINUTES

A. NOVEMBER 9, 2010

It was MOVED by Trustee Birkle, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2010. 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 (OCT, NOV)**
 - 2. FIRE (OCT, NOV)**
 - 3. POLICE (OCT, NOV)**
 - 4. BUILDING**
- D. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS**
 - 1. PLANNING**

2. ZONING
3. BOARD OF REVIEW

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

RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #10-039, BOARD MEETING DATES 2011

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Baroni to adopt Resolution #10-039, Board Meeting Dates 2011. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION #10-040, CONFIRMING SPECIAL RE-ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve Resolution #10-040 - Confirming Special Re-Assessment Roll for Garbage Collection. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

PLANNING

A. WHITE LAKE HILL/FILE NO. 07-021, ONE YEAR EXTENSION REQUEST

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Lilley to approve White Lake Hill/File No. 07-021, One Year Extension Request. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION #10-19C, RESOLUTION TO EXTEND MORATORIUM ON MEDICINAL MARIJUANA APPROVALS AND FACILITIES

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Birkle to approve Resolution #10-19C, Resolution to Extend Moratorium on Medicinal Marijuana Approvals and Facilities for Six (6) Months. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. 821 ROUND LAKE ROAD

Clerk Lilley stated this was a piece of property that the Township purchased hoping that whoever bought the home adjacent to it would attach it to the property. People are having a hard time getting title insurance on pieces of property that went into foreclosure, the cost being as much as one to two thousand dollars to go to Circuit Court. Because of that cost, the purchaser requested the township reduce the price by \$500 to assist them. The need to go to

Circuit Court could be avoided if the previous owners were willing to sign a quit claim deed.

There was no Motion made on this issue at this time. Supervisor Kowall suggested that the purchaser be in contact with the previous owners, the Clerk's office, and their own lawyer to continue working on an agreeable means of purchasing the lot.

B. REQUEST FOR TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burkard, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Baroni to Table the Request for Technology Review. The **MOTION PASSED** by voice vote (7 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 PATROL VEHICLE PURCHASE

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Brendel, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Baroni to Table the 2011 Patrol Vehicle Purchase. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. UNFILLED PATROL POSITION

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Baroni, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve starting the process to fill the patrol position, coming back before the Board before the actual hiring. The **MOTION PASSED** with a voice vote (7 yes votes).

C. NEW COPIER PURCHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve purchase of a new copier for the Fire Department in the amount of \$5,990.00. The **MOTION PASSED** with a voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. GARBAGE CONTRACT

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to postpone the Garbage Contract. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**E. AGREEMENT FOR BALLOT LAYOUT AND PROGRAMMING SERVICES
BETWEEN OAKLAND COUNTY AND WHITE LAKE**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Agreement for Ballot Layout and Programming Services between Oakland County and White Lake. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

F. NEW JOB DESCRIPTION

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Baroni, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Brendel to approve the New Job Description/with amendment under Item 3/i.e. daily inspection logs. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

G. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

H. GRISIUS V. WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Baroni, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Lilley to postpone Grisius v. White Lake Township. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

I. METRO ACT RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT EXTENSION

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Birkle, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

J. NEW TRUCK PURCHASE

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burkard, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Baroni to approve the New Truck Purchase as presented, putting the Old Truck out for sale through a bid process. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

K. SUPERVISOR LETTERS

Trustee Powell submitted his interest in filling the position of township supervisor. He is a resident of White Lake Township of 20 years, a business owner in White Lake. He's been a professional engineer since 1978, working for approximately 30 years underneath township supervisors, village council members, township boards, every agency of the state, the county, knows all the surrounding communities, their departments and personnel. He is familiar with the funding available and operation of different departments in the township. He would like to offer his services as supervisor here in White Lake Township.

Clerk Lilley stated there have been many inquiries regarding filling the position of supervisor. While there are no formal applications being accepted as a candidate is being considered from within, if they sent in a resume or expressed an interest, their name would be mentioned this evening. Along with Mike Powell and Greg Baroni, a few of those are Jerry Walker, Tom DeSantis, and Matt Sprader. Other potential trustee candidates that have expressed their interest are; Al Linson, Mike Long, Andrea Voorheis, Gail Novak Phelps, William Pierson, Beverly Spoor, and John Kulhavi.

Trustee Burkard recommended a vote be taken tonight to elect a new supervisor which would give the township a new supervisor starting January 1st. There are two gentlemen who both want the supervisor position. Trustee Powell has stated his interest. Before Mr. Baroni speaks she had a few comments to make on his behalf. This is a very difficult evening because there are two gentlemen who are extremely qualified. She has put her support to Mr. Baroni and would like to state her reasons.

There were originally 24 resumes for the position of township treasurer. Out of the 24, one of the resumes stood out way above any of the others to even be considered and it was Mr. Baroni's. That interested her to find out who he was. He worked 30 some years with General Motors as a top management person. He got outstanding reviews from all the people he worked with. He is also the president of the Historical Society. A friend came to her about four or five years ago stating how she would love the president of the Historical Society as he has done so many wonderful things. In investigating this, she was very impressed with what he accomplished and how he works with people.

His commitment to White Lake Township is outstanding. A few examples of this are he belongs to the Optimist Club, the Huron Valley Chamber, is president of the Historical Society, for 13 years was the chairman of Junior Achievement. There are many things he has not put in his resume. In going through the Patch Newspaper, he is on every single page. He helped bring the Christmas tree in for the tree lighting. He participates in Shop with a Cop. He brought 1500 pounds of food to the Open Door. He is active with the community garden in White Lake Township.

She was very impressed not only with his commitment to White Lake and the people of this township but also his ability to manage. In following up on his skills at General Motors, in the 24 resumes received for the treasurer position, there was no one who could compare. There is a change coming for elected officials in that people are looking for a businessman and not a politician. He has no political motives. In an old interview at the Huron Valley Chamber he was asked, if he could have any job that would be your dream job what would it be. He put down that he would like to be White Lake Township supervisor.

He loves his community. He is not involved in politics. People are looking for a businessperson that manages. She would like to give him two years to see how he manages as there are a lot of issues with the township dealing with employees, negotiations, the teamsters. To run a ship, you better have a crew that is a good crew, and that is the employees. His skills are beyond anything that has come to this township. I thank you very much for allowing me to speak on his behalf.

Trustee Baroni thanked Trustee Burkard for her comments. He didn't feel it necessary to say much more on his personal background. Concerning his management history, he was with

General Motors, 34 years retired. During that course of time he was primarily middle management. His last assignment was at the Willow Run Facility. There was an engineering facility in front, he had 1200 employees who were engineers for transmissions. He also took on the role of manager at the Wixom Facility and had another transmission facility in Romulus. He has been through purchasing, finance, industrial engineering, management of all ends from skilled trades to hourly laborers.

Clerk Lilley stated this is an extremely difficult decision to make. He considers both candidates friends. He has met with both gentlemen. He discussed with them concerns about the budget, where the township is going, discussing the fact that the position takes a great deal of time away from your family, it's really a 24 hour a day job. Whoever takes over as our new supervisor, it is going to be extremely difficult to pull a team together. He has listened to the comments of both candidates. He is looking for somebody who is going to spend 24 hours a day, devote themselves to moving White Lake forward, resolving issues, pulling things together, stop rumors, have open conversations with unions and employees. He has expressed his views to both of the candidates. He is prepared to make a decision on a new supervisor.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to nominate Trustee Baroni as the next Township Supervisor. The MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote (Lilley-yes/Brendel-no/Baroni-yes/Birkle-no/Powell-no/Burkard-yes).

It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to nominate Trustee Powell as the next Township Supervisor. The MOTION FAILED by a roll call vote (Lilley-no/Brendel-yes/Baroni-no/Birkle-yes/Powell-yes/Burkard-no).

Attorney Need stated that the law requires that the Township Board make the appointment within 45 days of the vacancy, as of January 1st. If that does not happen, then a special election is called by the County Board of Election Commissioners. That election would be held either in May or in August. In this special election, each political party and the county committees of that political party would submit nominees for the supervisor's position, with write-in and independent candidates as well.

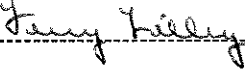
It was MOVED by Treasurer Brendel, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to hold a Special Meeting on January 6, 2011 at 4 p.m. to discuss the supervisor's position. The MOTION PASSED with a voice vote (7 yes votes).

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned 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 December 21, 2010 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan