

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting

September 14, 2010

Supervisor Kowall called the Board of Trustees special board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Mike Kowall, Supervisor
 Todd Birkle, Trustee
 Forrest J. Brendel, Trustee
 Mike Powell, Trustee
 Terry Lilley, Clerk
 Carol Burkard, Trustee

Comments – Budget Review

Trustee Burkard discussed imposing an additional administration fee for property tax assessments to help pay for assessing department expenses.

Deputy Treasurer Lisa Reaser reported that the Treasurer's office currently collects \$3 per parcel fee for collection of school taxes.

Supervisor Kowall indicated both he and his wife would be working on unfunded mandates in the future.

Supervisor Kowall stated that the budget did not include any revenues for state shared revenue statutory. He suggested that if funds did become available in the future they should be to fund pension accounts or to replenish fund equity.

Trustee Powell suggested the part time Human Resource position should be funded from the supervisor's budget and that he felt the position should possibly be a full time position accountable to the Supervisor. It was suggested by Clerk Lilley in light of the current budget situation the position should remain with the deputy clerk and that she be fairly compensated for her additional responsibilities.

Kathy Gordinear, Senior Center Director discussed the recent letter she received concerning the bumping of transportation director's position. She felt it was unfair to both her as a department head and to her employee that it was handled in a letter rather than meeting between her and Supervisor Kowall.

Trustee Burkard questioned about the use of cell phones and questioned whether the Clerk or Township Supervisor had their own phones.

Trustee Burkard questioned about leasing computers for 2010. It was also discussed about standardizing computers and equipment.

Trustee Burkard also questioned Fisk Farm expenses, cemetery funding and planning department overtime.

Trustee Burkard also questioned how the water sewer secretary was being funded. Supervisor Kowall stated that the accounting dept. is tracking any expenses paid out from the water department budget that is being used for work done on behalf of the sewer department; all monies will be paid back to the water account. Supervisor Kowall stated he will give that accounting to the board members.

Kathy Gordinear, Senior Center Director, inquired about the lawn and landscape maintenance issues she felt needed to be done. Supervisor Kowall indicated it will be addressed with future discussions about Parks and Recreational issues.

Chief Maltese discussed the need to study EMS paramedic transport services to enhance future fire department revenues and increase citizen services.

The board asked Clerk Lilley if he would contact sprinkler people and see if he can still install the sprinkler system this fall at the same cost.

The board discussed the potential ramifications if police and fire millages were to fail and the devastating effect it would have on future services.

The board indicated they wanted to meet with Chief Harris regarding budget and future expectations.

The board concurred that the budget would be placed on the October regular meeting for public hearing.

**It was moved by Trustee Brendel SUPPORTED by Trustee Birkle to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
Motion PASSED with 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 September 14, 2010, special board meeting minutes.

Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan