

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
February 16, 2021

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Noble called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor, present in Waterford, MI
Anthony Noble, Clerk, present in White Lake, MI
Mike Roman, Treasurer, present in White Lake, MI
Liz Smith, Trustee, present in White Lake, MI
Andrea C. Voorheis, Trustee, present in White Lake, MI
Michael Powell, Trustee, present in Orlando, FL

Absent: Scott Ruggles, Trustee

Also Present: Aaron Potter, DPS
Sherri Barber, Building Executive Secretary
John Holland, Deputy Fire Chief
Daniel Keller, Police Chief
Jason Hudson, Ordinance Officer
Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
Lisa Hamameh, Attorney
Hannah Micallef, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Smith to approve the Agenda, as presented. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nowal Toma, 1111 Round Lake Road. She asked Supervisor Kowall if her letter regarding the demolition of 1111 Round Lake was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. REVENUE AND EXPENSE

B. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

C. BUDGET AMENDMENT

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **POLICE**

2. **FIRE**

3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

4. **TREASURER**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

MINUTES

Supervisor Kowall thanked the Board for their participation during the last several board meetings. Clerk Noble wanted to welcome Deputy Clerk Santiago to the Township. One of Deputy Clerk Santiago's new roles is reviewing the Board meeting minutes.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2021

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 19, 2021. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL JOINT BOARD/CCDC MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2021

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of January 21, 2021. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2021

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SECONDED** by Treasurer Roman, to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of January 25, 2021. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 26, 2021

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Voorheis, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of January 26, 2021.

The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Fire Marshal Holland presented a Power Point to recognize the awards. Terry Lilley was recognized for the years he put into the Township, as a thank you from the Fire Department. A letter of Recognition for Outstanding Service and Commitment was presented to Corey Vos. Mr. Vos stepped forward and took the initiative to create a new program to evaluate new career recruits within the Fire Department. Unit 3 received a Meritorious Unit Citation for their exceptional and professional actions that occurred on August 31, 2020 while assisting Waterford Fire Department with a motor vehicle accident that involved technical rescue efforts to remove a tree from a vehicle, and reach and free an entrapped individual. The award was presented to Captain Ted Lilley, Sergeant Kirk Thompson, Sergeant Rick Fisher, Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Page, Firefighter/EMT Joe Seffecerri, Paid On Call Firefighter Bruce Flores, Firefighter Matthew Combs. Deputy Fire Chief Marshall said during that incident, there was a resident that assisted the crews, helping with equipment, and he wanted to recognize him too. The resident who received this award was Scott Curtis.

Supervisor Kowall thanked Deputy Fire Chief Holland for his presentation, and thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication. He also thanked Deputy Fire Chief Holland for letting him come to the ceremony in person.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR DANGEROUS BUILDINGS- 1111 ROUND LAKE ROAD

This was by request of the Building Department. Sherri Barber, Building Department Executive Secretary was present. The Building Department wanted to place this property back on the show cause hearing for dangerous reasons for a few reasons. The demolition permit pulled by the contractor showed very little work being done until recently. The permit expires on April 6, 2021. Supervisor Kowall acknowledged the letter from Mrs. Toma, but added there was not enough progress on the demolition until very recently. The weather was not a big condition; as the Township has concurrent demolition projects that are going on now. As those buildings are being torn down, the contractor for this property was not showing up to the site to work. The Building Department would like a motion to recommend the

Township Board modify the order of the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer to allow the Township to begin demolition of the structure after April 7, 2021, in the event the building is not completely demolished and cleaned up by then.

Executive Secretary Barber said she the Building Department wanted to be prepared if the demolition work was stalled again. There has been a lot of police calls to the property.

Trustee Smith suggested an update on the recent work that had been done to the building. Executive Secretary Barber said since the Building Department's letter regarding this motion was sent to Mrs. Toma, work resumed again and about half of the back of the building has been demolished, but the rubble has not been removed. The permit has been open since October 2020. Ordinance Officer concurred with Mrs. Barber, and added the contractor for the demolition seems to only make progress when the Township gets involved. He also said the Township needs to protect itself and make the building safe.

Supervisor Kowall opened the public hearing at 7:20, Treasurer Roman supported. The MOTION CARRIED with a roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Smith /yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

Donna Toma, 1111, Round Lake Road, daughter of the owner. She said she didn't feel that the property should be back to the Board for a motion. She said her mother has been through a lot, and this wasn't fair to her. She said the work would be done by April 6, and they have arranged a backup contractor if the work was not completed by then.

Supervisor Kowall MOVED to close the public hearing at 7:22 PM, Clerk Noble SUPPORTED and the MOTION CARRIED with a roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Smith /yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

Supervisor Kowall read Mrs. Nowa Toma's letter into the record.

Executive Secretary Barber said this has been an ongoing issue since 2016, and had researched with other demolition contractors that the Township had used previously. She was told a demolition of this size could have been completed in two weeks.

Supervisor Kowall reiterated that this was not an imminent order, if the contractor does that work that is supposed to be done, then there are no concerns. This is a reassurance for the Township that this order is actually carried out. Staff spent a lot of time trying to move this along, and have been met with delay after delay. This is to make sure that the contractor performs for the owner's protection, and the Township is looking out for Mrs. Toma's benefit.

Attorney Hamameh wanted to add while the Building Department didn't make a formal presentation this evening, that there was a comprehensive history of the building in tonight's meeting packet.

Treasurer Roman added the building has been a danger to the community for a long time, and to put it off even further is insulting to the residents of White Lake.

Trustee Voorheis asked Mrs. Toma would this building be allowed in her community, as White Lake Township has been dealing with this building for two years. Donna Toma said she initially was going to sell the building, but circumstances changed. She does want the building down as well, they have been in the community for years, but she feels like the matter has become personal. She reassured the Board that the building would be down by April 6. Trustee Smith said she drove by the building today, and there was some progress, as the back of the building was partially down. She wanted the owner to know this wasn't a personal attack, and this motion tonight is a safeguard for the Township.

Trustee Powell added that the neighbors surrounding the building have lived with the building for far too long, and have been very patient. He wanted to modify the motion to require the bids earlier than April 6.

Executive Secretary Barber said this was the reason that the Building Department was before the Board now with this motion, so the bids can go out and be at hand at the point in time.

Treasurer Roman said the only part going out to bid now is that come April 6, it'll be uncertain what work is left to do. Executive Secretary Barber said the Township has good relationships with several demolition contractor that would understand the scope of the project and would still provide a bid. Supervisor Kowall agreed.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED Clerk Noble to modify the order of the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer to allow the Township to begin demolition of the structure after April 7, 2021 and to go out to bid now. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Smith /yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

Attorney Hamameh wanted to clarify that the Building Department was not getting sealed bids, but that the intention of the Board was to get bids from multiple sources. Executive Secretary Barber confirmed.

PUBLIC HEARING – PY2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Supervisor Kowall said this program will allow monies to be spent on projects that have been programmed into the Community Development Block Grant program.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, and Supported by Trustee Smith to open the public hearing for the PY2021 Community Development Block Grant at 7:23 PM. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Smith /yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes).

There was no comment from the public.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, and Supported by Clerk Noble to close the public hearing for the PY2021 Community Development Block Grant at 7:34 PM. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Smith /yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes).

1. RESOLUTION #21-006; TO APPROVE THE PY2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Kowall said the deadline to submit the application is March 5, 2021. The Township recommendation is for the following applications to be included in this application: minor home repairs, senior services such as Meals on Wheels, domestic violence victim support such as Haven, and youth services which is Huron Valley Youth Assistance. As a HUD entitlement county, Oakland County receives these funds on a formula-based process. These funds meet the national objective of the four federal grants, one of which is the Community Development Block grant. The overall goal of these funds is to strengthen the community by supporting local revitalization projects, home improvement and public services for senior citizens, low-income persons and families, disadvantaged youth and disabled residents. Supervisor Kowall added he appreciates the effort that go towards receiving these grants every year.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, Trustee Smith SUPPORTED by to approve the Resolution #21-006; THE PY2021 Community Development Block Grant application. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Powell/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE OAKLAND COUNTY COST PARTICIPATION (TRI-PARTY) AGREEMENT – 2021 GRAVEL ROAD PROGRAM

Supervisor Kowall added that this is something that the Township does every year, and it is that time of year. Trustee Voorhies said that this is much needed for those residents who live and drive on the dirt roads. Supervisor Kowall mentioned that 70%-80% of Township roads are still gravel.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve \$59,326.00 to be used for the Oakland County Cost Participation (Tri-Party) Agreement – 2021 Gravel Road Program to come from the General Fund, and to approve the Agreement and allow the Township Supervisor to sign it. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes).

B. REQUEST FROM HURON VALLEY YOUTH ASSISTANCE FOR 2020-2021

Supervisor Kowall said this is a program the Township already supports, and it works for the Township. It helps the youth that have some difficulties and challenges. He added the caseload of 44% of families served were in White Lake Township, and 44% of the projected costs as such were \$8,712,00. This was the amount requested by Huron Valley Youth Assistance. Police Chief Keller is also in support of the program.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, Trustee Smith **SUPPORTED** by to approve the \$8, 712.00 to be spent and invested in the youth in the community to provide the funds as requested from Huron Valley Youth Assistance for 2020-2021 contribution. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Kowall/yes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING; AMENDMENT 21-10 TO ZONING ORD 58

Director O'Neil said the first hearing for the amendments was last month during the January 19, 2021 Board Meeting, after the Planning Commission held a public hearing.

Supervisor Kowall thanked Director O'Neil and his staff for their work on this project and their efforts to keep the Township in conformity with these amendments. Director O'Neil thanked Supervisor Kowall and the Board for their involvement.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to adopt Ordinance Amendment #21-10 of the modification of the White Lake Township Zoning Ordinance. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Powell/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes).

B. PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN EXTENSION REQUEST- LAKEPOINTE

Director O'Neil said a similar extension was requested by Lakepointe's sister site, West Valley, last year. West Valley has the same exact number of units at Lakepointe, 69 units, and a similar configuration. Jason Emerine, Lakepointe's engineer, was present. The Planning Department supports a one-year extension of the approved preliminary plans for Lakepointe, to expire on January 21, 2022. The project has submitted for final site plan approval, and the developer's engineer is trying to coordinate with West Valley to move both projects to final approval at the same time. The developer had bought Lakepointe and worked on that from the beginning; but West Valley was bought from another developer who had taken that site through halfway of the approval process. The engineer is trying to synchronize the projects, and he had to go backwards before going ahead.

Supervisor Kowall said this is the same plan that was presented last year, and there were no significant changes to the plan other than the fact that potentially some of the water will be able to be discharged under the road to the other parcel, which would make better use of the land.

Director O'Neil mentioned that since the developer now owns both sites and has control over the stormwater outlet, the drainage basin for the Lakepointe site was significantly reduced. There will be more usable common area for the future residents.

Mr. Emerine added that by linking the two sites together, road drainage will be provided to the northeast side of Union Lake Road.

Director O'Neil said there has been a demand for some time now of this type of project.

Trustee Powell asked what the density of the project was, and what the public benefit would be received for exchange of said density. He also expressed concerns regarding the additional traffic on Union Lake.

DPS Director Potter said the developer has some very extensive utility improvements that will need to be made. The Lakepointe project will have sewer extended throughout the site, as well as on the front of Union Lake Road. He added he hadn't looked at the grades near Bocovina. Jason Emerine said the sewer that goes across the frontage of Union Lake was originally called for a depth of 25'. The existing sewer in front of Independence Village is the same depth. It was requested for this project to have the same depth put along the frontage at minimum slope in order to service future extensions along Union Lake Road. It was discovered that Bocovina is at the far upstream end of that sanitary sewer district, and the stub that's provided at the property line against Carpathian Road is about 12' deep. That will be the future stub for the end of the sanitary sewer district for the Bocovina subdivision.

Trustee Powell said that was required to be done by ordinance, and wasn't necessarily a public benefit. He was good with it, but was hoping during the detailed engineering there would be consideration of leaving the stub south of the hill instead of Bocovina having to carry it all the way up.

Jason Emerine said there would be a net density of 5.1 units per acre, which was previously approved. Director O'Neil said a sidewalk addition of 80' along Union Lake to Independence Village would be provided, as well as \$15,000 to the adjacent neighborhood for traffic control. The developer had met with the HOA for the adjacent neighborhood to work with them regarding the traffic control. Mr. Emerine added the developer would be adding catch basins and swales to the northeast section of Union Lake Road, because the developer owns both the Lakepointe and West Valley properties. Director O'Neil said the developer will be able to provide a better end product because they own both properties.

Director O'Neil said the units were set back about 40' from the road. Mr. Emerine added that the buildings were originally planned to be closer to Union Lake Road, and during the original approval they were asked to be shifted further from Union Lake Road and have a 4' tall berm installed between the road and the units. The purpose was to screen the units from Union Lake Road. Director O'Neil said the units will be ranch style, so they won't be imposing from the road. There will be mature plantings to screen the units.

Trustee Powell said the residents of the Township will be calling regarding the adding traffic to Union Lake Road. A donation would be great for the improvement of the intersection at Cooley Lake and Union Lake. He said the project was more dense than what it should be.

Supervisor Kowall said he is working with the Road Commission for improvements on the Union Lake Corridor.

Clerk Noble suggested the developer make a donation to Stanley Park's paving projects; it would be a great giveback to the community.

Director O'Neil said it could be considered during the final site plan approval.

Trustee Smith asked if the passing lane was still included in the plans. Mr. Emerine said no the passing lane was not required by the Road Commission, and the Board deferred to the Road Commission. Trustee Smith said it was talked about, and hoped the development was going to put in the passing lane. Mr. Emerine said documents were submitted and reviewed by the Road Commission, and the Road Commission did not deem the passing lane necessary.

Trustee Smith asked Trustee Powell what could be done about the density as this point. Trustee Powell said the Board has the right to ask the developer for more, there were too many unanswered items that weren't addressed.

Trustee Smith asked what would happen if this extension request was tabled. Director O'Neil said the project would then go back to the Planning Commission, and back to the Township Board to present during their March meeting.

Trustee Smith asked Director O'Neil if the Board had the authority to send the project back to the Planning Commission. Director O'Neil said the Board could approve this extension request subject to specific conditions, but this situation hasn't happened before.

Clerk Noble said sending the plan back would not benefit the Township or the developer, but mentioned giving back to Stanley Park as a community benefit.

Treasurer Roman asked if the passing lane was demanded the last time this project was presented for approval. Director O'Neil said the minutes from that meeting talked about the Board's desire for the turn line, but the developer had said when a future development goes in, which there is potential for, a passing or center lane would go in at that time. There is no way of predicting if or when that would happen. He added that even if the Board demanded a passing lane, it wasn't guaranteed the Road Commission would require that in their permit. The Road Commission has jurisdiction over the Township.

Mr. Emerine added that Fleis and Vanderbink completed a traffic study of this intersection, and their report did not warrant a left hand or passing lane.

Trustee Powell said while the Road Commission can't force a passing lane, the Township could. Many other communities make requests for similar concerns.

Treasurer Roman asked if there was another passing lane down Union Lake Road. Supervisor Kowall said no, that particular area by the site doesn't have any. Mr. Emerine said this product was geared toward an older demographic; thus the future residents would be making less trips. The grade drop offs from 15'-20' on the edge on Union Lake, and it could put the developer at the mercy of the existing landowner to get easement acquisition.

Trustee Powell said the Board was looking for the developer to do the right thing. If the lane was not put in now, it would never be put in.

Mr. Emerine added the passing lane was not a condition of the approval, and he is getting ready to submit engineering plans to the Planning Department, and final site plans are under review right now.

Director O'Neil said he doesn't usually go out and require things that the Road Commission or traffic studies don't require. He added when someone is the last one to door, the developer is served all the problems of all the developments that came before. He said this developer wasn't responsible to fix the issues along Union Lake Road, as a passing lane won't fix the issue down that road. The County is aware of the issues over at Cooley Lake/Union Lake. The developer is in a tough situation, and nothing has changed with the ordinances or his site plans since the project was before the Board prior.

Clerk Noble said when he served on the Planning Commission, he voted no on this project due to lack of community benefit, but added it wasn't fair to the developer for the passing lane to be put on them.

Trustee Smith asked what would happen if the motion was tabled until next month, so the engineer could consult with the developer regarding more community giveback. Director O'Neil said tabling is an option, and the developer would prefer a table over a denial. Trustee Smith said that was fairer since they did come so far.

Attorney Hamameh said this was an unusual situation for an extension request. She asked if there is authority to add additional conditions and if the applicant could start the process over and submit a new site plan. Director O'Neil said the Board could, but starting over is not a good option. He said during the economic downturn years ago, many projects were kept on life support so they would not have to start all over again. He said it would be a waste of everyone's time when the plan could be approved and moved on ahead. He would hate to see the plan fall apart over small issues.

Treasurer Roman asked how much would the passing lane cost. Trustee Powell said roughly around \$50,000-\$70,000. Mr. Emerine said the retaining wall would cost more than the lane itself, he designed the retaining wall and passing lane to see how big of an easement would be needed for the previous applicant. That applicant was unsuccessful in obtaining that easement. There are no ditch lines because the grade drops off 30' from the edge of the road in that area.

Treasurer Roman said he didn't feel it was fair of the Board to ask for these changes now after the preliminary plan had already been approved.

Supervisor Kowall agreed, and said he was not in favor of holding the project up and would like to move this project forward.

Trustee Smith said she was in favor of a motion to table this request for a month so Mr. Emerine can get the authority from the developer to answer some of the questions asked this evening.

It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to table the preliminary site plan extension request for Lakepointe. The motion FAILED by roll call vote (Roman/no, Noble/no, Smith/yes, Voorheis/no, Kowall/no, Powell/yes).

Supervisor Kowall said he would like to move this project along, and have the Planning Commission take another cursory look, especially looking at a community benefit.

Mr. O'Neil said the project will go forward to the Planning Commission without coming before the Board again. The Board would see the project's Development Agreement, and the Planning Commission would consider the final site plan.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble extend the site plan approval of Lakepointe, and requesting the Planning Commission to pay attention to the issues discussed this evening when final site

plan approval is considered. The motion **CARRIED** with a roll call vote (Powell/no, Smith/no*, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes).

*She was disappointed that the developer did not respect the Board's request for a turn lane.

C. SECOND READING; FEE ORDINANCE- WATER & SEWER SYSTEM

DPS Director Potter said on the special Board meeting of January 26, 2021, Baker Tilley presented a rate study for the water system. There were a couple errors on the original fee ordinance amendment; those have been fixed. The findings from the study reflects capital improvement and water system operations up to 2026. This has been discussed in many public hearings, the CIP, and DPS Budgets. This also includes the addition of iron filtration and the DWRP project planned with Huron Valley Schools for the Aspen Meadows Wellhouse and the Bogie Lake water main extension.

Director Potter said he went back and looked at a previous rate comparison. The Township takes on extra work and responsibility to have and maintain their own water source; with the new rate change, the Township would have rates similar to other communities with groundwater systems. White Lake rates are around half of the rate of the Detroit water systems in other communities.

Trustee Smith asked when these rates would go into effect, and suggested the beginning of July or October of this year to start. This would help businesses who are still getting back on their feet due to COVID. She added that the Board supports water projects moving forward, but this is a matter of when it is better for residents and businesses of White Lake.

Director Potter said he would prefer to enact the rate change in October, because July 1 begins the third quarter billing cycle. The third quarter billing cycle encompasses the summer season, which sees high water usage. By starting in October, it would give customers three full billing cycles to see how the costs effects their budgets.

Clerk Noble agreed with Trustee Smith and said October would be a good time to enact the rate change. It would economically give the residents time to adjust their budgets. He applauded Director Potter for taking the steps to improve the water system.

Treasurer Roman asked if the first bill residents would see the increase would be January 1, 2022. Director Potter confirmed.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Smith, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to adopt the Fee Ordinance #129 for adoption October 1st, 2021. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Noble/yes. Powell/yes).

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Supervisor Kowall – He thanked everyone for their work on the water rate study. He also thanked Director O'Neil and his staff for reaching out to the local restauranters. He also wanted to shout out John Wheaton for plowing Township properties. Hats off to John. He thanked all the staff that made it in today.

Clerk Noble – thanked the Township staff, and thanked the Fire and Police Department, and their employees.

Trustee Smith – the Library is in Phase 3 of reopening, and explained what that phase of reopening entailed. She congratulated all the firefighters who received awards, and was sorry she wasn't able to be there in person to congratulate them. She also thanked Deputy Chief Holland for putting together a nice presentation to share. The Police Department is working towards a goal for the Polar Plunge, there is a donation option on their Facebook. This year's

event will be virtual due to COVID, the proceeds go to the Special Olympics. She is excited about the new website. Stay safe, and prayers for Texas. Check on your neighbors and bring your pets inside.

Trustee Powell- No comment.

Treasurer Roman- said today was the last day to pay winter taxes without penalty, and thanked all the residents who braved the weather today to pay their taxes. Over 160 paid their taxes today. He thanked all of those who were tuning into today's meeting. March 1 is the statutory date for tax payments to be in the hands of White Lake Treasury department, otherwise unpaid taxes get turned over to Oakland County.


Trustee Voorheis- she wanted to thank the Board for their questions and involvement regarding Stanley Park.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** Trustee Smith by to adjourn. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I, Anthony L. Noble, 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 February 16, 2021 regular board meeting minutes.



Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan