

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15, 2020

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
 Terry Lilley, Clerk
 Mike Roman, Treasurer
 Michael Powell, Trustee
 Andrea C. Voorheis, Trustee
 Liz Smith, Trustee
 Scott Ruggles, Trustee

Also Present: Lisa Hamameh, Attorney
 Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
 Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

Supervisor Kowall amended the Agenda as follows:

- Add Item F – Human Resource Position
- Add Item G – Fat, Oil, Grease (FOG) Agreement
- Add Item H – Proposed Tanker Sale

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINTUES – REGULAR BAORD MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2020

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2020

Trustee Powell corrected from the Minutes of August 18, 2020, Page 7, last line – first word should be So, not S.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve both sets of Minutes as amended by Trustee Powell. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Powell/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

PROCLAMATIONS

A. NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2020

Supervisor Kowall read the Proclamation into the record and declared September 2020, as National Recovery Month.

It was reminded that the White Lake Police Department has programs or are part of programs and they can be contacted if you know someone or are someone in need of help.

B. NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2020

Supervisor Kowall read the Proclamation into the record and declared, September 2020, as National Suicide Prevention Month.

1-800-273-TALK

C. U.S. CONSTITUTION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2020

Supervisor Kowall read the Proclamation into the record and declared the week of September 17 – 23, 2020 as Constitution Week.

PUBLIC HEARING

**A. HEARING TO CONFIRM THE ROLL FOR THE EMERGENCY SEWER CONNECTION 2020-01
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to Open the Public Hearing to Confirm the Roll for the Emergency Sewer Connection 2020-01 Special Assessment District. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

No public comment made.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to Close the Public Hearing to Confirm the Roll for the Emergency Sewer Connection 2020-01 Special Assessment District. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes).

RESOLUTION

A. RESOLUTION #20-032; TO CONFIRM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATED EMERGENCY SEWER CONNECTIONS 2020-01

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to approve Resolution #20-32; to Confirm the Special Assessment Roll for the Special Assessment District Designated Emergency Sewer Connections 2020-01. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes).

B. RESOLUTION #20-031; TO APPROVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – 2021-2026

Sean O'Neil noted that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 3, 2020, at which time they unanimously approved the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The 2021-2026 White Lake Township Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will serve as a tool to assist White Lake Township in turning long-range policy planning into real improvements on the ground. A six-year capital improvement plan and an annual update of that plan is now a requirement for White Lake Township under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008. The following report identifies the major capital improvements needed and/or planned for the community, the timeframe for implementation of those improvements, and the budget and revenue sources that will make those improvements a reality. Capital improvements cover multiple departments within White Lake Township, and include new Township facilities, water and sewer extensions, fire protection vehicles and equipment, police equipment, parks and recreation facilities, non-motorized pathways, and professional services.

He further noted that the threshold is \$50,000. He thanked Justin Quagliata for his hard work in this matter and all the department heads for their help.

Trustee Powell thanked the planning staff for their hard work and for the savings to the Township.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve Resolution #20-031; Capital Improvement Plan 2021-2026. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECLASSIFICATION

Trustee Powell confirmed that this is a union position. He further noted that it would be tough for a union member to participate in union negotiations with the Chief.

Supervisor Kowall indicated there is no doubt in his mind that most of the fire department is in support of the Township. He believes Mr. Holland will have the best interest of the Township.

Cathy Derocher stated that this position would be observing the process of the negotiations, not necessarily sitting at the table.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman and Trustee Smith to approve the Fire Department Reclassification as described tonight referring from the position shift from Fire Marshall to Deputy Chief. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

B. STANLEY PARK MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT SELECTION

Sean O'Neil indicated that the RFQ was advertised for four weeks and five firms submitted proposals. Of the five firms, four were interviewed. He referred to Justin Quagliata to further discuss.

Justin Quagliata indicated the Parks Committee has been very active this summer to prepare for and get to this point. He too indicated the RFQ was advertised for four weeks. The Parks Committee reviewed the five responses and selected four to interview. On September 1st, the Committee held a special meeting to vote on their preferred consultant. The four interviewed were Johnson Hill, McKenna, Giffels Webster, and Beckett & Raeder. Of them, the Parks Committee was unanimous for Beckett & Raeder for their robust scope of services, public engagement, design concept, and they will provide up to three design alternatives.

After the Master Plan portion of the project, the consultant will assist staff in preparing a grant application for development funds for the park. Beckett & Raeder is more than qualified. The planning staff negotiated a \$1,500 reduction in the grant application fees with a total project costs of \$23,000. They were not the lowest or highest bidder, but they were the most qualified to do this project successfully.

He continued that Beckett & Raeder did the Bloomer Park design and grant administration, as well as the Hidden Pines Park Master Plan. He indicated there is money in the Parks and Recreation Fund to pay for this. They are recommending that the Board act tonight so that they can move forward with the Master Plan, which will put them in line to meet the April 1, 2021 state grant application deadline.

Trustee Voorheis thanked Justin and Sean for getting this done timely. She confirmed that they were unanimous in choosing Beckett & Raeder. She noted that each firm was asked if they had come out to the

park and Beckett & Raeder had, they showed enthusiasm and that they were the best decision for White Lake Township.

Trustee Ruggles agrees with the recommendation from Parks and Recreation and he supports Beckett & Raeder.

Trustee Smith is appreciative of the work that Parks and Recreation did and the time they have committed. She questioned what happens to the process if they chose not to go with this consultant at this moment. To which Justin and Sean indicated that the April 1st grant deadline would be missed.

Trustee Smith indicated she is extremely interested in public involvement and idea sharing. She is not looking for a minimalist park on this property. She wants a unique park that will draw people to White Lake and a user-friendly recreation area. She wants to make sure that it is different and unique. She does not believe that the references given are unique enough for what she is looking for. She wants to move it forward and catch the April 1st deadline, but questions how much say the public and this Board will have. She furthered that there is an incredible opportunity to design the park from scratch and for it to be like nothing ever seen before around here. She wants to take full advantage of that and has concerns that the Township will end up with something less than what the residents deserve. They deserve to have a unique recreation area.

Sean O'Neil replied that if the Board moves forward tonight, there will be a kick-off meeting next week with Beckett & Raeder where the timeline will be gone over. He thinks the only way to do this right is to get the maximum involvement from the public, which includes the Board and Parks and Recreation Committee. He noted that they want all residents to have an opportunity to provide input and that it is a top priority for the Parks Committee as well. He indicated that has been made clear to Beckett & Raeder. He highlighted that they are willing to design three different alternatives which gives a lot of opportunity to try different things while moving forward. He declared that nobody knows how this will end up, but we must make it perfect. We only get one shot to do it.

He added that this is a larger project than Bloomer Park, but the feedback on Bloomer Park and the reputation and track record of Beckett & Raeder is good.

Treasurer Roman thanked Trustee Voorheis for her comments and noted that he does not want to hire a consultant that does not have enthusiasm. He respectfully disagrees with Trustee Smith and hopes that the park will be more of an open space, relaxing and rural with a lot of nature and walkability. He agrees that is why public opinion is necessary to build what the public wants.

Trustee Powell agrees with both Treasurer Roman and Trustee Smith. He reminds Treasurer Roman that there is a tremendous amount of parkland in White Lake Township. He supports that this would be nice if people traveled specifically to visit this park. Professionally speaking he knows that all the consultants are

first rate consultants and he knows that Beckett & Raeder are known nationwide for their creativity and excitement in parks and he is very pleased with the choice.

Supervisor Kowall thinks it is the natural progression from the first SEMCOG meeting. The dominoes fell from there and the Township is lucky that the grant was able to get put together so quickly. He declared let's make history, agreeing with Trustee Smith that this needs to be special. He furthered that he has reached out to a couple of Board members he would like on two on the committee.

Treasurer Roman questioned with the shortage of funds being seen in the state because of COVID if there is a feel of availability of the grant money.

Mr. O'Neil indicated he has not heard of scaling back as the funds come from gas and oil funds. Supervisor Kowall interjected that the revenue stream is plentiful.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis moves to authorize the Township Supervisor to engage Beckett & Raeder to complete Master Planning and grant preparation services for Stanley Park with a cost not to exceed \$23,000.00 to be paid from the Professional Services Line Item in the Parks and Recreation Fund which contains \$35,000.00 in the 2020 Budget. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

C. REQUEST TO WAIVE APPLICATION FEE; WATERFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A letter was received asking to waive the \$25 Application Fee for a non-profit event held on September 11, 2020.

Trustee Ruggles questioned that they are asking to waive a fee for an event that already took place. It was confirmed by Clerk Lilley that the fee was not received prior to the event and Trustee Ruggles questioned how they obtained a permit without paying the fee. He furthered asked if this is done for White Lake Township businesses typically.

Supervisor Kowall noted that it would have to go in front of the Board.

Clerk Lilley noted that he has left recommendations for this Board to consider at a later date regarding the current ordinance requirements.

Attorney Hamameh interjected that we charge fees for our costs. The Township Board should consider reevaluating those fees/costs rather than handle it the way it has been done in the past.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis, to waive the \$25.00 Application Fee for the Waterford Chamber of Commerce for their fundraiser. The motion PASSED

by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

D. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION; MYDINI ENTERPRISES 1, LLC

Clerk Lilley noted this is an application for the old Ripples Restaurant on M-59. There are several things that the applicant needs to do before they will receive a final certificate of occupancy. They are making a huge investment and trying to meet the needs of the Township, knowing that their investment is protected is reasonable at this point. He recommends approval of the liquor license subject to certificate occupancy and fees due being paid in full.

Trustee Powell indicated that the Township is designing a downtown area and believes that a liquor license will be critical to that and questioned how many licenses are left in the Township.

Supervisor Kowall believes there are 4 or 5 left and believes with the Census that number could go up.

Attorney Hamameh noted that the Liquor Control Commission will not even consider their application unless or until the Township Board approves the Resolution on the MLCC form without any conditions and she notes the form is not part of the Resolution. She also noted there are four licenses available and this would now make it three.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell, to approve the Liquor License Application Mydini Enterprises 1, LLC to include the standard MLCC form. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Powell/yes, Ruggles/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

E. REQUEST TO APPROVE HURON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR SEXTON SERVICES 2021-2023

Clerk Lilley noted the service provided and responses to request is excellent. He noted there is a small increase, but they are not far off. He cannot say enough for what they do. It is his recommendation that the contract be renewed.

Trustee Voorheis questioned how long they have to clean up their mess. She reminded of a grave that was damaged in the White Lake Cemetery that she and another Board member cleaned up after the Township was ridiculed on social media. She indicated that the evidence pointed to the Sexton Company causing the damage. To which Supervisor Kowall noted that it was discovered the damage was caused by GFL.

Clerk Lilley noted that going around the mulberry bush for complaints doesn't work. If he would have been notified, he would have had it taken care of.

Trustee Ruggles reminded that he brought this up last year with the fee raises with this company. He does not like the idea of constantly raising fees for the residents. He suggests that perhaps it needs to be examined and that the Township receive other bids. He believes it is an inevitable conversation that will need to be had at some point in time.

Trustee Smith does not believe this is an area we should be burdening the residents with and it should be discussed in the future.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley, to approve the new contract for the Sexton Services with Huron Cemetery Maintenance as presented. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

F. HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION

Supervisor Kowall reminded the Board that the Township is growing, and staffing is changing. He opined that we are a victim of our own success and that the Township needs to be able to take care of its employees. With the internal change it is a position that needs to be created so that it can be filled.

Clerk Lilley commented that Mrs. Derocher is a loyal professional and detailed individual and he is happy that the Board has recognized what she has done for the Township and be able to retain those services that will be sorely needed in the future as we continue to expand.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve the job description and wages for the Human Resources Manager position. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Lilley/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes with comment, Kowall/yes).

Treasurer Roman commented that he would like to see the salaries for the Township Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk positions to be increased to top out at the same level as the Human Resource position. These Deputy positions have the same reasonability and workload as this HR position or any other position within the Township.

G. FATS, OIL, GREASE (FOG) AGREEMENT

Trustee Powell stated that FOG is an issue throughout the Township, which has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to deal with FOG that gets accumulated in the sanitary sewers within the Township. Every community that owns sanitary sewers has a FOG ordinance to try and prevent the accumulation of grease into the sanitary sewer systems. It was first started with a monitoring manhole that was placed outside each structure that was going to be creating food preparation. It helped DPS track where the grease was coming from. It did not help as it left the local community with the costs of removing the FOG. The Oakland County Health Department established an ordinance that required a large tank, typically 1,000

gallons, where the water and grease flows into the tank, solidifies and then relatively clean water leaves that tank and enters the sanitary sewer. That is not being requested to change in this instance.

What is being asked tonight is a modification of the sanitary sewer ordinance in White Lake Township to recognize the fact that all businesses that generate food have the same need for a very large tank. It also recognizes that we have several strip malls that have the need of maintaining a tenant and the cost of putting a 1,000-gallon tank is unwarranted. Before the Board tonight is a change, allowing the head of DPS and the Township Engineer to decide that a particular use does not have to comply with the 1,000-gallon tank by the existing structure.

He noted there is tweaking that needs to happen as this modification does not address existing structures. It is a catch all for shops that will be added after the fact. He has concerns with terminology issues within the modification. He is in full favor of this type of modification to specifically state that it is to only existing facilities, and that it is not for full-service restaurants. He believes it should not only say for restaurants that do not have a great deal of grilling, but it should really deal with washing of dishes and it does not. He is recommending that he, Supervisor Kowall, and Aaron Potter make some modifications before it is finally added to the ordinance.

Supervisor Kowall stated that this agreement was developed for a specific location. However, upon looking at it the intention could be applied throughout the Township to existing locations.

Attorney Hamameh indicated she was approached to draft this contract for one instance. She did the best she could working with Mike Lueffgen, Aaron Potter, and the input from the County. She noted that Mr. Powell made statements about ordinance modifications, which this is not. The Ordinance authorizes the Engineer and DPS Director on a case by case basis to evaluate when this should or should not be permitted. She believes as it relates to Mr. Potter and Mr. Lueffgen that the intent was just for this instance and to amend the ordinance to include specific factors that they will consider going forward as to whether or not they should allow the indoor stand-alone tank.

Trustee Powell indicated that there are no specific requirements in it and in his opinion, it is not ready to be modified.

Attorney Hamameh differs that it does require compliance with county standards and all the Township's ordinances.

Trustee Smith understands that this is for one specific building and there are no parameters specified in the ordinances. She asked attorney Hamameh if there are parameters in the county ordinances.

Mrs. Hamameh indicated that Aaron Potter and Mike Lueffgen assured her that in Paragraph One of the Agreement they are required to install, maintain, and repair and place in accordance with all state, county and Township codes rules and regulations, including engineer design standards. The Township also

requires in Paragraph Two, that they perform all maintenance, repair and replacement with the sewer ordinance including the wastewater disposal standard and regulation referenced in the sewer code. She understood this covered everything.

Trustee Smith asked if the parameters could be placed now or have it tabled until next month's meeting.

Supervisor Kowall noted the language allows the Township to make sure there is adherence to those and allows the Township to inspections, Sec. 38-515 of the Sewer Code. He feels comfortable using the language in this Agreement but wants to make sure there is something potentially in the Ordinance that has teeth. The business did not feel they needed to have that capacity and did not want to tear up a site and lose a tenant. Within the Ordinance it allows lateral movement to the DPS director and Engineer. The thought was to go along with the Ordinance as it is written but if maintenance issues come up that the onus for clean-up falls on them and not the Township.

Mrs. Hamameh read into the record #7 of the Agreement and identified that the Board is not all in receipt of the correct Agreement version.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the different versions in hand.

Mrs. Hamameh suggested that the Mechanical Plan must be included and approved by the Township and the issue regarding remedies you either take them to court for compliance or withdraw the certificate of occupancy. There is a catch all remedy that indicates nothing in here prohibits the Township from exercising any other ordinance or law for enforcement. There was discussion about the Township exercising an administrative search warrant. The way it is written the Township can complete the repairs and bill the owner for the cost of the repairs and any cleanup to any sewer. If they do not pay, it goes on their tax bill.

Trustee Powell does not want to do a favor for this company. If there is a reason to do it for one, the ability should be available to do for anyone.

Attorney Hamameh believes in equal enforcement. The ordinance does allow it, but when it was drafted it did not include specific factors that the DPS Director and Engineer should consider and without them you are begging unequal enforcement. She believes what was considered was the limited anticipated use of the grill and fryer. They have put as much protection in as possible.

Treasurer Roman questioned if any other community has an agreement like this, to which Mrs. Hamameh indicated no one does. He also suggests that the restaurant owner be given an opportunity to review the agreement before it is voted on.

Trustee Smith noted that she thinks they are all on the same page, but it needs some work.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Smith, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to table this to the September 23, 2020 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

H. REQUEST OF SALE OF TWO TANKERS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marinucci indicated the asking price on the two vehicles is: Tanker III, \$135,000.00 less the finders fee for the advertisement; Tanker II, \$75,000.00.

Supervisor Kowall confirmed that with the sale of these two tankers it creates nearly \$200,000 towards a new one.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Smith to approve the sale of the two tankers, one for \$135,000.00 and the other for \$75,000.00. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Ruggles/yes, Powell/no, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING; AMENDMENT TO SEWER ORDINANCE – CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE IV, SEC. 38-418

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles, to approve the Amendment to Sewer Ordinance, Chapter 38, Article IV, Sec. 38-418. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes).

FYI – REVISED LOGO, CGI RENEW CONTRACT, AND PHOTO CONTEST FOR WEBSITE TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Supervisor Kowall noted that the logo did not change a lot. This version is doable on areas where we do not have a conflicting background. They are both essentially the same, but one does not have a blue line.

Supervisor Kowall informed that the CGI Agreement that the Township did last year regarding the video would like to come back and add an updated video with a two-year agreement to keep it fresh.

Supervisor Kowall noted that the Township would like to hold a photo contest for the new website, which will include prizes. It will get people to invest in their website.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Voorheis – Reminded everyone that the No-Haz event in the Kohl's parking lot is set for September 26th from 9am to 1pm. There is a list of qualifying items on the White Lake Township Facebook page. She

also reminded that the Historical Society is hosting a sold-out comedy club this Saturday, September 19th. She wished everyone safety and health.

Trustee Smith – The library has resumed their regular hours: Monday – Thursday 8am to 10pm, Friday and Saturday 8am to 5pm. It is also library card sign-up month and she reminded of the Michigan Activity Pass where you can use your library card as a free recreational pass. She commended the fire department for shining a light on suicide prevention month. She indicated there is no stigma in needing help with mental health. She encouraged residents to reach out. She showed a shirt from the fire department that can be ordered for \$10 for suicide prevention month. She further shared that first responders can call 1-206-495-3020. She highlighted that there are other programs such as Share the Load and National Help Line. Additionally, she thanked the first responders as September 11 was honored this past week. She wished the students and parents successful start to the school year. She reminded that no questions asked, free lunch is available to all school age children. Lastly, she reminded her colleagues to wear pink in October for breast cancer awareness month and Pitbull month.

Trustee Ruggles – The Planning Commission met last Tuesday to discuss the Four-Corners development. The vote was 4 to 3 to allow what they already constructed. The meeting for September 17th has been cancelled and the next meeting will be held on October 3rd.

The Great Pumpkin Hunt has been cancelled at Indian Springs Metro Park due to the virus, the number in attendance, and the lack of fundraising this year by the Optimist Club. He usually supplies the pumpkins and has offered to donate the pumpkins in hopes of them having the event. He has also offered to host the event on his property. He thinks it can be safely done so that another event is not taken from the kids.

Trustee Powell – The Zoning Board of Appeals was held last Thursday where a request to build a 16' high structure off White Lake was denied. They also denied the ability of a property owner to put a second story on home that was too close to the property line as it deviated from the ordinance. He noted there are six items requesting modifications of the ordinance on the agenda for the next meeting. He thanked the Board for the joint meeting with the CCDC group as it went well, and he is looking forward to the September 29th meeting.

Treasurer Roman – Thanked all the residents that paid their summer tax bills that were due September 14th. There was a record number of electronic payments made. They collected 93% that was billed out which is an all-time best. He thanked his staff for a terrific job done. He thanked Kathy Gordinear and Carol Kehoe for manning the Township Office door. They are doing a great job with COVID protocols. He noted that they had 300 visitors per day at his desk just last week. He advised there will be in-house training in early October for taking credit cards at the counter.

Clerk Lilley – Indicated that ballot testing will be done on September 24th and public accuracy test at 4:30 p.m. He furthered that they will have four Absentee Voter Counting Boards this election instead of the normal two. They are busy in the office with the applications and ballots that will be going out shortly. He

noted that the Senate passed a Bill today that may allow the opening of ballots the day before the election. He closed by thanking his staff for a terrific job done.

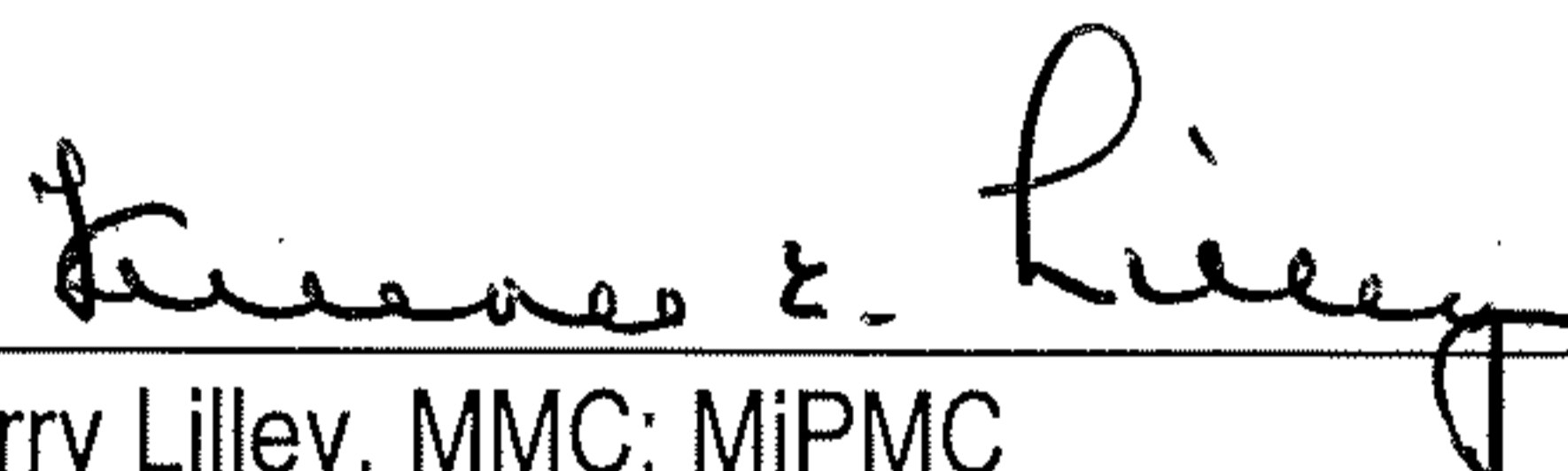
Supervisor Kowall – Indicated there will be a preliminary budget meeting to allow for review and then it will be addressed at the October meeting. He shared that White Lake Township was voted 19th on a list of the best Cities for top fitness. He indicated that we are moving into the 21st Century with online payments and he appreciates Mr. Roman for embracing it, especially with the times we are in now with COVID. The website is coming along and the group working on it is making good strides. The launch date will be provided by Patricia Pergament. He gave a shout out to Kathy Gordinear and Carol Kehoe regarding the Senior Advisory Counsel meeting on Monday. He appreciates them keeping the Township in compliance with the Executive Order. He reminded of the No-Haz on September 26th from 9am to 1pm. More information is available on the website but reminded that no latex paint will be accepted. He appreciates everyone's input regarding FOG. He also appreciated Station One displaying the 9/11 memorabilia above the door and for shining a light on it. He wished everyone a good night and God bless.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 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 September 15, 2020 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, MMC; MiPMC
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan