

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
May 11, 2021

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held in person. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Noble called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
 Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
 Mike Roman, Treasurer
 Scott Ruggles, Trustee
 Liz Smith, Trustee (Arrived Late)
 Andrea C. Voorheis, Trustee
 Michael Powell, Trustee

Also Present: Douglas Santiago, Deputy Clerk
 Catherine Derocher, Human Resource Manager
 Daniel T. Keller, Police Chief
 John Holland, Fire Chief
 Brandon Fournier, Township Labor Attorney

AGENDA

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

FYI

A. HURON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATION MIP STICKER PROGRAM

Chief Keller addressed the Board and updated them on the MIP (Minor in Possession) Sticker Program. He stated that the Police Department in cooperation with Huron Valley Community Collaboration had reach their goal with the MIP Sticker Program. He stated that they were able to distribute two thousand labels used for marking alcohol product in Liquor and Gas Stations throughout the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO PURCHASE PATROL VEHICLES

Chief Keller requested funding in the amount of \$97,545.00 to cover the bid to purchase three new 2021 Dodge Durango Police Cars from Szott Dodge. He requested the Board approve \$98,000.00 to cover any minor unforeseen overages. Chief Keller stated the police department is looking at the Dodge over the Ford as Dodge is offering same or better product from a local dealer and that Szott was the lowest accurate bid. Chief Keller added that Szott was offering to enter into a community partnership with the Township and

offered to provide routine maintenance such as oil changes, tire rotations, filters as well as priority service at no cost to the Township if they Township allowed Szott to display a joint logo decal on the police vehicles. Chief Keller indicated that this type of partnership has been done by other communities and that it would save the Township thousands of dollars over the life of the vehicles. He indicated he thought it would be a win-win for the Township but that ultimately it was up to the Board.

Treasurer Roman stated he is against advertising on police cars and that other businesses that are not permitted to advertise should be a consideration.

Supervisor Kowall advised that it is done in other communities and cited the Community Partnership WOTA has with businesses.

Trustee Powell stated he was in favor of such a Public-Private partnership. He stated that this partnership with Szott does not exclude other businesses from having opportunities for such partnerships. For example, a flower shop could donate flowers to a local cemetery if they so choose.

Trustee Ruggles inquired as to the savings amount and stated he opposes the decal.

Treasurer Roman commented that Szott wasn't even the lowest bid. Police Chief Keller responded that they were in fact the lowest qualified bidder.

Trustee Voorheis stated since it has been done in other communities, she thought it was ok as long as it was not obnoxious. Trustee Powell agreed and stated he did not want a bright orange sticker.

Trustee Smith stated she was against advertising on a Public Safety vehicle.

Clerk Noble commented that stickers that advertise accreditation already go on police vehicles.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to authorize the police department request to purchase three new Dodge police patrol vehicles from Szott M-59 Dodge at a total cost not to exceed \$98,000.00 dollars. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

B. REQUEST TO ALLOW SZOTT DODGE TO PLACE STICKERS ON NEW POLICE VEHICLES

The request failed by a show of hands.

CLOSED SESSION

A. MOTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER CLIENT COMMUNICATION EXEMPT MATERIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268(h).

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Roman to recess into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute-Attorney

Client Communication in accordance with MCL 15.268(h). The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

Moved into closed session at 5:49 p.m.

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

Moved into open session at 7:52 p.m.

Supervisor Kowall addressed the Police Chief Keller and Fire Chief Holland and advised that the Board will be conducting future work sessions and requested the Chiefs patience in moving forward.

Trustee Powell stated he has the utmost respect for the two professionals and indicated he wants to make the entire Township work as well together as both Chiefs.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to adjourn. The motion PASSED by a show of hands.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 May 11, 2021 special board meeting minutes.

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