

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
October 19, 2021

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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
Andrea C. Voorheis, Trustee

Absent: Michael Powell, Trustee

Also Present: Daniel T. Keller, Police Chief
John Holland, Fire Chief
Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
Jeanine Smith, Township Assessor
Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney
Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

Supervisor Kowall amended the Agenda to add Item 6G – Department Report – Treasurer.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Agenda with the addition of 6G. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Sprader, 10217 Lakeside Drive and owner of Sprader's Bar. He thanked the Board for helping them out with the project on the bar. He noted that the Township went above and beyond, and he appreciates it. He joked that he has tortured Director O'Neil over the past few weeks. He thinks that the process went great, and he really appreciates it. He would like to have a party for the police, fire, and township to say thank you. He further noted that Nick Spencer was great to work with.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- B. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**
- C. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**
- D. DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE**
- E. DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE**
- F. DEPARTMENT REPORT- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- G. DEPARTMENT REPORT – TREASURER**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

MINUTES

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 17, 2021
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2021
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 09, 2021
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 17, 2021, the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, the August 25, 2021, the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, September 9, 2021, and the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 21, 2021. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

PRESENTATIONS

A. COMMON GROUND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM WITH WHITE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Keller mentioned "No Shave November" that raises money for the Department's adopted family. He shared that last year's family consisted of four children being raised by their grandparents and prior to that was a child battling cancer. This year's recipient is a nine-year old who last Thursday was mauled by two dogs. He has gone through six hours of plastic surgery and was released from the hospital this last Sunday. He shared that he is very proud of this young man for being as strong as he is. He is asking all those present and anyone listening to give money to the White Lake Police Department to aid in giving this young boy and his family the Christmas he deserves.

Chief Keller then introduced Sgt. Jeff Way, who recently took the Lieutenants exam and placed first. He will be promoted to lieutenant sometime next year.

Sgt. Way thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak tonight regarding the mental health collaborative program that was implemented by their department to better serve the citizens of the Township. He read the department's vision statement into the record. He shared that the White Lake Township Police Department has entered into a collaborative agreement with Common Ground of Oakland County. The purpose of the collaboration is to give police officer access to a needed resource that benefits the township's citizens. He shared that it is not unusual for the Department to respond to nonthreatening calls involving mental health or substance abuse. In 2019 the volume of calls of residents experiencing mental health crisis was recognized and there was a severe need of placing those in need. He shared from an article issued in 2020 that 20% of police calls involve a mental health and/or substance abuse crisis. He further shared, that statistics show that mental health calls have increased.

Between June 2019 and June 2020, the White Lake Police Department responded to 9 attempted suicides, 218 family trouble complaints, 68 mental health related calls, 20 narcotic overdoses, conducted 563 welfare checks, and investigated 3 drug overdose deaths. In the calendar year of 2019 the Department responded to 1,024 verified offenses that were related to personal or family crisis, which averages two calls per day.

Due to the increase of incidents and the inherent danger to police officers the Department decided to reach out to local mental health experts, Common Ground. Common Ground is the largest provider of mental health services in Oakland County. With the assistance of the Common Ground representatives a referral program initiated. The roles of the referral program include reducing repeat calls for service, provided thorough and specific crisis related services to the community, identify and utilize community resources to the fullest, provide a balanced approach to mental

health, domestic violence and suicide ideations, reduce the silent expectations of police, and departmental liability and use of force situations.

He shared that the way the program works is that a police officer responds to a call for services, assess the situation for a non-immediate or mental health crisis (i.e., domestic violence, suicidal ideation, overdose, self-harm, or crime victimization). The opportunity to have a mental health expert contact them directly is discussed. The resident offers consent for the follow up contact of a Common Ground mental health expert. The officer completes their referral form and emails it to Common Ground who will then contact the individual the next day and assess their needs. Common Ground will then follow up with the resident for up to twelve months. As a result of the collaboration the White Lake Police Department now has a tool to assist such residents in need.

He further indicated the referral program started here has spread to neighboring communities. Currently Common Ground is assisting 141 residents through the referral programs and of that number 50% are from White Lake Township. He extended the Department's gratitude to Common Ground for working with them.

Elizabeth Kjar, Project Developer for Common Ground. She noted there is a grant that allows for this collaboration. She identified that White Lake Township was the first collaboration and it has been very successful. She noted that the police officers should be highly commended for their role. She highlighted that this particular model of providing follow-up services to people in crisis have been presented nationwide as part of the federal 988 crisis prevention system that will be implemented.

Rosa Thomas, Chief of Program for Common Ground. The project has been incredible due to the collaboration and the fact that it started at the beginning of COVID. The follow-up process initiated here will be looked at nationwide as the model.

Supervisor Kowall thanked everyone for their participation in this. He noted that White Lake Township has a very strong community outreach program. This is a continued community policing and effort of services to the community. He commended Chief Keller, the Department, and Common Ground.

B. HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS MILLAGE ELECTION UPDATE

Supervisor Kowall introduced Superintendent Paul Salah. He further shared that when he came into office in 2016, he noted a need for a reliable source of water at the school complex due to issues. At that time, when he approached the school, the school was not very responsive. Now that Mr. Salah is present, contact was made, and a collaboration began for a new iron filtration plant to service the north end of the Township but also to bring high-quality drinking water to the complex a year from now. He personally thanked Mr. Salah for his involvement.

Paul Salah indicated that he appreciates the partnership with the Township. He thanked the voters in the community for voting for the bond. He declared that citizens and students deserve clean drinking water.

He appreciates Chief Keller and his department, as the schools also recognize some of the challenges of the social and emotional learning. He applauds the Township for supporting the police department.

He is here this evening as on November 2nd they are asking voters to consider two ballot proposals:

1. Renew a routine non-homestead, which is the way schools are funded; and
2. Restoration of 18 mills.

He highlighted there is zero impact to a primary residence. He then shared a three-minute video that highlighted:

- Voters will be asked to restore and renew on November 2nd
- If you own one home in the school district it will not affect your property taxes at all
- Applies to businesses and second homes
- Funds generated pay for bus drivers, fuels, utilities, books, and supplies
- If not approved, Huron Valley School District will lose \$10.5 million in funding

OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION #21-034; EXTENSION TO COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #C2016-015(A) – 4 CORNERS SQUARE FLATS LLC

Supervisor Kowall reminded this topic was before the Board at last month's meeting.

Shakir Alkhafaji shared that he invited the Board to visit the project and in fact some did. He thought seeing the project would provide a picture to the Board of what they have developed on a property that sat for years. He noted that they could not have anticipated what COVID did to the project with the stop of work and immobilization of the supply chain. As an example, he shared that the brick layer came to him in the middle of the project with a contract and indicated it was going to cost more for them to complete the project, regardless of a law suit. He stated the reason for the request initiated in July 2021 is the construction loan and that the existing debt service ratio on the loan, based on the current expenses and taxes, will require 73% leased at \$2.00 per foot, which means \$2,400 rent. He shared that there are 35 units leased to date and that every person that walks through the door signs a lease due to the beautiful project created and its amenities.

Mr. Alkhafaji indicate that as of a month ago, it was decided to lower rent from \$2,400 to \$1,700, which brings it to \$1.43 per foot. He noted they are leasing cheaper than anyone else in the area, but the problem is not the cost, but lack of foot traffic. He further stated that leasing at this rate means he has to be at 95% to meet the debt service ratio. He is hopeful the board will give the extension so that they can meet the debt service ratio by 2026. He identified that his banker, Michael Schick of Fifth Third Bank is present tonight. He also shared that he owns land next to a school and that he gave the school a \$125,000 discount for five-acres, because he tries to be a good citizen and to do the best he can for the community. He is asking the Board to help him get through this.

Treasurer Roman questioned to Mr. Alkhafaji that the debt comes due in 2026 and whether his goal was to refinance then out of the construction loan and into a more conventional loan. To which Mr. Alkhafaji indicated that is correct.

Trustee Voorheis toured the facility and while it is not her style, she noted it is very high class and totally worthy of \$1,700 a month.

Mr. Alkhafaji interjected that they cannot get people in the door. He shared that they have done co-ops with many hospitals and Oakland Community College as well as a roommate program.

Treasurer Roman commented that he did speak with Mr. Schick of Fifth Third Bank. He asked of him if the program was in default right now and/or is the program being foreclosed on, to which the answer was no to both. He noted that he advocated for lower rent, which Mr. Alkhafaji indicates he is already offering. Treasurer Roman toured the property and notes that it is a beautiful place and one that he would recommend to others. He suggested that Mr. Alkhafaji reach out to Cathy Gordinier of the Senior Center as well.

Michael Schick of Fifth Third Bank noted there is not a lot he is permitted to say. He notes it is unusual for a banker to show up to a meeting of this type. He shared that client selection is very important to the bank and Mr. Alkhafaji is an excellent client to the bank who has been very admirable during a very difficult time.

Clerk Noble also visited the project. He noted the windows from Italy, that didn't make it to the project cost Mr. Alkhafaji \$250,000 which upsets the loan and the project. He indicated that the project started off at \$16 million and is now at \$20 million with overages. He has not seen a project of this magnitude in White Lake Township.

Supervisor Kowall reminded the environmental issues with this project exceeded expectation. He also noted that the planned water system had to be changed with additional expenditures because the contamination went further than originally anticipated. He declared there were a variety of things that happened as a result of the environmental issues and then with COVID.

Trustee Smith reiterated her sentiment from last month that no one is disputing the quality of his product and contribution to the community. She has a hard time coconsciously doing this for one business and not all businesses in White Lake as everyone suffered through COVID. She reminded that this abatement was for plume and toxic land only. She feels like this is a bait and switch. She reminded that ten years was originally asked for in 2016 and that this is a second swipe of what was originally asked for. She noted that giving seven then was out of the Board's comfort zone and that it was made very clear that there would be no extensions. She is a firm no as she does not go back on her word. She reiterated again, that this abatement was not for COVID, but for the plume and toxic land.

Clerk Noble thinks they are looking at two separate issues. He opined that the Township has a guy that came in when nobody else would touch this contaminated property. He agrees with Trustee Smith but notes that COVID came. He shared that some businesses benefited during COVID and some did not. He also noted that Mr. Alkhafaji made a huge investment in the Township. He would not be for this but for having a pandemic. He noted that life constantly changes, and this is one of those situations, he knows from his role with the Planning Commission what Mr. Alkhafaji has been through and he is for this.

Treasurer Roman indicated the abatement currently goes through 2023, which means the tax increase as the abatement drops off do not come due until summer 2024. Therefore, noting that he has almost three years left on the abatement. He also noted that this issue can be revisited in 2022 or 2023. He supports the project, but not the extension at this time.

Trustee Ruggles noted he was not able to attend the tour. He feels like he has been part of this development for years, stating with Randy. He opined that Randy, who had a skill of asking for and receiving what he asked for from this Board. He loves the project and believes the corner is very much improved and acknowledges the great number of setbacks, but what is being discussed is not directly tied to the pollution. He agrees with everything that has been said about COVID and can even relate to it, but nobody else in the Township would be able to get the kind of financial relief being requested just because of COVID. He remembers the exemption tied directly to the pollution issue, he also remembers adding the language to not extend it for another three years and he still agrees with that statement. He doesn't think extending this exemption for this project and not helping anyone else would be fair. He is glad he is here and glad he is in White Lake, but he is not in favor of extending it.

Treasurer Roman noted that Assessor Smith has very specific reporting duties and needs information.

Assessor Smith has sent information several times regarding needed information that was due last Friday but has still not been received. The requested information is as of December 31st of the previous year. She noted that she received information at 4:40 p.m. on Friday and it was the wrong information. She also noted this happened last year

when she was dealing with Randy, yet they sent over the same. It was noted that she never got the correct information last year and as a result, the state advised her to do the best to provide what she can.

Treasurer Roman and Assessor Smith noted that the lack of information could jeopardize the abatement.

Mr. Alkhafaji indicated that Raquel in his office is working on it and that it will be submitted tomorrow. He further asked the Board how many projects the Township has that is in the \$20 million range that have stopped working. He noted most businesses got PPE help and state help while he got nothing. The note today with 35 units leased puts them out of the debt service ratio. He is renting cheaper than anyone in the Township and still cannot get people in the door. He shared that he is paying \$7,000 a month to be the first add seen on www.apartment.com.

Trustee Smith reminded the Board that last month Mr. Alkhafaji's attorney advised the Board that the project was only shutdown for one month due to COVID. She also noted the request for financials that were not received.

Supervisor Kowall interjected that they were shut down for much longer. He further stated that it was agreed upon last month that Treasurer Roman would look into that because the information was proprietary.

Treasurer Roman interjected that he was tasked with the responsibility of contacting the bank and speaking with the banker. He was not tasked with getting personal information of Mr. Alkhafaji.

Mr. Alkhafaji welcomed the Board to look at his books but does not want to make a public record.

Clerk Noble noted that the project was shut down due to a fire started by a homeless person followed by the halt in trades. He opined that if COVID wouldn't have hit it would be tough luck for Mr. Alkhafaji.

Trustee Smith interjected that this abatement is not about COVID.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to approve Resolution #21-034; Extension to Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption, even though this Board at one time made an exception to extend that the extension be overridden as this Board has the authority to do so. The motion **FAILED** by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Roman/no, Smith/no, Ruggles, no).

**B. RESOLUTION #21-035; EXTENSION TO PART OF A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATE #C2016-015 – 4 CORNERS SQUARE LLC**

Attorney Hamameh confirmed that this can be done and that the Township checked with the state regarding the same.

Assessor Smith indicated it is not just a separate parcel because they renamed the apartments and added the flats. They are part of the same certificate but separated at the state level due to flats being added. If this one is approved, they will separate this one from the other two, per the state.

Supervisor Kowall interjected that this only pertains to the flats and the vacant lot at the corner. He indicated they are two separate items and they can be addressed separately. If the vacant lot at the corner achieves an extension it becomes its own separate entity and therefore not affected by a future discussion/extension regarding the flats. Trustee Smith asked of Lisa Hamameh if this could be tabled to receive clear documentation.

Clerk Noble indicated he too spoke with Emily from the state and she confirmed what has been indicated by Jeanine and Supervisor Kowall and that this would give the vacant land its own certificate and separate it from Taco Bell.

Trustee Smith thinks it would be wise of the Board to have documentation to review and be sure.

Assessor Smith interjected that there is a time limit as the state only looks at these exemptions in October and if information is not received by the end of October it will have to wait an additional year.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to approve to approve Resolution #21-035; Extension to part of a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate #C2016-015, which is the vacant parcel due to extenuating circumstances and to allow this Board to reverse its decision for that particular parcel. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR COLEDALE BAY AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Smith to Open Public Hearing on the Confirmation of the Assessment Roll for the Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes).

No public comment.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to Close Public Hearing. The motion **PASSED** by roll call vote (Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes).

B. RESOLUTION #21-038; TO CONFIRM THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATED COLEDALE BAY AQUATIC WEED CONTROL AND LAKE IMPROVEMENT

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Ruggles, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to pass Resolution #21-038. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE FIREWORK PERMIT – LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Ruggles, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Smith to approve the Fireworks Permit for Lakeland High School. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

D. REQUEST TOWNSHIP BOARD TO AUTHORIZE LITIGATION AGAINST 10115 JOANNA K

Planning Director O'Neil noted that this has been an ongoing issue since summer. He believes the Ordinance Officer sent notice to the homeowner on July 15, 2021, which began the process of ordinance enforcement. The owner is refusing to acknowledge ordinance requirements which require the removal of a gate on a public road. He is hopeful between now and an actual courtroom a resolution can be reached.

Attorney Hamameh noted that the homeowner has counsel and a resolution will be sought prior to filing a lawsuit.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to move forward with this particular action and to allow the Supervisor to sign necessary documents to pursue the action. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

E. RESOLUTION #21-036; MDOT PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES CY2022

Trustee Smith would like to add Director O'Neil to this Resolution. After discussion amongst Board members, it was decided that his name can be added to the list.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Ruggles, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Smith to approve Resolution #21-036 and modify it to include Sean O'Neil to have the ability to sign said document. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

F. TRAILSIDE MEADOW; AMENDMENT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Director O'Neil indicated the applicant is proposing an amendment of the above referenced PDA to convert 51 detached condominium units within Phases 2 and 3 to single family site condominium units. The landscape plan was updated in response to the amended PDA. The amended PDA will affect the perimeter setback of the lots at the southeast portion of the site, with the lots encroaching into the overall development setback. The Township has requested that additional landscape screening be provided in response to this encroachment. This development is located on a 73.205-acre parcel located off Elizabeth Lake Road.

The reason behind the request is responses received from active adults who have indicated they don't want to live in a true condominium. Therefore, the request is to confirm the southerly half back to single family like it is on the west side. He noted the Planning Commission has no issue with this and recommends the development agreement be approved considering all the legal documents that would need to be approved to make this request a reality.

Brandon Guest, Director MI Homes. He introduced Natalie Bond and Matt Bush who are present with him tonight. As Director O'Neil identified they are about to commence on the 2nd and 3rd phase of this project. The active adult portion of the project is not selling like the single family and it was determined now is the time to make any changes and reevaluate. They are looking to amend the PDA now versus later. Additional changes included as a result are:

- Lot lines that you don't have with condominiums
- Landscaping requirements that were originally agreed to
- Lot coverage up to 25%

Trustee Ruggles questioned if the 27.5% greenspace still applies.

Mr. Guest responded in short that someone that goes in now versus then will not see a difference.

Trustee Ruggles confirmed that the layout is the same, but the calculations changed.

Supervisor Kowall opined that they have done a nice job and that it is an asset to the community. He asked Director O'Neil if he has received many complaints regarding the project. To which Director O'Neil indicated that any job site gets complaints, but they are usually resolved with a phone call. Supervisor Kowall has no issue with the proposed changes.

Trustee Ruggles asked if they do not see a strong market for ranch homes right now. Mr. Guest indicated the proof now is in the pudding. He indicated they are leaving phase one active adult as is. MI Homes wants to offer a plan in

the portfolio that includes a first-floor master. It was stipulated in the agreement that they would like up to 25% of the remaining units the option to go up to 25% to 32%.

Director O'Neil clarified that 25% of remaining lots can go up from 25% lot coverage to 32% lot coverage.

Mr. Guest indicated there are 51 of what was proposed to be active adult and 60 single family for 111 total units. We are asking for 25% of that total number as to up to that number to be ranch units.

Director O'Neil clarified the number being asked for is 25% of 111 units would be 27 units would be increased. He further asked that the motion give him authority to track these units/lots. He pointed out that the lot numbers are not going which is why he doesn't object to this. They will still meet the setback requirement and in particular the side setback requirements which are a sticking point for him. He further asked that the motion allow for at a staff level working out modifications regarding landscaping.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to allow the amendment adjustment of additional twenty-seven lots allowed to convert to 32% lot coverage, allow administrative review of selection of lots, and landscape adjustments required. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).

G. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD AND PROCLAMATIONS AND TRIBUTES

Supervisor Kowall read the following into the record:

2.4 (i) – Communication to the Board of Trustees, the Supervisor's office will notify the Township Board of all appropriate community invitations or communications in a timely manner.

2.4 (j) – Proclamations and Tributes by the Township Board- Board members will be given the opportunity to sign proclamations or tributes that will be presented on behalf of the Township Board. Board members will be notified of the deadline by which he/she must sign the document to ensure the proclamation or tribute is ready for timely presentation. A Board member who fails to meet the deadline waives his/her right to sign the document.

Trustee Ruggles asked about signatures stamps.

Supervisor Kowall indicated the Clerk's Office is not comfortable with the liability and therefore no stamps will be used.

Clerk Noble indicated there will be a deadline and if you don't make it in in time to sign, your name will not appear.

It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to Amend Township Administrative Policies and Procedures to add 2.4(i) and 2.4(j). The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).

H. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDING 2 ADDITIONAL PAN TILT CAMERAS TO THE ANNEX BOARD ROOM

Ken Milburn of Merge Live noted the current cameras are in their best position but he is blocking the audience. He believes it would make more sense to get more pan tilt zoom cameras for the annex. It would also alleviate the running of cords which is labor intensive.

Supervisor Kowall shared it would cost approximately \$6,800 which would be paid for from PEG funds.

Trustee Voorheis confirmed where the cameras would be placed, and that Ken would be then in the control room.

Supervisor Kowall shared that he was assured this technology is mobile and will move to the new facility.

Trustee Ruggles asked what the difference in capacity is between the old board room and the annex. An answer was not readily available.

Trustee Smith asked of Mr. Milburn if he would prefer to wait for the console to be installed before the order is placed.

Mr. Milburn does not think so based on the locations of the cameras. He also noted that it will take time to get the cameras in.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to authorize the expenditure up to \$7,000.00 for two additional cameras pant tilt cameras and authorize the Supervisor to sign any necessary documents. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Voorheis noted that it feels weird to be in person tonight. She welcomed those in attendance. She thanked Barbara Allison for feeding her the historical society tidbits that she shares. She shared an article from 1978 that indicated the White Lake Township incumbent James Reed received a scare in the election but managed to capture his seventh straight term as supervisor by a 250-vote margin over his opponent. The article further shared results of other candidates.

Trustee Ruggles feels it is great to be here and see everyone especially after all he has been through in recent weeks.

Treasurer Roman noted it is great to be back in person. He shared that last week he made the decision to discontinue passport applications at the counter. He reminded he recently lost two employees and twenty-two years of passport experience. The training is time consuming and the process is meticulous. His two new employees are still learning their daily duties and the elimination will help his office. For those in need, they can apply at the Highland Post office.

Trustee Smith noted it is great to be back together and that everyone is in good health. She feels it was a great meeting. She shared that the library is back to regular services. She further thanked her colleagues for wearing pink for breast cancer awareness and reminded that self-exams are important for men, pets and women. Be safe and have a safe Halloween.

Clerk Noble thanked the residents and Supervisor Kowall. He too thinks it is great to be back in person. He shared that he is growing out his beard to help raise money for the police department's cause.

Lisa Hamameh shared that she didn't know to wear pink. She also shared that she was sworn in as the Treasurer of the State Bar of Michigan and in five years, after moving up the ranks, she will serve as the President of the State Bar of Michigan.

Supervisor Kowall noted he did wear pink. He feels it is good to be back and that it will be an adjustment for some. He shared there has been dumping on the property on Elizabeth Lake Road and therefore he will authorize the removal of trees on that site to allow for a clear line of vision. He has received competitive bids that do not require a vote by the Board as they are under the limit. He further noted that the Township needs to look at what the Township will do for the holidays (i.e., tree lighting). He thanked everyone for coming in for the first full meeting in the annex. He wished a good night and God bless.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 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 October 19, 2021 regular board meeting minutes.



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