

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
June 14, 2022

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
 Liz Smith, Trustee
 Andrea Voorheis, Trustee
 Scott Ruggles, Trustee
 Michael Powell, Trustee

Also Present: Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police
 John Holland, Fire Chief
 David Hieber, Assessor
 Cathy Derocher, Human Resource Manager
 Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

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AGENDA

Supervisor Kowall amended the agenda to add 4A – Public Comment and at the direction of counsel removed Item 6A – REQUEST TO APPROVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN AND POLICE PATROL.

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to remove agenda item 6A and add agenda item 4A, Public Comment. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble for approval to recess into closed session to consider attorney/client privileged communication regarding collective bargaining, in accordance with MCL 15.268(c). The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

Recessed into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to go back into general session. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

Returned to general session at 6:51 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN AND POLICE PATROL

Removed.

B. REQUEST TO APPROVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL AND POLICE COMMAND

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve tentative agreement with police officers labor council and police command. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes).

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL AND PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to approve the tentative agreement with police officers labor council and part-time firefighters. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

D. RESOLUTION #22-022; TO AMEND RESOLUTION #19-046 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES FOR PROPERTY TAXES

David Hieber, Assessor. He noted that the audit by the State Tax Commission went well and that he expects a positive report. He noted there was one housekeeping matter that needs to be addressed in the poverty exemption guidelines relative to the asset test. He further indicated that it is required to have an income test and an asset test and that the asset test requires that a person not have more than \$10,000 in assets to qualify for a poverty exemption. He shared that the guidelines also indicated that a second parcel of property would automatically exclude an applicant and according to the auditor, that is not allowed. He would like to strike that from the guidelines. He indicated that the guidelines would be used for the July and December review. He does not believe there will be any impact at all. He further does not believe this will preclude anyone but will put the Township in compliance.

Trustee Powell questioned the \$10,000 asset maximum.

Treasurer Roman interjected that it is not including your principal residence.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve the amendment to the Township's poverty definition, Resolution #22-022. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).


E. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUTORY FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO PURCHASE TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES FORECLOSED BY OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Discussion occurred amongst the Board regarding this topic.


ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to adjourn. The motion PASSED by voice vote (7 yes votes).

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Charter Township of White Lake



Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake