

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Ann Arbor Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Moran at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Michael Moran, Treasurer Della DiPietro, Trustees Ken Kohrs, Randolph Perry and Claudia Sedmak.

Absent: Clerk Rena Basch and Trustee John Allison.

Also Present: Township Attorney Matthew Rechten and Utilities Director Rick Judkins.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - No citizen signed up for participation.**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Corrections to 1/18 /16 minutes: On page 2 under item F.2 in the 2nd line change “report” to “reported” and “they” to “the”; in the 3rd line at the end of the sentence add “from the neighbors.”; on page 3 under item H in the 5th line strike “didn’t” and insert “don’t”, strike “it” and insert “the budget”, and after “was” insert “based on”; under item J change “15” to “16”.

Kohrs moved approval of the January 18, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING**A. Rudolf Steiner Lower School Requests Conditional Use Permit to Expand Lower School**

Moran reported Rudolf Steiner’s request for a CUP was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at its February 1, 2016 meeting. **Perry moved to adopt Resolution Approving Conditional Use Permit for Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor draft dated February 15, 2016. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

V. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS**A. Discussion Regarding Road Funding**

Moran reported he attended a number of meetings regarding the state’s road funding package and how the money will be slowly phased in through 2021. Moran reported the WCRC is concerned about the extent to which the roads will further deteriorate, and is proposing a .5 mill for 4 years with 20% allocated for County Parks Border to Border Trails and Connection Communities Initiative. Moran explained the proposed .5 mill will benefit cities and villages dollar for dollar but is not proposed to do the same for townships. Moran also reported he received a proposal from the WCRC for the Tech Park roads with proposed estimates about \$350,000 short of what is needed because the structure of the roads are not adequate for the weight of commercial vehicles, and does not include improvements to portions of Dixboro and Earhart Roads. Moran indicated

he also asked the WCRC for a proposal to rebuild Earhart Road from the expressway north to Warren Road with the estimate to be treated the same as Warren Road improvements six years ago. Moran reported the WCRC will be attending the Board's April 18th meeting and asked the Board to consider other road projects it wants estimates for this year. The Board discussed a possible special assessment for improvements to DuVarren Road and DuVarren Court, and needed improvements to Newport Road, and the Township portion of Joy Road, in addition to the Tech Park roads.

B. Discussion Regarding Broadband

Moran reported he included in the Board's packets a response from Ben Fineman President of Pure Broadband regarding Ken Kohrs' questions. Moran indicated he is very much interested in pursuing a proposal to run fiber optic cable along every road in the Township to deliver high speed broadband services to residents. Moran noted residents would not use this service concurrently with existing broadband service from Comcast or Charter. Moran explained the cost of the project is estimated at 2 million but the Township will be able to recover the initial cost over time and reap some financial benefit for years to come. Moran indicated the next step is approving a feasibility study that includes a detailed study of the cost of installation and the proposed financial benefit at a cost between \$15,000 and \$16,000. Moran explained he would like to bring further discussion to the next Board meeting and have Fineman present to answer any questions. Perry questioned whether the Township can make it work and reported that Comcast is introducing new technology with no upgrades to their lines only to the modem in the home. Moran stated Comcast will not build out for the Township if it cannot recoup their money within 5 years. DiPietro stated the service is an important infrastructure and is worth looking into and expressed interest in learning more about it. Perry stated he doesn't believe it can be done for 2 million as costs are always higher and that Comcast is a formidable competitor.

C. Discussion Regarding Dioxane Plume

Moran reported he included some information in the Board's packets regarding meetings with the City and County and that CARD and the head of the MDEQ have been asked to attend the BOC meeting on February 18th with a similar meeting planned before the City of Ann Arbor Council on February 29th. Moran explained he expects the Township to be asked to support a petition for the EPA to declare the area a Superfund site. Moran explained this has been going on for 30 years but is unsure at this time if the Township would be included as a Superfund site.

D. Discussion Regarding Renewal of Public Safety Millage

Moran asked the Board to review the proposed draft for the public safety millage for next month's Board meeting.

E. Public Safety

- 1. Sheriff's Office** - The Board received a written report from the Sheriff's Department.
- 2. Fire Department** - Chief Thurston submitted a yearend report for 2015 to the Board.

F. Utilities Department

Judkins submitted a written report to the Board on the department's activity for the month of January 2016. Judkins also updated the Board on the current status of Toyota Powertrain Expansion, Beztak development, and Gabriel Richard High School gym addition.

G. Supervisor's Report

Moran reported he provided the Board with a copy of a letter he is planning to send to Washtenaw County Parks requesting an extension of the Connecting Communities Project Agreement to December 31, 2018 for the Dixboro Road Shared Use Trail project. Moran also reported Hamlin is resigning and he will need to find replacement for building and zoning duties. Moran explained he intends to contract with Carlisle/Wortman for zoning administration services which may ultimately save the Township money. Moran also reported he received calls from two residents who are willing to volunteer to serve on Township committees.

H. Clerk's Report - No report.

I. Treasurer's Report - No report.

J. Planning Commission - The February 1, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes were included in the Board's packets.

K. Building Department - Hamlin submitted a yearend report for 2015 to the Board.

L. Farmland Preservation Committee - No report.

M. Approval of Claims Listings

Sedmak moved approval of the claims listing dated December 31, 2015 through February 1, 2016 in the amount of \$466,269.24. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Kohrs moved approval of the claims listing dated December 31, 2015 through February 10, 2016 in the amount of \$69,744.22. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS - None

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DiPietro updated the Board on the current status of the public safety millage flyer and newsletter. Perry personally thanked Supervisor Moran for all his hard work.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Moran moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.