

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**

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 7:34 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Michael Moran, Clerk Rena Basch, Treasurer Della DiPietro, Trustees John Allison, and Ken Kohrs.

Absent: Trustees Randolph Perry and Claudia Sedmak.

Also Present: Township Attorney Matt Rechtien, Fire Chief Brian Thurston, and Utilities Director Rick Judkins.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.

Ted Dacko thanked the Board and WCRC for the application of limestone on Maple Road but asked for additional spot trenching and grading due to the M-14 detour.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the 3/21/16 minutes: Under item V.A. in the 6th line after “wells” insert “and potentially towards Barton Pond”; in the 11th line strike “with” and insert “criteria and the” and insert “is” before “higher”; on page 2 in the 2nd line strike “generic”. **DiPietro moved approval of the March 21, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

IV. ANNUAL MEETING WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

WCRC Managing Director Roy Townsend introduced Director of Operations Jim Harmon, Superintendent of Maintenance Ken Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance Adam Lape, and District 6 Forman Mike Mastie. Townsend reported on the 2016 road commission budget, 2016 matching fund program and allocations, 2015 maintenance and project activities, 2016 Dust Control proposal, PA 283 road improvement projects for 2016, pavement surface evaluations and ratings for federal aid eligible roads and local roads, planned capital investments, Michigan’s new road funding package, and township contribution summary from 2011 -2015. Townsend also informed the Board that May 20, 2016 is the commitment deadline for this year’s 2016 local road program. Mastie presented the proposed 2016 local road projects for Joy Road and Earhart Road. The Board discussed the proposed road projects and the need for complete restoration of Earhart Road and needed improvements to Tech Park roads.

V. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING

A. Resolution Approving Rezoning from R-C to R-1

Moran reported the request for rezoning by property owner Joan Merritt has been recommended

for approval by the Planning Commission and is consistent with the Township's Master Plan. **Allison moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Resolution and Ordinance Approving Rezoning of Property from R-C to R-1 4283 Ford Road I-09-12-300-016 draft dated April 12, 2016. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

VI. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS

A. Discussion Regarding Additional Parking at Township Hall

Moran reported the Township is seriously challenged for parking during national elections and that he was given permission to purchase property adjacent to the Township hall if it became available. Moran stated the property is no longer available as it was purchased by the Township Treasurer who is willing to donate a portion of the property as long as the Township agrees to construct a private drive. Moran presented plans prepared by the Township engineer for a private drive and parking area consisting of 16 parking spaces. Moran reported estimated costs are \$8,316 per parking space for a total cost of \$133,049 but costs may be reduced to \$6600 per parking space after storm water evaluation is completed. The Board discussed the proposed plans and estimated costs of the project and agreed to give the proposal further consideration.

B. Discussion Regarding Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Moran reported this issue has been in front of the Planning Commission for some time now, and they have prepared a draft ordinance that responds only to the medical marijuana statute, and not the potential statute the state legislature is considering for large scale grow operations and dispensaries. Attorney Rechtiem stated the draft ordinance ~~addresses-regulates~~ grow operations and divides them into two categories for those operations with more than 12 and less than 73 marijuana plants, and small operations with no more than 12 marijuana plants. Allison reported the Planning Commission is asking for the Board's input on the draft ordinance. The Board expressed concern about permitting the use as a conditional use in the R-2 district, permitting the use in a multi-tenant structure, and to consider a separate ordinance to address licensing. Allison indicated he would report on the Board's comments to the Planning Commission.

C. Reappointments to Planning Commission

Allison moved to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Karen Mendelson and Lee Gorman to the Planning Commission to terms ending July 1, 2018, and to reappoint Peter Kotila and David Gidley to the Planning Commission to terms ending July 1, 2019. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

D. Reappointments to Board of Review

Kohrs moved to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Robert Baird, Suzanne Wanty, and Gary Kade to the Board of Review to terms ending January 1, 2019. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

E. Emergent Health Partners, Fire Dispatch Service Agreement 2016-2017

Moran reported this is a yearly contract for a total fee of \$19,952.76 with a monthly fee of \$1662.73. Moran noted the terms of the contract are identical to last year's. **DiPietro moved to approve the Fire Dispatching Service Agreement between Emergent Health Partners, Inc. and Ann Arbor Charter Township. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

F. Approval of Invoice over \$5,000 for Accident Fund

Moran reported this is an invoice for worker's compensation coverage with additional costs per the annual audit. **Basch moved approval of the Accident Fund Insurance Company of America invoice for \$5228. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

G. Public Safety**1. Sheriff's Office**

The Board received a written report from the Sheriff's Department.

2. Fire Department

Chief Thurston submitted a written report to the Board on the department's activity for the month of March 2016. Thurston also requested Board approval for brake repairs made to engine 12-8 and to purchase six weather warning sirens. **DiPietro moved approval to purchase six weather sirens at a cost of \$105,000 with final approval granted by the Supervisor pending approval of the contract terms by the Township attorney. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Allison moved approval of the Emergency Vehicles Plus invoice of \$6,130.14 for emergency brake repair to engine 12-8. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

H. Utilities Department

Judkins submitted a written report to the Board on the department's activity for the month of March 2016. Judkins also requested Board approval to replace the Township's 1986 dump truck and presented a quote to the Board for the cost of a new truck. **DiPietro moved to authorize the expenditure of \$60,566.22 for a new F550 Dump Truck to replace the Township's 1986 truck. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

I. Supervisor's Report

Moran reported he plans to meet with the University to discuss improvements to Tech Park roads and that he attended a meeting with city and county representatives and attorneys who are contemplating ~~entering into~~joining the litigation ~~with~~against Gelman. Moran also reported at a recent CARD meeting the Attorney General's new assistant claims there is still no reason to go to court with Gelman until the drinking water standard is changed.

J. Clerk's Report

Basch reported 250 Absent Voter Ballots have been issued to date for the May 3rd Special

Election. Basch also reported the Election Commission agreed to take Salem Township voters located in the WISD for the special election but found it to be challenging with the QVF Software and is not sure she would agree to do this sort of consolidation again.

K. Treasurer's Report

DiPietro submitted a report to the Board for the first quarter ending March 31, 2016. DiPietro also reported the revised newsletter will go to print next week with articles on the Public Safety Millage Renewal, Farmland Preservation 10 year report, Dixboro Road Shared Use Trail project, and Planning Commission projects.

L. Planning Commission

Allison reported on the April 4, 2016 Planning Commission meeting. The minutes were included in the Board's packets.

M. Building Department

Hamlin submitted a written report to the Board.

N. Farmland Preservation Committee

Allison reported on the March 23, 2016 FOSPB meeting.

O. Approval of Claims Listings

Allison moved approval of the claims listing dated April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$69,425.26. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Basch moved approval of the claims listing dated April 5, 2016 through April 13, 2016 in the amount of \$142, 323.22. Kohrs seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS - None

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Allison moved approval of three applications of contract brine at a cost of \$15,412.95 for dust control. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

DiPietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.