

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007**

I. ROLL CALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Ann Arbor Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Moran at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105.

Present: Supervisor Michael Moran, Treasurer Virginia Forshee, Clerk Rena Basch, Trustees John Allison, Richard Dieterle and Della DiPietro.

Also Present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser, Fire Chief Rick Ericson and Planning Commissioner Randolph Perry.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – No citizen signed up for participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2006 BOARD MEETING

Corrections to the 12/18/06 minutes: On page 2 under Budget in the fifth line strike “make money” and insert “have a surplus”. On page 3 under AW Technical Center in the second paragraph first line after “State” insert “Economic Development Department”. On page 4 under Pinebrook Estates in the sixth line after “Otto” insert “Moerhle”. On page 5 correct the spelling of “bare” to “bear” and on page 7 under Informational Items in the last sentence after “DiPietro” insert “and Forshee”. **DiPietro moved approval of the December 18, 2006 minutes as amended. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

IV. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING

A. AZ-12-06 Release for Annexation

Moran stated this is the Township’s first request for annexation because of a need to hook up to City water because of the problem with the Pall Life Sciences pollution plume. Forshee informed the Board both winter and summer taxes have been paid. Moran said he contacted Mr. Schultz and requested a statement that he was authorized to sign on behalf of Schultz Holdings LLC. **DiPietro moved approval of the release for annexation of parcel I-09-30-260-004. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

VII. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS

A. Appointment to the Board of Trustees

Moran said in considering those who may be interested and available he has nominated Randy Perry to fill the remainder of the term of resigning Trustee Gene Ragland. Moran stated Randy is currently a member of the Planning Commission, a ~~former~~ current member of the Utilities Committee and was previously the Township Attorney. Moran said Randy is very well versed in the activities of Ann Arbor Township and he would make the best possible replacement for Gene. Moran requested the confirmation of the appointment of Randy Perry to the Board of Trustees. **Allison moved approval to**

confirm the appointment of Randy Perry to the Board of Trustees. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Randy Perry who was present joined the Board.

B. Contract with Washtenaw Central Dispatch Authority

Moran informed the Board the Washtenaw Central Dispatch Authority rate is down by 4.1% from last year based on the Township's "run" history. Moran said he is seeking authorization to sign the contract but hopes the Township will not have to sign a contract next year. Moran explained the Police Steering Committee is aggressively requesting a real central dispatch. The current dispatch system is run by Huron Valley Ambulance. Moran explained there are currently 9 central dispatches in Washtenaw County at a cost of \$3,000 per contracted deputy and it is not very effective. Ericson stated the Fire Chief's group strongly endorses a central dispatch and they are urging for an independent dispatch. **Allison moved approval for the Supervisor to sign the contract for up to one year but to try to obtain a six month contact with Washtenaw Central Dispatch Authority. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

C. Report of the Personnel Committee

Moran said the personnel committee met and discussed the financial situation of the Township. Moran stated the committee determined the salary increases were appropriate and they are all a little over the cost of living increase for southeast Michigan. DiPietro mentioned that instead of using an exact percentage increase they rounded the figures to have "even money" and to reward employees for good performance. **Basch moved approval to accept the recommendation of the personnel committee for the proposed salaries. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

D. Hiring of Firefighter

Chief Ericson explained the Fire Department's hiring procedure. Ericson said shortly after learning of Lt. Tanner's planned retirement the Department posted the position for 30 days in the Ann Arbor News, Detroit News and through the internet. Ericson said applications were reviewed to determine those who met the Department's criteria and then a series of written testing, oral board interviews, engineering and aerial apparatus testing, psychological exams, job physicals and drug screenings were conducted. Mark Volger was first on every single testing process. Ericson stated Volger has 15 years experience with Green Oak Township and 11 years experience with Ann Arbor Township and is a huge asset to the Fire Department. Ericson said Volger is responsible for the vast majority of grant money, is pro township, is trained for Fire one and two and is a paramedic. Ericson strongly recommended the hiring of Mark Volger. Moran said he participated in the independent scoring process and in interviews with two other fire chiefs. Moran said Volger was the highest scorer throughout the process and has a great deal of experience with the Township and has done good work for the Township. Moran highly recommended Mark Volger and encouraged the Board to hire him. **Basch moved approval to confirm Mark Volger as the new firefighter. Forshee seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

E. Supervisor's Report

Moran gave an extended Supervisor's report in order to update new Trustee Randy Perry regarding his involvement in County programs, etc. Moran said he serves on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee which is a county wide group of officials that deal with jail issues and various diversion programs. Moran said he also serves on the Eastern Washtenaw Policy Study Committee which is discussing establishing a regional police authority and is evaluating alternatives to contracting with the Sheriff Department. Moran reported on the US 23 Corridor Study of the expansion of US 23 from 96 to the triple including M-14 from the triple to Miller Maple. Moran said he is serving on the Local Development Sub- Team and meetings will be held once a month. Moran reported the Urban County is many jurisdictions in Washtenaw county with the exception of the City of Ann Arbor that have pooled their middle to low income population to use community block development grants and home funds. Urban County accumulates all of the funds for the regional area then disperses them with guidelines for some pay back to each community but with the guiding principal that those in need receive the money. Moran said the Police Services Steering Committee meets tomorrow and deals with other county issues and gives feedback regarding proposed county projects which is currently dealing with the county's space plan for courts and jail facilities. MTA annual conference is next week and Moran, Basch and Forshee will be attending. Moran explained the data spreadsheet is the first attempt in trying to understand the problem with jail overcrowding. Moran said he has been advised the MDEQ has denied the Colt Farms discharge permit but he has not yet received written confirmation. MTA annual conference is next week and Moran, Basch and Forshee will be attending. Moran encouraged the Board to review the MTA platform in the January/February MTA magazine. Moran said the Township initiated two proposals for the platform which were adopted and one the Township objected to was removed.

F. Clerk's Report

Basch reported two years ago the legislature passed election consolidation which is a set of laws that require local jurisdictions to conduct school board elections. In order to do so an election coordinating committee must be formed amongst all township and county clerks in the same school district. The Township signed a contract to participate two years ago. Basch said she is requesting authorization to sign an election coordinating committee contract for 2007 and 2008. **DiPietro moved approval for authorization to sign election coordinating committee contracts. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

Basch also reported she would like to get a Township newsletter published by the end of the month. The board discussed various articles to be included in the newsletter.

G. Treasurer's Report - No report.**H. Planning Commission**

Allison reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on January 8, 2007. Two public hearings were held on the revised site plan review ordinance and industrial district

ordinance amendments. Allison also reported on the workshop meeting held on January 10, 2007.

I. Public Safety

- 1. Fire Department** – No report. Ericson had to leave in the middle of the meeting to respond to an emergency.
- 2. Sheriff Department** -Lieutenant Troy Bevier submitted a written report to the Board.

J. Utilities Department

Judkins submitted a written report to the Board.

K. Building Department

Gary Dresselhouse submitted a written report to the Board.

L. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board

Allison reported the FOSPB continues to work on the small farm initiative.

M. Approval of Claims Listing

Allison moved approval of the claims listing for January 5, 2007 in the amount of \$108,508.12. Forshee seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS

Informational items were included in the Board's packets.

X. NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Forshee moved approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.