

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006**

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. at the Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105.

Present: Supervisor Moran, Treasurer Virginia Forshee, Clerk Rena Basch, Trustees Della DiPietro, John Allison, Gene Ragland.

Absent: Richard Dieterle.

Also Present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No citizen signed up for participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2005

Corrections to the 12/19/05 minutes: Under the DF Land Development Vistas add “The Township Attorney discussed the petition and presented a draft resolution to deny.” On page 3, third paragraph line 7 change “transitional area” to “transitional zone”. Under Wireless Washtenaw change the word “parody” to “parity”. Under Non-Agenda Items change “John M” to “John Mulcahy”.

DiPietro moved approval to the 12/19/05 minutes with corrections. Ragland seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING

A. Northbrook

Resolution to approve PUD rezoning and area plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval at its December meeting. Moran stated the proposed draft resolution approving the PUD rezoning petition and area plan was included in the Board’s packet along with a copy of the private community wastewater systems draft ordinance. Moran said the developer has asked the Board to table this matter. Basch stated she had spoken with the developer’s attorney, Robert Carson, and he had asked the item be tabled because he had not had an opportunity to review the proposed resolution.

DiPietro moved to table the Northbrook Resolution to approve PUD rezoning and area plan upon the request of the Petitioner. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

V. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, DICUSSIONS

A. Wireless Washtenaw

Update by Township Attorney. Sandra Sorini Elser stated she had sent the proposed change for parity in termination rights to Jamie McFarlane. However, some of the other municipalities had requested revisions therefore the County is in the process of doing a revised version of the agreement. The Township Attorney stated the County will be sending out a revised version of the agreement either late this week or early next week and that they are extending the time for municipalities to sign the agreement.

Allison moved to amend the agenda by moving item V. G2 to precede item V. B. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

G.2. Sheriff Department

Report from Lt. Mike Trester/Sgt. Mahalick. Moran stated the Board packets included the report from Lt. Trester on statistical information regarding the monthly and year to date activities and Sgt. Mahalick's report on the collaboration efforts with Superior Township. Lt. Trester and Sgt. Mahalick were both present to answer questions from Board members regarding Sheriff Services.

B. Discussion regarding Site Plan Ordinance Requirements

Moran stated the Planning Commission has been involved in various disputes with developers over what needs to be presented in initial site plans because of discrepancies between the ordinances and development standards. Supervisor Moran requested the Board to remand this issue to the Planning Commission with specific direction to resolve this issue as soon as possible. **Allison moved approval to remand the Site Plan Ordinance Requirements to the Planning Commission. Ragland seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

C. Resolution-to increase ZBA compensation from \$50 to \$100.

Moran stated the Trustees compensation has been raised to \$100 per meeting but the ZBA compensation remains at \$50 per meeting. Also the Planning Commission compensation of \$70 per meeting was not raised at the time of the Trustees' increase and should be increased to \$100. **Ragland moved approval to increase the ZBA compensation from \$50 to \$100 per meeting and to increase the Planning Commission compensation from \$70 to \$100 per meeting. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

D. Supervisor's Report

Update on Sheriff's services-Moran stated he is on the committee that is trying to give the County guidance as to how to proceed from 2008 and beyond and is on a subcommittee which is developing what information the committee wants from the county to make those decisions. Moran believes the committee will be successful in reducing the Deputy costs to \$116,000; however, this does not include the costs for supervision. Moran indicated the new contract provision will require the Township to pay part of the costs for a Lieutenant and Sergeant which would equal ~\$139,000 per Deputy. The committee will continue to work on reducing overtime and trying to get the County to buy in more. The WCC has agreed to continue to participate.

Superior Township succeeded against Rock Financial in the MDEQ's denial of the discharge permit and paid more than \$30,000 in consultant fees to get the reports drafted. Moran stated Colt Farms has reapplied with the MDEQ for a discharge permit.

Moran indicated the Washtenaw County Public Service Seminar and Local Bridge funding information was included in the Board's packet. Moran stated he has re-initiated communicating with the solid waste people and will be attending their meetings. Moran said they are preparing a CD program that will have every community's recycling efforts available.

E. Clerk's Report

Basch stated the new server and 4 of the 5 PC's have been installed. One of the PC's is a mini server allowing staff to log in remotely but it is not working yet. Basch said the Township has signed a contract with BSA and scheduled training and conversion for February. Basch inquired about Flint Ink. Moran stated it was sold to a German company but the building continues to be owned by the Flint family and they are actively marketing it. Moran said Flint Ink is actively seeking to build a new structure of 75,000 square feet. Basch requested the millage committee set a time to meet.

F. Planning Commission

Report by John Allison. Allison stated the Planning Commission has met twice since the last Board meeting- one regular meeting and one workshop. At the regular meeting they set a public hearing for WCC on Natural Features and tabled a request by Silverman to rezone the northern portion of the PUD to R2 because of a couple flaws in the petition. Allison stated the Planning Commission scheduled workshop meetings for the second Monday of every month and will primarily be working on part 2 of the Master Plan and site plan review. Allison noted the consensus of the Planning Commission is the Township is short of staff on planning administration and Carlisle/Wortman will be making a recommendation on how to address this issue.

G. Public Safety

Report from Chief Ericson. Chief Ericson was not present for the meeting but provided the Board with the Incidence Summary Report for 2005 which will be discussed at next month's Board meeting.

H. Utilities Department

Report from Rick Judkins. Moran reported on behalf of Rick Judkins. Moran stated he received a report from the Township Engineer and Utilities Department. Moran indicated there was a meeting last week regarding the WCC Water Main Loop. Moran said at the meeting Damien Flowers unilaterally rerouted the water main loop that the Township had previously agreed to with Larry Woodworth, through a heavily wooded area to theoretically meet a master plan the Township has never seen before. Moran said he spoke with Larry Woodworth and Larry Woodworth indicated the Township could stay with the old plan.

I. Building Department

Written report submitted by Gary Dresselhouse. Moran indicated although the report includes every month it is not the annual report.

J. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board

Allison reported on the FOSPB meeting. The minutes were included in the Board's packets. Allison stated the FRPP didn't allow CAFO language in easements and the City has recommended the language must conform to general accepted management practices and that conservation plans must be updated every 10 years. Allison stated the FOSPB recommended inclusion of these changes. Allison noted three people on the FOSPB need to be reappointed this year by the Board. Allison said a new FRPP round is scheduled for April, May or June and the FOSPB will announce another round of applications.

Moran stated he had a meeting with Charmie Cleary who is on the State Committee dealing with the State applications and they discussed the scoring of the last round. Moran said the only municipality in the County to receive any money was Pittsfield Township. Moran stated there were \$12.8 million in requests and they scored them all under their formula but gave the committee the right to add 90 discretionary points on whatever they wanted which upset many municipalities. Moran said the way they were interpreting their rules really didn't result in getting what they wanted and one of their goals is to bring about regional cooperation. Moran indicated there was no attempt to judge the value of the parcel or how to apportion their money and they decided to take the top five out of the 29 applicants. Moran stated there is a subcommittee meeting scheduled to discuss the scoring system.

K. Approval of Claims Listing

Allison questioned why Solid Rock Church was refunded \$4000. Moran said he didn't know why they had been refunded the money and will inquire with Township staff. Moran stated Solid Rock Church shouldn't have received a refund because they hadn't completed planting all of the trees on site as required by the Township.

Allison moved approval of the January 4, 2006 claims listing in the amount of \$69,201.99 with the provision the Supervisor will look into the Solid Rock Church refund. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

DiPietro moved approval of the January 11, 2006 claims listing in the amount of \$43,552.86. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

L. Moran added a non agenda item. Moran said he just recently received an invoice from the Township's insurance company and that he needs a resolution from the Board to pay the insurance.

DiPietro moved approval to pay the invoice from MCM Group in the amount of \$70,164.00 for insurance. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Basch updated the Board on the Silverman projects. Basch said the current PUD is still on the table and they have submitted a rezone request for the parcel north of Pontiac Trail. Basch stated they have also submitted two requests for lot splits for five ten acre lots along Nixon Road.

Basch indicated Gary Dresselhouse is still trying to work things out with Silverman as to remaining parcels. Basch said they have also submitted another request for other lot splits for four or five ten acre parcels along the south side of Pontiac Trail. Basch noted the lot splits are processed by Gary Dresselhouse and do not come before the Planning Commission or Board.

Moran indicated he talked to Eric Long who is the Township's Maintenance Supervisor from the WCRC. Moran said Long asked what roads the Township may want bids on this year. Moran said he told him to contact Northfield Township regarding Joy Road and to contact Scio and Northfield Townships regarding Maple Road. Moran said he also told Long that Ford Road is bad now and it's been eight years since it's had any gravel.

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS-none

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Forshee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44p.m. Ragland seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Michael Moran, Supervisor

Rena Basch, Clerk

Minutes prepared by Laurie Fromhart