

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

**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 7:35 p.m. at the Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105.

Present: Supervisor Michael Moran, Clerk Rena Basch, Treasurer Della DiPietro, Trustees John Allison, Randolph Perry, and Claudia Sedmak.

Absent: Trustee Richard Dieterle

Also Present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser, Fire Chief Rick Ericson and Utilities Superintendent Rick Judkins.

**II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

No citizen signed up for participation.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Corrections to the 10/20/08 minutes: Under item IV.A. in the motion strike “subsections 3 and F” and insert “2.225(c) and 2.225(f) and strike “paragraph” and insert “project”. Under item V.A correct the spelling of “Atwell Hicks” and capitalize “MEGA”, and insert at the end of the last sentence “at the KLB Corporate Center”. In the second motion after “venture” insert “somewhere” and strike “locating” and insert “attempts to locate”. Under item I. after “commitment” insert “to work” and add at the end of the sentence “and WCRC”. Also insert “procedures” at the end of the motion. Under item K strike “medical” and insert “prescription drug co-pay” and strike “fire fighters” and insert “Township employees. **DiPietro moved approval of the October 20, 2008 meeting minutes as amended. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**IV. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING**

**A AZ-8-08 Release for Annexation**

Moran informed the Board this is a petition by the owner John Westerman for release of parcel I-09-33-365-001 also known as 1612 White Street for connection to City utilities pursuant to the Boundary Agreement. **Basch moved approval for release of annexation of parcel AZ-8-08. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**V. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTION, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS**

**A. Discussion of Proposal for AAT Natural Areas Workshop**

Kris Olsson a member of the Natural Features Committee and Planning Commission, and the project manager for the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) presented a power point presentation on the HRWC’s Bioreserve Project and the proposal for a natural areas workshop for Ann Arbor Township residents. Olsson provided a background on the Bioreserve Project and explained the aim of the project is to preserve high quality natural areas in the Huron River Watershed. Olsson said the HRWC is seeing a lot of fragmentation of natural areas, along with loss of wetlands and loss of particular kinds of natural areas. Olsson explained the tasks of the project include mapping and ranking of natural areas, roadside surveys, rapid ecological assessment, and strategy for protecting natural areas. Olsson outlined the next steps of the

project which include roadside surveys, field surveys, workshop for landowners in the bioreserve areas, conducting field surveys in May and October of every year and seeking volunteers.

Olsson said the Township can help assess bioreserve sites within the Township, provide input on the bioreserve map, and assist the HRWC in contacting landowners and coordinating site visits. Olsson said the Bioreserve Project can assist the Township in land use planning strategies such as inclusion in the GDP map, overlay zoning, natural features ordinance, site design guidelines and transfer of development rights (TDR) and purchase of development rights (PDR). Olsson said a workshop throughout the watershed is proposed for March 2009 with a list of proposed panelists. Olsson said she is seeking the Board's support of the Bioreserve project and participation in the natural areas workshop on behalf of the Natural Features Committee. Olsson also asked the Board to cover the costs for mailings and the possible fee for the use of Matthaei Botanical Gardens facility. Moran said he would work with the Natural Features Committee on the natural areas workshop.

## **B. 2009 Budget**

Moran opened the public hearing for the 2009 Budget at 8:12 p.m. There were no public comments. Moran closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. Moran and DiPietro outlined the estimated revenues, millage levy, and estimated expenditures for the 2009 Budget. **DiPietro moved approval of the draft resolution for the 2009 General Appropriations Act dated November 14, 2008 with changes to item #7 striking "general fund" after "Estimated township" and inserting the words "and utility fund depreciation" after "expenditures". Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

## **C. Utilities Department**

Judkins submitted a written report to the Board. Judkins reported the Utilities Committee is working on the state of infrastructure report and utility permit fees. Judkins also reported that the Ayrshire sanitary sewer project is progressing well and he is working with a software program to develop the red flag rules.

## **D. Public Safety**

### **1. Fire Department**

Ericson reported the Department closed on bids for two fire rescue trucks on November 14, 2008. Ericson said the Department received six bids and he hopes to have a recommendation for the Board at their December meeting. Ericson also reported the Department received seven quotes for a new roof for fire station two. Ericson said he met with Moran and Hamlin to determine a recommendation for the Board. Ericson said he is recommending that the Board accept the quote from Bloom Roofing. Ericson said the lowest quote was from Mr. Roof but not a single roofing company would recommend them. Bloom Roofing was the second lowest quote and is offering a 15 year warranty on material and labor. **Allison moved to authorize the Supervisor to accept the quote from Bloom Roofing for a new roof on fire station two in the amount not to exceed \$37,000 subject to Township attorney review and approval. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

### **2. Sheriff Department**

Sergeant P. Cook submitted a written report to the Board.

## **E. Resolution for Inter-Fund Borrowing for PDR**

Moran informed the Board the Township is working on closing PDR purchases with the Braun and Gould properties. Moran said the resolution is a request for inter-fund borrowing from the

utility fund at the current market rate. The loan is to be paid back within 7 years at a rate of 4% interest. Judkins expressed concern if the percentage rate goes up his department could be losing out. Moran said it is a legitimate concern and suggested revisiting the issue at a later date if necessary. The Board noted an error in the resolution under item C which should indicate 286 acres instead of 51 acres. **Perry moved approval of the Inter-Fund Borrowing Resolution for the Braun property with corrections to item C for a term of 84 months. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Allison moved approval of the Inter-Fund Borrowing Resolution for the Gould property for a term of 84 months. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

#### **F. Supervisor's Report**

Moran reported MDOT is proposing adding two roundabouts or installing traffic signals at the US23 and Geddes Road interchange. Moran reported on the meeting with state legislatures regarding the status of future transit in the County and MDOT's new standards for plowing. Moran reported on the status of the WCC water main loop and said he is hopeful the easement issue will be resolved without having to file a condemnation action. Moran reported the Police Services Committee is working on a one year extension of the Sheriff's contract with a two percent increase. Moran also reported a company requested a five year extension of tax abatement without appealing their taxable value. Moran said he discouraged the request and stressed that it is no benefit to the Township, and he expects more request from other companies in the future.

#### **G. Clerk's Report**

Basch reported on the November General Election and thanked Township staff for helping out. Basch also reported she is working on the 2009 calendar which will be ready for the Board's review and approval at their December meeting.

#### **H. Treasurer's Report**

DiPietro submitted a written report to the Board.

#### **I. Planning Commission**

Allison reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on November 5, 2008. The minutes were included in the Board's packets.

#### **J. Building Department**

John Hamlin submitted a written report to the Board.

#### **K. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board**

Allison reported on the FOSPB meeting held on October 27, 2008. The minutes were included in the Board's packets

#### **Q. Approval of Claims Listing**

**Allison moved approval of the claims listing for November 3, 2008 in the amount of \$327,387.83. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. DiPietro moved approval of the claims listing for November 12, 2008 in the amount of \$41,705.24. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

#### **VI. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS**

Items were included in the Board's packets.

**VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**DiPietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.**