

ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

**I. ROLL CALL**

The regular monthly meeting of the Ann Arbor Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Moran at 7:35 pm at the Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105.

Present: Supervisor Michael Moran, Treasurer Virginia Forshee, Clerk Rena Basch, Trustees John Allison, Della DiPietro, Richard Dieterle, Gene Ragland. Also Present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser, Controller Colleen Coogan, and Utilities Superintendent Rick Judkins.

**II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-** No citizen signed up for participation.

**DiPietro moved approval to amend the agenda by moving item VII D after the approval of the minutes. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2006**

Corrections to the 2/20/06 minutes: On page 2 in section B fourth line correct typo of word "hot" to "not". On page 2 section B third line from the bottom after the word "and" insert "on south parcel". Under Clerk's Report strike the second sentence. **Allison moved approval of the February 20, 2006 minutes with corrections. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**VII. D. Request for funding-Huron River Watershed Council**

Watershed Council is requesting funding of \$2000 from the Township to complete a study of flow and channel shape in Fleming Creek. The Council is measuring the impact of development on Fleming Creek and the project will document the current physical conditions of the creek, the extent of storm water impact on the creek and provide baseline data for monitoring any change in the future. **DiPietro moved approval of the \$2000 expenditure toward the study. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**IV. WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

Steve Purri, Managing Director, presented the road improvement projects for 2006. Commissioners Fred Veigel and Tim Eder, Director of Engineering Roy Townsend, Director of Operations Ken Nixon, and Foreman Eric Long were also present for this item. Purri presented the WCRC's new road map along with a new truck operator's map and a capitol improvement plan. Purri indicated the WCRC provided the Board with a booklet summarizing the WCRC's activity for 2005 and projected activity for 2006. Purri highlighted for the Board a list of items outlined in the booklet which included financial activity, project activity,

local and primary road maintenance, township matching funds program, proposed projects, dust control, traffic counts and the county's overlay program. Roy Townsend presented to the Board a summary of projects planned for 2006. Moran thanked the WCRC for an exceptional job on the Dixboro Road project.

**V. WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Tom Freeman presented to the Board the potential purchase of the Goodrich property, an 11 acre parcel on Dixboro road near M-14 for inclusion in the Natural Areas Preservation Program. Freeman gave a brief overview of the NAPP which is dedicated to preserving and protecting unique natural areas in Washtenaw County. Freeman said the intended use of these properties is for passive recreation by the public, and they are considered nature preserves. Freeman stated the Goodrich property is a panhandle shape, undeveloped parcel and borders U of M Horner Woods. Freeman stated the parcel has some invasive species but overall is of high quality with mature woodlands and high elevation. Freeman said the Goodrichs are proposing to sell a conservation easement to the County but the Goodrichs would retain title to the property. Freeman indicated the County is proposing to construct a six space gravel parking lot on the property.

Carl Fisher asked if the County was planning any separation such as fencing and signage between the neighboring properties.

Freeman stated there would be a parking lot sign along with marked signs for soft surface trails. Freeman said the County would most likely fence the parcel along the panhandle area.

John Petz with Domino Farms stated Domino Farms has no particular concerns or issues related to conservation of this area and the logical extension of the trail way from U of M Horner Woods. Petz said one of Domino Farm's concerns is the potential seclusion of the access to the property and where the parking may be located to prevent any unlawful activity. Petz stated their other concern pertains to neighboring property rights and the need for adequate identification of property lines to prevent trespassing.

Moran stated he had spoken with Sergeant Mahalick and she had indicated based upon the description of the location of the parking lot she didn't see that the parking would be problem and would place it on their regular patrol.

**Allison moved approval for Supervisor Moran to write a letter to the Washtenaw County Parks Department recommending the Goodrich property contingent upon working out adequate fencing with the neighbors and a small visible parking area off of Dixboro road. Ragland seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**VI. A. Petition for release for annexation-AZ-1-06.**

Petition by owner, Commercial Property Investors of Pontiac Trail, LLC, to release 7.28 acres, Parcels 09-16-201-004, 005, and 006 in order to connect to city sewer and water. Moran indicated all appropriate fees and taxes have been paid. Sean LaPere was present representing petitioner. **Ragland moved approval of the petition for annexation by release of AZ-1-06. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**VII. A. Wireless Washtenaw**

Moran stated the document in the Board's packets is still not the final document. **Dieterle moved to table the Wireless Washtenaw resolution for one month. Ragland seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**B. Appointment to Compensation Commission**

Supervisor requests Board confirmation of re-appointment of Len Felgner to the Compensation Commission for the 5 year term ending 1-01-11. **DiPietro moved approval to re-appoint Len Felgner to the Compensation Commission. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**C. Request for Street Closing**

Ann Arbor Track Club requests street closings incident to 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run on June 4, 2006. **Allison moved approval of street closings subject to the Township Attorney's approval of the insurance certificate. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**E. Report of Millage Committee**

Moran along with Coogan provided the Board with an overview of the results of the Millage Committee's study report which addressed the needs to pay for increased costs of Sheriff Deputies, to replace the expiring Fire Department millage, and to compensate for the effects of the boundary agreement due to property tax loss from annexation. The Board had a lengthy discussion of these issues facing the township. The Board decided they would propose a joint public safety millage for police and fire at the August primary so the Township would not be limited in the use of funds for either police or fire if a separate millage was proposed. Moran stated the Committee determined an increase of 2 mills over and above the current millage is necessary in order to cover increases in costs. Basch provided the Board with a draft of proposed ballot language. Moran informed the Board that final ballot language needs to be approved by May 1, 2006.

**F. Supervisor's Report**

Moran reported the Sheriff interpreted the collaboration agreement with Superior and the ruling on the grievance on an Ann Arbor Township deputy and a Superior Township deputy riding together in a car. Moran said the under-sheriff made this decision and Moran will discuss the matter with the under-sheriff when he returns from vacation. Moran indicated a suicide took place in the Township over the weekend. Moran informed the Board the County is moving aggressively toward developing a PWS ordinance and the Township's Utility Committee continues to

work on a PWS ordinance. Moran said a draft contract has been proposed on the water main loop. Moran stated the PALL prohibition zone continues to be a problem and provided the Board with a document of the issues facing the Township including a fact sheet provided by the MDEQ. Moran said he has attended two CARD meetings.

**G. Clerk's Report**

Basch indicated the GDP maps are now available on line as PDF files. Basch stated she met with the Icon representative who manages the Township's Canon copier. Basch said the Township's lease had expired on the copier. Basch said for a smaller monthly fee and for more black and white pages she chose to lease a color copier which also serves as a scanner. Basch said the election commission needs to schedule a meeting.

**F. Planning Commission**

Moran reported on the March 6, 2006 Planning Commission meeting. Moran said the Planning Commission addressed the Silverman Lake Village request to rezone the property to one acre lots and recommended denial.

**G. 1. Fire Department-** No report

**G.2. Sheriff Department-**

**H. Utilities Department**

Judkins indicated utility billing is now available on line. Judkins said there is a proposal for 2 bypass pumps at the Dixboro lift station and old water meters are in the process of being replaced. Judkins stated he is trying to get new numbers to the utility committee regarding Ayrshire.

**I. Building Department-** Gary Dresselhouse submitted a written report to the Board.

**J. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board**

Allison reported the Township has a signed purchase agreement with Dale Kapp. Allison stated the current round of FRPP funds will be available within the next 30 -60 days. Allison said other issues involve the FOSPB meeting with county planning to determine how to better coordinate the state program and meeting with the City greenbelt officials to discuss their strategic plan.

**K. Approval of Claims Listing**

**DiPietro moved approval of the claims listing for February 22, 2006 in the amount of \$2,693.86. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**Allison moved approval of the claims listing for February 23, 2006 in the amount of \$8,110.78. Forshee seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**APPROVED**

**Ragland moved approval of the claims listing for March 1,2006 in the amount of \$18,752.17. Forshee seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**DiPietro moved approval of the claims listing for March 15, 2006 in the amount of \$122,737.27. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS-** Items were included in the Board's packets.

**IX. NON-AGENDA ITEMS-**none.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT-**Matt Anderson, 3119 Birchwood Drive: He said he was observing the meeting for a government class.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT-**Forshee moved approval to adjourn the meeting at 10:03p.m. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

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Rena Basch, Clerk