

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010**

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 7:30 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, Richard Dieterle, and Claudia Sedmak.

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

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizen signed up for participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the March 15th minutes: in item IV, 12th line strike “Joy Road to Warren Road”. On page 3, item K. 1. insert “development rights on” after “purchase” in 3rd line. Also in item K.1. in the motion strike “the seller will add” and insert “of the letter of intent add the seller will provide”. **With those corrections, Basch moved approval of the March 15, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

IV. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING

A. Barton Hills Country Club Fireworks Display

Ericson indicated that Hamlin took all of the special event permit information from the applicant. Ericson said the event is the same as in previous years with their standard fireworks and all appropriate paperwork is in order. Ericson noted the fire department will need to inspect the operation prior to the event. **DiPietro moved approval of the special event permit for the fireworks display at the Barton Hills Country Club on June 25, 2010 subject to the Fire Department’s on site inspection prior to ignition, and Sheriff’s Department advisory by the Fire Chief. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

V. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS

A. Utilities Department Monthly Report

Judkins submitted a written report to the board and updated the board on the Clark Road water main. Judkins reported he has a meeting scheduled this week with the Department of Air Quality regarding complaints of odor coming from WCC sewer gases. Moran also reported the Township has received increases from the City of Ann Arbor for water and sewer rates and will need to schedule a Utilities Committee meeting before the next board meeting.

B. Public Safety

1. Fire Department

a. Appeal of Burning Citation

Moran reported that last month’s appeal was placed on the agenda in error, and that such appeals go to the County’s Construction Authority Board.

b. Report from Chief Ericson

Ericson reported he is proposing an amended open burning ordinance that is based on MDEQ's model ordinance which he has tailored to fit the township needs. Ericson said he believes he has found a way to address agriculture burning by treating it as a prescribed burn that will satisfy local farmers. MDA confirmed via email that the MI Right to Farm Act and associated generally accepted agricultural and management practices (GAAMPs) do not cover open burning. The Board voiced some questions and concerns on the proposed ordinance. Moran indicated the ordinance will be placed on the agenda next month for full discussion.

2. Sheriff Department

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

C. Resolution for temporary street closings for the Dexter-A2 Run

Moran explained the Board already approved the street closings however state statute requires a resolution with specific requirements so the organizer of the run can provide this information to the WCRC. Moran said the WCRC has already approved the resolution as an appropriate draft. The Township attorney recommended adding the date of the event in the first whereas of the resolution. **DiPietro moved approval of the resolution authorizing temporary road closure of Huron River Drive between Maple Road and City Limits on Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 8 am to 11 am for the Dexter-A2 Run with the addition of the date in the first whereas of the resolution. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

D. Reappointments to Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board

Moran requested the board approve the reappointments to the FOSPB for 3 year terms of Ken Koch, Wayne Jones and Tom Bartoshesky. **Allison moved to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Ken Koch, Wayne Jones and Tom Bartoshesky to the FOSPB for 3 year terms ending March 1, 2013. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

E. Reappointments to Planning Commission

Moran requested the board approve the reappointments to the Planning Commission for 3 year terms of Richard Mitchell and Peter Kotila. **Allison moved to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Richard Mitchell and Peter Kotila to the Planning Commission for 3 year terms ending July 1, 2013. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

F. Reappointments to Zoning Board of Appeals

Moran requested the board approve the reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year terms of Larry Burgess and Richard Mitchell. **Perry moved to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint Larry Burgess and Richard Mitchell to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year terms ending July 1, 2013. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

G. Selection of Local Road Projects for 2010

Moran reported after his own evaluation of local roads and after speaking with Eric Long WCRC Maintenance Supervisor, Gleaner Hall Road between Joy and Warren Roads is at the top of his list for needed improvements. Moran also recommended 2 applications of brine for their local roads instead of one application of calcium chloride. Moran also reported County Club Road is a

significant problem. The Board discussed at length the condition of Maple Road, Stein Road, and Country Club Road. Dieterle reiterated his opinion that Maple Road needs to be fixed. Moran indicated Scio Township may be in a position next year to split costs for improving Maple Road. Basch reported that Gleaner Hall was improved in 1998 and Country Club in 1999. The Board discussed getting more of a comprehensive list of improvements from the WCRC before making a decision. **Perry moved to approve 2 applications of brine and to authorize the Supervisor to tell the WCRC to do the Gleaner Hall project with ditching unless the Township can defer their decision until after the May 17, 2010 board meeting, and ask WCRC to prepare a more comprehensive proposal for Country Club and a report regarding Maple. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

H. Supervisor's Report

Moran reported the Township continues to move forward on farmland and open space preservation efforts that were previously approved, and are communicating with the City regarding the Braun property closing. Moran said he continues to work with the Sheriff's Department, and Salem Township has expressed interest in deputy collaboration. Moran reported pop bottle bombs have been found laying around in local yards and residents are asked to call 911. Moran reported one of the Township's commercial water meters partially failed and he has asked Judkins to prepare a statistical report from past years. Moran also reported they have selected a vendor for the energy conservation grant energy audit and should have the audit within the next few weeks.

I. Clerk's Report

Basch reported the ZBA will be meeting this week on two matters for variance requests. Basch reported the State has used HAVA grant money to roll out a new electronic poll book technology for elections. Basch also reported she met with Kate Long, who decided that she will not move forward on the land contract for the Gleaner Hall property and instead will be leasing land in Lodi Township to farm. Basch also reported she has put the website upgrades on hold until after the new server gets installed.

J. Treasurer's Report

DiPietro submitted a written report to the Board.

K. Planning Commission

Allison reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on April 5, 2010. The minutes were included in the Board's packets.

L. Building Department

Hamlin submitted a written activity report to the Board. Hamlin also provided a memo suggesting fee additions and reducing other fees. The board reviewed and discussed Hamlin's fee recommendations. **Allison moved to approve the recommended fees for the various Planning Commission and zoning ordinance amendments. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

M. Farmland Preservation Committee

Allison reported the FOSPB has 2 applications pending in this round of the FRPP, and they continue to work on conservation easements for the small farm initiative. Allison also reported

the FOSPB continues to study sources of funding for restoration of the Township barn.

N. Fleming Creek Street Lighting Assessments

Perry moved to set a public hearing for Fleming Creek Street Lighting Assessments for May 17, 2010. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

O. Approval of Claims Listings

Allison moved approval of the claims listings for April 1, 2010 in the amount of \$105,278.65. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. DiPietro moved approval of the claims listing for April 14, 2010 in the amount of \$69,246.80. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Items were included in the Board's packets.

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Moran asked the Board to approve the purchase and installation of a new internet server and backup system subject to Township attorney approval of the contract. **Perry moved approval of the purchase and installation of a new internet server and backup system subject to Township attorney approval of the contract. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Braun reported that thieves stole 7 trees off their property and expressed concern over the lack of patrol by the sheriff's department. Braun also expressed interest in reviewing the proposed open burning ordinance since they burn trees to control insects per state recommendations.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

At 9:04 pm Allison moved to adjourn into closed session to discuss pending litigation. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. The Board reconvened from closed session at 9:19 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

DiPietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.