CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
June 16, 2020

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Terry Lilley, Clerk
Mike Roman, Treasurer
Michael Powell, Trustee
Andrea C. Voorheis, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee

Absent: Scott Ruggles, Trustee

Also Present: Cathy Derocher, Deputy Clerk
Lisa Hamameh, Attorney
Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
Jeanine Smith, Assessor
Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

Clerk Lilley added the following to the Agenda:

- 9D - Resolution #20-020
- 10B – Clarification of the IT Right Contract

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Agenda, as amended. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. **LIST OF BILLS**
B. **REVENUE AND EXPENSE**
C. **CHECK DISBURSEMENT**
D. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
    1. **POLICE**
    2. **FIRE**

3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
4. **TREASURER**

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MAY 19, 2020

Trustee Powell requested on Page 6, Under item C, 4th Paragraph that it should read: Supervisor Kowall indicated that the Township has positioned itself, not its selves.

Treasurer Roman noted that on page 10, 4th Paragraph should indicate Lisa, not Chelsea.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, MAY 27, 2020

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve both the Minutes of May 19, 2020, as corrected and the Minutes of, May 27, 2020. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

PRESENTATION

C. RECOGNITION OF MASTER MUNICIPAL CLERK DESIGNATION – CATHY DEROCHER

Clerk Lilley urged members of the Board to visit the IIMC website to get some insight into Cathy's background. He has had the privilege and honor to have Cathy as his Deputy for the past twelve years. This award is a culmination of long intense days in classes, her commitment to excellence and professionalism. No other deputy clerk in White Lake Township has ever obtained such status. She possesses all three certifications.

He noted there are not enough words to express his support and appreciation for Cathy Derocher and for a job well done and well deserved. The people of White Lake Township should appreciate her accomplishments and dedication to the Township. Congratulations Cathy!

Congratulations offered by other Board members.

RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #20-017; TENTATIVELY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS 2021-2025 RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION PROJECT

Attorney Hamameh requested the following changes to the Resolution:

- Add language in the header that reads via ZOOM in accordance with Executive Order 2020-75.
- Change the location in Paragraph 2 to indicate the location is the Township Annex, striking the alternative location language.
- Add language to Paragraph 4, second sentence: This may be done by appearing in person or participating by Zoom video conferencing if applicable, having an agent...

Attorney Hamameh further clarified for the record that Exhibit A is on file with the Clerk's Office should anyone wish to review it. It is 70 pages in length and not attached to tonight's Agenda.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to approve the Intent Resolution to Establish a Special Assessment District to be known as 2021-2025 Residential Refuse Collection Project, Resolution #20-017, as amended by the attorney. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

B. RESOLUTION #20-018; ADJOURNING THE MANDON LAKE IMPROVEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Kowall noted the adjourned date will be the July Board Meeting.

It was noted that the changes made to the prior Resolution would be necessary here as well.

- Add language in the header that reads via ZOOM in accordance with Executive Order 2020-75.
- Change the location in Paragraph 2 to indicate the location is the Township Annex, striking the alternative location language.
- Add language to Paragraph 4, second sentence: This may be done by appearing in person or participating by Zoom video conferencing if applicable, having an agent...

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to approve Resolution #20-018, which is the Mandon Lake Improvement of the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake Resolution adjourning the Public Hearing. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Kowall/yes, Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes).

C. RESOLUTION #20-019; TENATIVELY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS SUNSET/TAYLOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

It was noted that the changes made to the prior Resolution would be necessary here as well.

- Add language in the header that reads via ZOOM in accordance with Executive Order 2020-75.
- Change the location in Paragraph 2 to indicate the location is the Township Annex, striking the alternative location language.

- Add language to Paragraph 4, second sentence: This may be done by appearing in person or participating by Zoom video conferencing if applicable, having an agent...

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve Resolution #20-019 Intent Resolution for the Sunset/Taylor Road Maintenance with the changes recommended by the Township attorney. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes).

D. OAKLAND COUNTY CARES ACT RESOLUTION #20-020

Attorney Hamameh indicated this authorizes the Supervisor to execute the agreement with the County. It is funding that the County receives for COVID 19 and that they are distributing to the Township to participate in this contract. It covers the 25% the Township must spend for Federal funding.

Supervisor Kowall noted this is a requirement to participate in this program which runs through January 31, 2021.

It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to authorize the Supervisor to sign Resolution 20-020 for the Cares Act Distribution. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes, Lilley/yes).

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING; REZONING REQUEST – NEW HOPE WHITE LAKE

Sean O'Neil indicated this is a rezoning request from R1-B Single Family Residential to PD Planned Development.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to move the New Hope White Lake from R1-B to PD. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

B. CLARIFICATION OF THE IT RIGHT CONTRACT

It was indicated that while the intention was clear, the motion itself was not with regards to the term of the contract being three years. Supervisor Kowall would like it clarified that it was in fact a three-year contract at $46,200 per year.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to clarify the previous motion made on May 27, 2020 to allow the Supervisor to finalize and execute a three-year contract with IT Right subject to the Township Attorney's review, not to exceed $46,200 per year. The

motion PASSED by roll call vote (Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes, Lilley/yes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING; REZOINING REQUEST – WHITE LAKE CARWASH

Sean O'Neil indicated that while this is named White Lake Carwash, the rezoning has nothing to do with a carwash. It is a request to rezone property from Local Business and Single Family Residential to General Business. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning request. He also noted that the Zoning Review also recommends the rezoning.

He noted that residents expressed buffering concerns when they participated in the Planning Commission meeting. He furthered that the ordinance would require in the future, no matter what the use is for this property, significate screening and buffering so that they are not impacted.

Supervisor Kowall believes this is an effective use of the property with minimal impact on the residents behind it.

Trustee Smith indicated that she listened to the meeting held by the Planning Commission and read the minutes. She believes that the buffering concerns is putting the cart before the horse as they are not there yet. It is just rezoning currently. She believes that this Board will be conscientious to make sure it was buffered appropriate for the surrounding residents.

Danny York, Applicant. He understands everyone's concerns regarding buffering. He needs to talk with his partners to discuss what will be done with the remaining land. He is buying the property to build a carwash and does not have other plans for the rest of the property. He noted that they hear the Township and residents loud and clear and that they would never want to enter into a community and make future customers mad.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to move to Second Reading the Rezoning Request of the property from (LB) Local Business and (R1-C) Single Family to (GB) General Business the property described as 12-23-202-006. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

B. FIREWORKS PERMIT FOR CEDAR ISLAND LAKE

Trustee Powell is looking forward to the fireworks and thanked Cedar Island Lake for continuing the tradition.

Both Supervisor Kowall and Trustee Smith encouraged the residents to act responsibly and practice social distancing.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve the Fireworks Permit for Cedar Island Lake and to authorize the Supervisor to approve a rain date if one is proposed. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Kowall/yes).

C. APPROVAL TO RESUME ISSUING SOLICITATION PERMITS

Attorney Hamameh suggest that this is only for activities that are permitted under the Governor's Executive Order (i.e. ice cream truck).

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to resume issuing Solicitation Permits for those activities that are permitted under the Governor's Executive Order. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Lilley/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes).

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Supervisor Kowall noted that White Lake Township made history yesterday. White Lake was chosen as a protest location yesterday evening. This exercise of Constitutional Freedoms was attended by two groups: Black Lives Matter Group and Pro Trump Police First Responders Group. He is pleased to say that both groups voiced their opinions without incident. More importantly he would like to thank Chief Dan Keller and his team for ensuring the safety of all the individuals attending this event. A job well done.

Trustee Voorheis. Shared two articles from 1970 regarding trash and the police department. She noted how far we have come in 50 years. She further shared that the White Lake Citizens Group is still hosting fireworks on July 4th. She closed with be safe and be healthy.

Clerk Lilley. Invited the Board to stop in and observe the Clerk's Office. They are extremely busy with applications of absentee voters.

Treasurer Roman. He reminded residents that the Township is open for business by appointment only. You can call the Township to make such an appointment, but you will be required to wear a mask and answer COVID 19 questions, but you can take care of your government needs. Lastly, he noted that the summer tax bills will be going out on June 30, 2020.

Trustee Smith. She provided the following updates to the Library:

- Curb side delivery started June 15th from 11am to 4pm
- Accepting curbside delivery request by phone or email
- Please visit www.whitelakelibrary.org for more information
- Enabled holds to be placed at this time
- Drive up returns only at this time
- Materials will be checked in and removed from our account after 72 hours of quarantine
- Continuing to offer wireless access from the front rows of the parking lot (no password required)
- Library cards or library service issues please call 248-698-4942 or email reference@whitelakelibrary.org

- Continuing to abide by the Executive Order and CDC guidelines
- Newsletters went out to all residents
- Summer Reading Program will continue
- Classes and activities will be virtual this summer
- The website has been updated

She mentioned the bicentennial celebration of Oakland County by passing out Oak trees. It was nice to see residence and thanked residents for planting trees throughout the Township. She also mentioned the small business kits that went out last week. There are still a few left and by appointment, you can fill out a form and request a kit. More information can be found on the White Lake Township webpage. If you are in need please contact Sean O'Neil's office.

She commended the police department and residents for the peaceful gathering yesterday. She thanked the police department and her fellow CERT members for being there and for being an arm to the police department.

Trustee Powell. The Zoning Board of Appeals met last week. They granted a variance for a front yard set back on Elizabeth Lake Road for safety reasons. They also denied a request to build a three-story home in a residential area where the rest of the homes do not have basements. It would not have been compatible with the rest of the neighborhood.

He is proud of the police department. He has noticed that the activity of the department has increased from last month, as has the fire department. He indicates that as long as this Board is in place, they will not support any defunding of the police department. With a heavy heart, he stated that those that are old enough to have lived through the events of the 60's in Detroit, we see it occurring a little more each day. We need to listen to each other, hear each other, and be more sensitive of the concerns of others. He longs for peace to come back to this country.

Supervisor Kowall. He thinks it would be nice to have an in-person July meeting, but notes that we must follow the Executive Order as far as the number of people. All the meetings are moved to the Annex, which will be more comfortable and will reintroduce some new technology. He had a good time in Stanley Park planting the extra trees from the Bicentennial event.

He gave a salute to Steve Susser, the proprietor of the Root, which is now Stella's Table. It will focus on an urban Italian flare. He indicated that MR. Susser is trying to make a difference in our community.

Regarding Huron Valley Schools, they have closed their leisure pools and they will not reopen. Unfortunately, the repair costs are too expensive. With state funding in jeopardy for the schools, they are left with no choice. The education of the children must come first.

The watermain down Bogie Lake Road is moving ahead and will provide the school campus with clean drinking water in conjunction with the new iron filtration process to be located at the Aspen Meadows Facility on Grass Lake Road. That will put 100% of water produced in White Lake Township on iron filtration.

He shared that he and Trustee Powell are also working on an overlay for a walking path on Bogie Lake Road where the easement exists. Hopefully, they can get the Safe Pathways to Schools Program moving forward. A pathway will be going in near Redwood and they are moving forward with the triangle trail.

He continued that they are moving forward with the civic center planning. White Lake is a great place to be, it is home and truly home to so many of us and we feel the need to serve as we have served this community for the last four years.

Good night and God bless.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to adjourn. The MOTION PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes, Lilley/yes, Kowall/yes).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

I, Terry Lilley, the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the June 16, 2020 regular board meeting minutes.

Terry Lilley

Terry Lilley, CMC; MiPMC
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan