

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

January 16, 2018

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Terry Lilley, Clerk
Mike Roman, Treasurer
Mike Powell, Trustee
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee - Late Arrival
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

Also Present: Lisa Hamameh, Attorney
Sean O'Neil, Planning Director
Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary

Supervisor Kowall commended the White Lake Fire & Police Departments for their valiant efforts in trying to save a home on Lakeside. There was a major fire wherein the home was completely destroyed. The two structures on either side of it were saved as well as a cat. Also, he commended the Police Dept. on their efforts in an incident involving a barricaded gunman who fired several rounds into a residential home here in the community.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the Agenda as presented. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Norek, 7450 Alpine View Court. He questioned whether the property on Porter Road regarding the boats was going to be discussed this evening. He was informed it is an Item on tonight's Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. LIST OF BILLS
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES
- C. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS
- D. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS 2018-2020
- E. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 1. POLICE
 2. FIRE

- 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- F. BUDGET AMENDMENT**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 19, 2017

Trustee Powell noted a correction on Page 3, paragraph two, line five of the December 19, 2017 Minutes. Change "February 27" to "September 27".

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to approve the Minutes dated December 19, 2017 as corrected. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (6 yes votes).

(Trustee Smith is now present at the meeting.)

RESOLUTION

A. RESOLUTION #18-001, CONFIRM RE-ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SAD RESIDENTIAL REFUSE REMOVAL 2016-2020

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution #18-001, Confirm Re-Assessment Roll for SAD Residential Refuse Removal 2016-2020. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO HIRE SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVE COMPANY

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve hiring Archive Social to archive the White Lake Police Dept. social media accounts, authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract, the amount not to exceed \$200 per month for the service. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

B. FIREWORKS PERMIT FOR WHITE LAKE CITIZENS LEAGUE

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Fireworks Permit for White Lake Citizens League. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

C. REQUEST FOR LEGAL ACTION FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATION AT 1535 PORTER ROAD

Randall Smith, 7430 Alpine View Drive. When he moved into his home in 2003 there were a few boats stored there but nothing like is happening today. He presented the Board members with pictures of the view from his back yard. Every spring and fall it gets very noisy. Also, there is a lot of foul language used by the people on the Porter Road property. This will affect the property value of his home.

Tom Norek, 7450 Alpine View Court. He is here as a representative of the Alpine Estates Subdivision and is requesting action regarding this property. At a subdivision meeting within the last two months there was unanimous concern regarding our property value. The amount of boats has increased exponentially. It is an eye sore. It's not good for our community.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve authorizing the Township Attorney to proceed with legal action regarding the property at 1535 Porter Road, bringing a recommendation back to the Board. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. DISCUSSION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES LICENSING ACT (MMFLA) 281 of 2016

Clerk Lilley commented there are five school districts within White Lake Twp. There are many children in our neighborhoods. I am not in favor of the recreational use of marijuana. However I understand that for medical purposes there are a great amount of people in need of marijuana. He is opposed to moving forward to consider the several options available to the Township for growing or manufacturing marijuana.

Trustee Powell. When the Medical Marijuana Act was initially adopted this Township Board voted to abide by State Law. We didn't feel it was proper to allow the public and mostly the kids to see that was a viable drug to walk into a building and buy. Currently, he would prefer it to remain private for those who medically need it versus going public.

Treasurer Roman. He agrees with the comments by Terry and Mike. He is also concerned with police enforcement and the burden it would put on our department to enforce laws that haven't even been tested yet in the legal system.

Trustee Voorheis questioned what options are available to the Township.

Supervisor Kowall responded municipalities can consider five licenses; growth, processing, delivery and transportation, quality inspection and retail dispensary. Some communities have decided to adopt all but the dispensary. If an operation comes up, the local community can charge them a licensing fee

April Pochmara, 9857 Elizabeth Lake Road. What is the potential for tax revenue?

Trustee Smith would like to get more information on the topic as well as definitely hear from the residents before any action is taken.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to opt out of the Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) 281 of 2016.

Dan Garber, 8380 Jamestown Drive. There are some great uses for medical marijuana but we need to be careful as a community before bringing in any type of recreational drugs. It is very scary.

John Earley, 5925 Pine Ridge Court. Were the inquiring calls coming into the Township offices by customers or vendors?

Resident. He buys and flips houses in the White Lake and Commerce Township area. There are official grow houses in our community. The buildings are going downhill and it's a detriment to the neighborhoods.

Shirley Kowalski, 7371 Ellingrove. What can the police do if they are called in to investigate a marijuana growing facility?

Jean Philippe Loew, 247 Rosario Lane. If people are growing in uncontrolled conditions it might be a dangerous situation. If we regulated it there might be some control of the conditions regarding the manufacturing and setting safety requirements making it a less hazardous situation.

The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Voorheis. The White Lake Historical Society is in the process of gathering stories and information on the members of the White Lake Fire & Police Depts. and military Veterans, present and past. In November of 2017 150 letters were sent to the White Lake Township military Veterans inviting them to share their information or a photo for inclusion in the book. We are reaching out the families of the deceased Veterans as well. If you would like to know more about the project, submit information or become a sponsor, contact the White Lake Historical Society. The tentative printing date is late summer of 2018.

Also, we are in need of volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Once a week drivers are organized to deliver Meals on Wheels to residents of White Lake Township. We meet at the Dublin Community Center. It takes about two to three hours once a month.

Trustee Smith. Hopefully everyone had a happy holiday season and safe New Year. In this New Year, hopefully we can have a positive and fresh start in White Lake. The regular Library Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 24th at 6:45 in their lower level. The Mini Golf fundraiser is coming up on April 22nd. It is their largest fundraiser if anyone is interested in sponsorship or helping during the event. She offered her thoughts to all those involved in the terrible house fire over the weekend on Oxbow Lake.

Trustee Ruggles. He made mention of the Planning Commission appointees, Rhonda Grubb and Mark Fine and is looking forward to working with them for the next three years.

Trustee Powell. When dealing with the departments within this Township, he is impressed and proud of their professionalism, which is also a compliment to Supervisor Kowall's leadership. Also, he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Doug Utter who cleans the facility and makes sure the Board has everything they need for their meetings. Regarding the department report for the Police Dept., they received over 26,000 calls. That is a tremendous amount of work by our Police Dept. and he wanted to thank them. The Fire Dept. responded to 2794 calls which is a tremendous amount of work for our local department.

It would be a great idea for this Township Board and the Planning Commission to sit down and have a joint meeting on the Campus Study. The Planning Commission needs some guidance from this Board as to how they might modify the Zoning Ordinance in the Master Plan. Also, the Building Dept. picked up this year, approving 3 ½ building permits per day. It would be awesome if the Fire and Police Departments were to give the Board a summary of the Township over the last year and what we might do to improve things from their perspective.

There are a large number of very sensitive areas in the Township around lakes. His office designs engineered septic systems and they get calls daily. Some homes had to pay up to \$35,000 to put engineered septic systems in their property, the yard having to be raised and paying for an operator's fee and \$450 per year to have an expert come in and maintain the pretreatment system and septic field. This Board could make a major statement if we were to take the step and say we'd like to start extending sanitary sewers into these marginal areas allowing our residents to greatly improve their homes.

Clerk Lilley thanked Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary, and his staff for everything they do. He's had to take some time off recently and he does appreciate them. He had an opportunity to visit the iron filtration plant and is very impressed with Mr. Potter's performance and the obligations he's taken on since he's been here as director. He will probably at the next meeting make some recommendations on Mr. Potter's behalf. Our new election equipment has arrived. He has some recommendations on rearranging things until such time as we can make a financial commitment to relocate.

Treasurer Roman. Winter taxes are due and payable without penalty thru February 14, 2018.

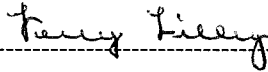
Supervisor Kowall. He commended again the Fire and Police Departments. The residents will be seeing millage requests for renewal and it is very important to have these guardians in our community. Last year the Police responded to over 700 lock assists. It is a service most communities don't do. Such things help build relationships in the community which allows policing to be more effective. Thanks to all the adjacent communities who lent their support for the recent fire. He did receive a letter from the library treasurer, Joe Fennell. He has laid out a repayment program to reimburse the Township which he will bring to the Board for their review next month.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve adjourning the meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7yes votes).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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 January 16, 2018 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan