

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

March 14, 2017

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
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

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

Clerk Lilley amended the Agenda as follows: Add Items 6A, New List of Bills dated 3-14-17; 8B, Minutes dated 3-3-17, 9G, New Vehicle Request. Table Item 8A, Minutes 2-21-17. Remove Items 6D4, Treasurer's Report and 9A, Job Reclassification/Pay Scale Change.

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Agenda as amended: Add Items 6A, New List of Bills dated 3-14-17, 8B, Minutes dated 3-3-17; 9G, New Vehicle Request. Table Item 8A, Minutes dated 2-21-17. Remove Items 6D4, Treasurer's Report and 9A, Job Reclassification/Pay Scale Change. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Johnson, 9136 Buckingham. We just went through a terrible time in White Lake Township. He'd like to congratulate and thank the Police and Fire Departments for their excellent job of removing downed trees and power lines. They got out there in a very timely manner and prevented accidents and saved a lot of injuries.

Mary Sanfilippo, 9025 Cedar Island Road. She is a teacher of more than 37 years. She is here because she watched the attack on Liz Smith at the February 21st Board meeting by people who did not have a clue about the situation nor should they interject themselves into someone else's situation. It is a private medical matter and it is a matter of protection for this child. She has firsthand knowledge and can state with confidence as she was this very child's teacher that she has a deadly life threatening allergy. Liz has spent time educating staff, parents and children

on how these children can enter school and a classroom and remain safe. Liz knows the laws that federally protect these children and she knows the rightful path to stand up for their civil rights. Being a teacher this long, she has witnessed some parents who just don't get it and want things such as certain food at parties rather than save a child's life. On behalf of teachers and most parents, she apologized to Ms. Smith for having to endure such reckless statements.

Anthony Noble, Back in the summer he overpaid his taxes by \$1500. A lot of communities could have easily let the money disappear into the General Fund. Mr. Roman took the time out of his day, looked at the bill and called him at home regarding the error. The honesty and integrity he showed was very much appreciated. Also, he'd like to give the police department credit. Due to the recent storm he lost power and was forced to break into his own home. It was a suspicious scene as he had to crawl through his own window. On his way out of the subdivision he was passed by a couple of squad cars. A few minutes later he was called and informed they checked his house out. That is what makes White Lake a great community. There is personal contact with the residents and a rapid response by the Police Department.

Trustee Liz Smith responded to and refuted allegations made regarding her at last month's Board meeting. She is a very passionate and competent child and senior advocate on her own personal time. She has spent countless hours for years with no fanfare in attempting to protect the rights of those who often have no voice, our children, seniors and those with disabilities. As of recent she has been working very hard trying to protect a young little girl with a severe life threatening food allergy in a local school district. Parties with junk food, candy and other unsafe foods seem to have become more important than this child's safety to a handful of parents and staff who have been loud and intimidating with their objections. She would refer people to a site online called FARE which is a Food Allergy Efficacy Resource Group. It issued a PSA called, Food Allergies, It's No Joke. It shows allergens children are exposed to while going to school. They often endure peer tormenting and real bullying. We all have a responsibility to protect all of our residents, including the children. I'm honored to be this child's advocate and her shield.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. LIST OF BILLS**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- C. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**
- D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - 1. POLICE**
 - 2. FIRE**
 - 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

PRESENTATIONS

A. EAGLE SCOUT JUSTIN REINHART

Supervisor Kowall presented a special tribute to honor and commend Eagle Scout Justin Reinhart signed by State Rep. Jim Runestad, Sen. Mike Kowall. Lt. Governor Brian Calley, Gov. Rick Snyder. As an exceptional member of Troop 782 he will be inducted into the ranks of Eagle Scout at a special court of honor. This is an important occasion and most appropriate time to recognize his many accomplishments. For his Eagle Scout project Justin planned and led the construction of picnic tables for the pavilion at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wixom. In order to finance this project, he spent numerous hours organizing a bottle and can drive, demonstrating great leadership skills. Justin has exemplified the scouting ideals of leadership, helping others in need and good citizenship.

MINUTES

B. MARCH 3, 2017

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the Minutes dated March 3, 2017. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

B. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 18 OF THE FIRE CODE

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Treasurer Roman to approve moving to Second Reading, Amendment to Chapter 18 of the Fire Code. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

C. LIGHT DUTY RESCUE TRUCK PURCHASE (FIRE DEPT.)

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Light Duty Rescue Truck Purchase (Fire Dept.), amount not to exceed \$176,000. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

D. APPARATUS EXPENDITURE

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Apparatus Expenditure, amount not to exceed \$150,000, authorizing the Supervisor to approve any additional expenditures. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

E. RESOLUTION #17-003, SAD FOR CASTLEWOOD SEWER CONNECTIONS

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve Resolution #17-

003, SAD For Castlewood Sewer Connections. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

F. DUTY FIREARMS PURCHASE

It was MOVED Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve the Duty Firearms Purchase. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

Chief Keller advised the Board as an FYI they are creating a 501C3 account so donations can be tax deductible. Programs such as DARE, Citizens Academy, Shop with a Cop, 5K Run, Open House and several more are currently sustained by donations from businesses and individuals. Businesses have accounts specifically set up to donate to this type of thing so by creating this account we may actually get more money for our programs.

G. NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE

It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the New Vehicle Purchase in the amount of \$26,664, authorizing the Supervisor to approve undercoating the vehicle when it arrives. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Supervisor Kowall advised there was a tragic event which took place yesterday afternoon where a 17 yr. old young man pulled behind the library and committed suicide. This tells each of us, A. how precious life is and; B, we as a society are facing an epidemic. We have had a suicide rate in this country which has continued to rise. When you have young people that lose faith in themselves and take their lives, we as a society are missing something. He urged everyone to call loved ones, especially if you have children, and tell them you love them. His heart and prayers go out to the family involved in that tragedy.

The next bit of news is good. After 18 years a deal has been pulled together which will now ensure that we will have a new future Township Civic Center Complex. We entered into a purchase agreement for 25 acres of property along Elizabeth Lake Road. About two years ago an architectural firm came in to do a needs analysis of the current facilities and found it would take 1.7 million dollars just to bring them up to par. We are a growing community. We'd like to meet the wants and needs of the Police and Fire Department. It will take careful planning and prudent spending but we need to set the wheels in motion for the next 50 to 75 years.

Trustee Voorheis stated she is simply thankful for restored electricity.

Trustee Smith congratulated Scott Ruggles and his wife on the arrival of their new baby girl. She extended her sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of the young man who tragically lost his life last night. It was her pleasure and honor to congratulate Officer of the

Year, DARE Off. Greg Hartner over the weekend and Fireman of the Year, Sgt. Russ Wrijil for their outstanding service to our community. And also thanks to all fire and policemen for their continued service to White Lake to keep us safe. Thank you to the VFW Hall for hosting the event. As an update on the library, the Mini Golf event was a great success. There are still some silent auction items available for purchase until March 28th as a way to support the library. The next Library Board meeting will be Wed. March 22nd at 6:45 p.m. They will also be holding a Special Board meeting April 6th at 5 p.m. to interview architects... All are welcome to come and give their input. The library usually supports the Easter Egg Hunt in White Lake. Unfortunately, there will not be an Egg Hunt this year as Calvary Baptist Church is unable to provide the monetary donations and volunteers this year. Hopefully, we'll get back on board with that next year. Please show your support to our Veterans for their service by attending the VFW Post 4156 events. This Wednesday a fun St. Patrick's Day Dinner is planned.

Trustee Ruggles. It was an eventful weekend. He was hoping his wife would have been able to attend the awards dinner with him but she was in no shape to go out. The next morning she went into labor and he is now the proud father of two little girls.

Clerk Lilley commented that a deal for the new Township facilities has been over twenty years in the making. Thank you to Supervisor Kowall for working on that project.

Trustee Powell is also very excited about the potential for the new Township facilities. It's not a done deal yet as the devil is in the details. There is a lot of evaluating, designing and discussion to be done yet. We recently had a number of residents without power. He would love to be able to offer a warm place to stay to his fellow residents when their power goes out. Is there a way the Township could be the clearing house or provide some means of putting residents together in different areas by letting us know who might be out, especially the elderly or sick or with children?

Supervisor Kowall did have a conversation with the Director of the Dublin Center. Currently, we are only able to facilitate a daytime warming center. We are looking further into that.

Treasurer Roman offered his congratulations to Officer Hartner. He is a great police officer and is great with the kids, too. Regarding the potential new Township facilities, he was always taught to live with what you have but a day doesn't go by where he looks at something and knows it needs replacing. It is time for a move. Tom Johnson, it's great to have you back at the meetings. Condolences on the loss of your daughter. Congratulations to Scott on the new baby.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 (h)

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve adjourning into Executive Closed Session to consider attorney/client privileged communication in accordance with MCL 15.268 (h). The **MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote (Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Kowall-yes/Ruggles-yes/Voorheis-yes/Powell-yes/Smith-yes).

B. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING TRIAL AND SETTLEMENT STRATEGIES IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION OF OUTFRONT MEDIA, LLC. V. WHITE LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 2017-157372-CZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 (e)

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve adjourning into Executive Closed Session to consult with legal counsel regarding trial and settlement strategies in connection with litigation of Outfront Media LLC v. White Lake Charter Township, Oakland County Circuit Court Case No. 2017-157372-CZ in accordance with MCL 15.268 (e). The **MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote (Smith-yes/Powell-yes/Voorheis-yes/Ruggles-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Kowall-yes).


Motion by Supervisor Kowall supported by Trustee Powell to return to general session **The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes)**

Motion by Clerk Lilley supported by Treasurer Roman to authorized the Supervisor to execute the Consent Judgement as revised in accordance with the board's discussion in executive session. **The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes)**

Motion by Supervisor Kowall supported by Trustee Voorheis to adjourn the meeting. **The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes)**

The meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 9:30 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 March 14, 2017 regular board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk
White Lake Township
Oakland County, Michigan