

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

## Approved Minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting

September 30, 2014

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

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

Present: Gregory Baroni, Supervisor  
Terry Lilley, Clerk  
Mike Roman, Treasurer  
Carol Burkard, Trustee  
Rik Kowall, Trustee  
Scott Ruggles, Trustee  
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

Also Present: Jason Iacoangeli, Staff Planner  
Lisa Hamameh, Attorney  
Amy Bertin, Recording Secretary

Clerk Lilley made the following changes to the Agenda: Add Item 5A, Consent Agenda/List of Bills dated 9-30-14. Change Item 6B, Pole Barn, to an FYI. Correct Item 6C to read Fisk Road Water Main Project. Add Item 6E, Szott Building Expansion, PDD Extension. Remove Item 8A, Executive Session.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Kowall to approve the Agenda as amended, Add Item 5A, List of Bills dated 9-30-14; Change Item 6B, Pole Barn, to FYI; Correct Item 6C to read Fisk Road Water Main Project; Add Item 6E, Szott Building Expansion, PDD Extension; Remove Item 8A, Executive Session. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matt Carr, 1490 Langfield. As a Planning Commission member, he was making a request on behalf of the Planning Commission to the Township Board members for an informal joint meeting. Everyone has different opinions and ideas for a potential downtown White Lake area and other items. It would be good for everyone to come together for an open discussion. He would like to know if the Board members have any interest in such a meeting.

Supervisor Baroni felt there would be interest in pursuing a joint meeting. He asked Mr. Carr to contact him with potential dates and times. Also, he was hopeful to have two new Planning Commission members appointed by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. LIST OF BILLS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCOUNT TIRE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, FILE NO. 14-011**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Kowall, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Discount Tire Preliminary Site Plan, File No. 14-011. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Special Land Use for the Discount Tire Preliminary Site Plan, File No. 14-011. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

### **B. POLE BARN PROJECT - FYI**

Clerk Lilley stated that there is a great need of storage for boxes of documents and election equipment. Currently, the ballot boxes are stored in an unheated facility in the park. This type of machinery should be stored in a warm, clean, dry environment. He shared with the Board members some photographs of the current storage conditions. There is no room to properly spread out files and documents to prepare the information for scanning. In addition to his needs for storage, there are many maintenance items and equipment stored outside. There have been bids obtained for the construction of a pole barn. The Board will eventually decide how to proceed on future building changes and improvements but his office has immediate storage needs.

Trustee Burkard agreed with the fact that proper storage is very long overdue for election equipment and documents. Her concern is they recently hired a consultant for \$20,000 to do a comprehensive study of the needs for all the township departments. Instead of rushing to spend \$50,000 on a pole barn, it might be better to let the firm they hired first give their opinion on the best way to solve the storage issues for the clerk's office.

Supervisor Baroni proposed an immediate short term fix for the storage problem. They could move the maintenance equipment to the Porter Road Farm allowing the clerk's office to utilize the maintenance garage for storage. He can make that change as early as next week.

**C. FISK ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Ruggles to approve disbursement of 150 refunds due from the Fisk Road Water Main Project as listed. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**D. RESOLUTION #14-036, TRUTH IN TAXATION**

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve Resolution #14-036, Truth in Taxation. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**E. SZOTT BUILDING EXPANSION, PDD EXTENSION**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the Szott Building Expansion, PDD Extension to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on October 21, 2014. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RATES**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to Open for Public Hearing, Establishment of Tax Rates. The **MOTION PASSED** by voice vote (7 yes votes).

There were no comments by the Public at this time

Clerk Lilley stated the language the State gave the Township to publish made it appear to the general public that we are increasing the rates over and above what the people of the township voted for. That is not true. We are simply asking in the case of our new construction that we be allowed to collect new construction taxes over and above the previous year's revenues and apply it to our budgets. It is a difficult process to understand but we are not increasing people's taxes. Treasurer Roman suggested that a qualifier be added onto the State's language that the mills voted for by the public will not be increased which has helped clarify the issue to the residents.

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Kowall to Close Public Hearing on Establishment of Tax Rates. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

Mr. Carr suggested improving the Township's web site as a way to get information out to the residents. This is really the way to go rather than putting articles in the local newspaper. Most people access information via the internet and Facebook with their computers, tablets or phones.

Trustee Burkard agreed that the web site is definitely in need of improvement but there is the practical problem of a shortage of personnel to attend to it. Most other townships or communities have an IT person who is dedicated to that task. Until the Township has sufficient funds for such a position it might be a good idea to see if there is a college intern in need of experience or someone willing to volunteer their time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Kowall, SUPPORTED by Clerk Lilley to Adjourn the meeting. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).**

Adjournment of meeting at 8:01 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 September 30, 2014 special board meeting minutes.



Terry Lilley, Clerk  
White Lake Township  
Oakland County, Michigan