

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

## Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

December 17, 2013

Supervisor Baroni called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Baroni led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lilley called the roll:

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

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

Supervisor Baroni made the following changes and additions to the Agenda. Add an updated List of Bills dated 12-17-13 and Treasurer's Report. Add Item 8G, discussion of \$147,000 Grant Money; 8H, Contract for New Fire Chief; 8I, discussion of Admin Fee for SAD Emergency Sewer Hook-ups. Remove under Budget Amendments, the sewer item. 6A will be changed to an FYI rather than a presentation.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Kowall to approve the Agenda as amended, adding Items 8G, discussion of \$147,000 Grant Money, 8H, Contract for New Fire Chief, 8I, discussion of Admin Fee for SAD Emergency Sewer Hook-ups; Remove Sewer Item under Budget Amendments; Change 6A to FYI rather than presentation. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (6 yes votes/1-no vote Burkard - as she would prefer to receive notice of changes prior to the night of the meeting).**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Birkle, 332 Rosario Lane. It isn't very open and transparent to list sewer issues as a budget amendment as opposed to an open agenda item as there is such public concern over this issue. There is a disparity where only 10% of White Lake's residential population is on the sanitary sewer system, yet 100% of the people are technically paying for it when money is gifted from the general to the sewer fund. Also, he would urge the township to start broadcasting their meetings.

Trustee Burkard wished a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year with Blessings to everyone present tonight.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. LIST OF BILLS**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- C. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - 1. FIRE DEPARTMENT**
  - 2. POLICE DEPARTMENT**
  - 3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
  - 4. TREASURER REPORT**
  - 5. OVERTIME REPORT**
- D. RESOLUTION #13-028, RE-ASSESSMENT OF RUBBISH REMOVAL**
- E. RESOLUTION #13-029, BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**
- F. POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2013 BOARD OF REVIEW**
- G. ALPINE VALLEY SKI AREA FIREWORKS**
- H. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
- I. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Supervisor Baroni outlined the proposed appointments to the Planning Commission: David Lewsley and Pete Meagher, term to expire 12-18-16. David Pegg, term to expire 12-18-14. Zoning Board of Appeals: Josephine Spencer and Joseph Erlich, term to expire 12-18-16. Mark Fine, alternate member, term expiring 12-18-16.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve the Consent Agenda with the revised List of Bills dated 12-17-13. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).**

**FYI**

- A. PROPOSAL FOR ONLINE HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **MINUTES**

- A. NOVEMBER 19, 2013**
- B. DECEMBER 3, 2013**

**It was MOVED by Clerk Lilley, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the Minutes for November 19, 2013 and December 3, 2013. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote (7 yes votes).**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 129 (FEE ORDINANCE)**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to move to Second Reading, Amendment to Ordinance 129 (Fee Ordinance). The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

### **B. PURCHASE OF BUS FOR SENIOR CENTER**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to approve the 50/50 split with Commerce Township for the purchase of a bus for the Senior Center, the amount not to exceed \$24,000, authorizing the Supervisor to sign any authorizations necessary for the purchase. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

### **C. REZONING DISCUSSION OF 9434 HIGHLAND ROAD (SALVATION ARMY)**

Sean O'Neil, Planning Director, advised the Board that the owner of the property, Bill McMachen, wishes to rezone a portion of his existing four acre site. It is currently zoned Planned Business but the properties to the east and west are zoned General Business. He would like to rezone to General Business which would make the vacant one acre parcel more attractive for selling and/or development, especially if put together with the vacant parcel next to it. It was the general consensus among the Board Members that they would be in agreement with rezoning the parcel to General Business, repealing the Development Agreement, and splitting the vacant parcel for future sale or development alone in combination with the neighboring parcel.

### **D. PONTIAC LAKE GATEWAY**

Trustee Ruggles voiced some apprehension about rezoning someone else's property.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Burkard to request the Planning Commission to hold a Public Hearing on the Gateway Rezoning Application and authorize expenditure funds not to exceed \$3000 for this purpose to be taken from Line Item #101-402-801-000. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

### **E. PURCHASE OF STORZ HYDRANT CONVERTER CAPS**

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Lilley, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Kowall to approve the Purchase of 136 Storz Fire Hydrant Converter Caps from HD Supply, Inc., the money to be taken from Line Item #591-000-934-000. The **MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote (7 yes votes).

**F. DEED TRANSFER OF COMMUNITY HALL TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**A. RESOLUTION #13-030, TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY AND LEASE BACK**

Trustee Ruggles had concerns about the reasons behind the deed transfer, if it is simply to save \$4000 on permit fees. There could be issues regarding the transfer that might arise in the future that aren't seen now.

Clerk Lilley was also bothered by the fact that this may appear as a smoke screen as to who truly owns the property. The Historical Society has to consider the possibility that if they take ownership, they may also be taking responsibility for any damages or personal injuries that might occur.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to approve Resolution #13-030, to Transfer Real Property and Lease Back the Community Hall to the Historical Society as well as approving the option to repurchase that real estate. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Kowall-yes/Voorheis-yes/Ruggles-no/Burkard-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-no/Baroni-yes).**

**G. DISCUSSION OF \$147,000 GRANT MONEY**

There was much discussion among the Board Members as to how to best spend the \$147,000. The deadline for using the money on a project is September of 2015. Some suggestions were to use the funds to repair the fire station, let the Parks and Rec Dept. use it for improvements or make repairs to the Township Hall. The money could be divided three ways between the township, fire department and the Parks and Rec Dept.

It was decided that all ideas and recommendations are to be turned into the Planning Department and ready for discussion at the February Regular Township Board Meeting.

**H. NEW FIRE CHIEF CONTRACT**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Trustee Burkard to authorize the Supervisor to move forward and extend an offer to the applicant of his choice for Fire Chief. The MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote (Kowall-yes/Voorheis-yes/Ruggles-yes/Burkard-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-yes).**

**I. ADMIN FEE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT EMERGENCY SEWER FUND**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Burkard, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Voorheis to approve payment of the Township's Administration Fee for the Emergency Sewer Connection SAD, in accordance with Public Act 188 which authorizes the Township Board to defray the cost of a public improvement in whole or in part and specially assess all properties that benefit from the improvement. The Township Board agrees to defray the cost of the improvement in whole by special assessment against those properties that benefit from the improvement, except for that portion of the admin fee that the Township is going to pay. The **MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote.

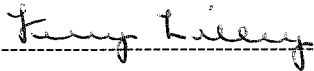
(Kowall-yes/Voorheis-yes/Ruggles-yes/Burkard-yes/Roman-yes/Lilley-yes/Baroni-yes).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 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 December 17, 2013 regular board meeting minutes.

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Terry Lilley, Clerk  
White Lake Township  
Oakland County, Michigan