

**Charter Township of Huron
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Doom at 7:02 p.m. at the Township Hall, 22950 Huron River Dr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Mendrysa.

Roll Call: Bowers, Glaab, Lilly, Mendrysa, Pappas, Spangler, Doom – Present

#0811 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Glaab
1. To approve the agenda for the regular meeting of August 11, 2010 with the following amendments:
Delete:
6.c Fire Department Millage Proposal (Gillman)
Add:
6.h Authorization to Sign LDFA Purchase Agreement(Lilly)
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Motion by Pappas Supported by Mendrysa
2.a To approve the minutes of the July 28, 2010 regular meeting as presented.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Awards and Recognitions – None at this time.
3.

#0811 - Brief Public Comments: None at this time
4.

#0811 - 2010 Budget Discussion – Supervisor Doom stated the new Budget
5.a Performance Reports were recently sent out.
Trustee Mendrysa asked the status of contract negotiations. Supervisor Doom stated the negotiating team will be meeting tomorrow morning with the General Office units of Teamsters Local 214. Supervisor Doom stated she has had meetings cancelled and some units were not available . Mr. Foley stated the Police are coming to negotiations with a proposal on a new health care. There have been problems getting costs from all health care providers because all communities are asking for the same information. Comments from the Board.

#0811 - Supervisor Doom reviewed the cost to the Township to purchase the three
5.b properties up for tax sale on Waltz Road. The Board was given a list of the properties the Township already owns.
Trustee Glaab stated the Township does not have the funds at this time to purchase these properties and would like to see these properties put back on the tax rolls.

#0811 - Trustee Pappas stated the township does not have the money to buy these
5.b parcels at this time and the Township should not be buying them just because they are for sale.
Trustee Lilly asked if an environmental study has been done on the properties. Supervisor Doom stated no and that environmental studies are not normally done on privately owned property. Mr. Foley stated because these are properties up for tax sale the County would require a check from the Township by August 13, 2010 and there is not time to conduct an environmental study. Trustee Lilly stated the Township has several large parcels already and doesn't have the money to keep them up.
Supervisor Doom stated it is rare that the Township would get an opportunity to purchase good land in a tax sale. To purchase this land on the open market would cost a great deal more.
Treasurer Spangler stated the price is very good at \$1,000.00 per acre. Treasurer Spangler voiced concerns that the neighbors may not want the Township to build in that area. Treasurer Spangler would like to know where the money would come from to purchase these properties?
Supervisor Doom stated the Township has been without a full time assessor since July and that the Township has been very careful with its spending.
Supervisor Doom suggested purchasing only the two lots that are side by side.

#0811 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Spangler
5.b1 To send a letter to the Wayne County Treasurer revoking the township's intent to purchase the three properties on Waltz Road, Tax Items 75 067 99 0004, 75 067 99 0005 and 75 067 99 0007.
Nays: Doom
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Glaab
5.c To table ZC 2010-001 Paul & Marlene Vella – Conditional Rezoning of ½ acre from R1 (Suburban Residential) to B1 (Local Business District) pending further information from John Enos, Planning Consultant.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Pappas
6.a To concur with the recommendation of Jim Hollandsworth, Hennessey Engineers to approve final payment for the King Road Sanitary Sewer Lining Project to Liquiforce in the amount of \$3,000.00 for work performed and \$1,672.50 retainage. Payment of the \$4,672.50 will close out the contract with Liquiforce.

#0811 - Motion by Doom Supported by Glaab
6.b To lay off Shane Wilde, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic effective August 12, 2010 and give Michael Estrada, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic a thirty (30) day notice of lay off effective August 12, 2010.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Doom
6.d To table the request from Chief Hinzmann to place a millage proposal on the November 2, 2010 General Ballot for the Communications Department pending the special meeting of the Board to discuss the millages.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Lt. Gary Dockter, Huron Township Police Department, informed the Board and residents of the Nixle Program now in place through our Police Department. Lt. Dockter stated that residents can sign up for the program and be notified by text, email or web page of bad weather, lost child, community events traffic and road closures, etc. Residents should sign up on www.nixle.com. Messages will be generated through the Police Department by the Chief, Lieutenant or Sergeant only.

#0811 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Glaab
6.f To grant the request of Ed and Kathy Frye to enter into an agreement with the City of Flat Rock to tap into their sewer system on Inkster Road and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the agreement.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Motion by Doom Supported by Glaab
6.g To approve the request of Bruce Wood, DPW Director to purchase 54 MXU Water meter readers from Etna Supply Company at a cost of \$9,180.00 as presented.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Motion by Lilly Supported by Glaab
6.h To authorize the Supervisor to sign the purchase agreement for the LDFA property.
Motion Carried.

#0811 - Correspondence, Resolutions and Petitions – None at this time
7.

#0811 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Pappas
8.a-f1 To approve the payment of the Township bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 17,364.44
Fire Fund	1,795.67
Police Fund	10,941.92
Water & Sewer Fund	<u>115,407.29</u>
Total	\$145,509.32

As detailed on the voucher list.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bowers, Glaab, Lilly, Mendrysa, Pappas, Doom

Nays Spangler

Motion Carried.

- #0811 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Lilly
8.a-f2 To request the Fire Department reimburse the General Fund for the postage spent for the informational flyer that was sent out for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Glaab, Lilly, Spangler
Nays: Bowers, Mendrysa, Pappas, Doom
Motion Failed.
- #0811 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Spangler
8.a-f3 All future expenditures for informational literature for millage proposals must come out of the respective budgets for that Department.
Nays: Bowers.
Motion Carried.
- #0811 - Public Participation:
9. a) Bill McGahey, Prescott Road resident – Mr. McGahey stated he was asked to leave the Board room during the LDFA meeting prior to the Board meeting. Mr. McGahey was concerned because this was a public meeting. Trustee Lilly stated the LDFA was in Executive Session at the time and apologized for the confusion.
- #0811- Kevin Foley, Township Attorney – Nothing new to report.
10.
- #0811 - Dawnette K. Bowers, Clerk – Clerk Bowers reported on the August 3, 2010
11. Primary Election and reminded residents of the upcoming November 2, 2010 General Election.
- #0811 - Linda Spangler, Treasurer – 1) Report on a new program through Waste
12. Management, the Bagster Program. Residents can buy the bags at Home Depot and arrange for pick up through Waste Management. This replaces the dumpster program. Residents can get information on line at www.thebagster.com. 2) Residents needing information on foreclosures can contact www.michigan/hardesthit or 866-946-7432 . 3) The next Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection will be at the Westland Shopping Center on August 28th. 4) Tax bills are due by September 14th. Deferral must be made at the Township Hall by September 14th. The Treasurer's Office has been sending out a lot of corrections on the summer tax bills. If you receive two tax bills pay the last one received. Residents with questions regarding their taxes should contact the Treasurer's Office at 753-4466 Ext. 119, 118 or 115. 5) Treasurer Spangler reported on an upcoming fund raiser for Rob Damico to be held on August 19th from 5 – 9 p.m. at the Huron Sportsman's Club. 6) Treasure Spangler thanked Brad Bauman for grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for the senior picnic.

- #0811 - Ted Pappas, Trustee – 1) Report on the Senior Olympics Dinner. 2) Report on the Senior Picnic. 3) Trustee Pappas stated the new equipment purchased by the Telecommunications Commission will be installed soon.

David Glaab, Trustee – Trustee Glaab asked Treasurer Spangler to pull the information together for the last five years on what the Township has paid to Wayne County for Recreation.

R.P. Lilly, Trustee – 1) Report on the August 11, 2010 LDFA meeting. 2) Trustee Lilly reported the Huron Senior Citizens won 13 medals at the recent Senior Olympics. 3) Report on the Senior Picnic. Trustee Lilly stated he was disappointed in the landscaping at the Senior Park and asked if the 34th District Court workers could be called in. Treasurer Spangler stated she had talked to Bruce Wood, DPW Director and he has contacted the 34th District Court for assistance. 4) Trustee Lilly asked for the communities support in voting for Gibb's Sweet Station for Detroit's Best Ice Cream Shop on wdiv.cityvoter.com.

Donna Mendrysa, Trustee – Trustee Mendrysa asked for a weekly update from all Board members to help keep everyone informed. Trustee Mendrysa suggested that all Board members email their information to Kathy Beh and she can compile it and send it out to the rest of the Board. Trustee Lilly would like to see a report from Staff Meetings sent to the Trustees.

- #0811 - Motion by Lilly Supported by Mendrysa
13.a To set up a format for information coming from Department Heads and Staff Meetings for reports to go to the Board members.
Motion Carried.

- #0811 - Trustee Mendrysa thanked the Seniors for a very nice picnic.
13.

- #0811 - Elke Doom, Supervisor- 1) Supervisor Doom reported on the Senior Olympics held in Allen Park. Supervisor Doom stated the 2011 Senior Olympics will be hosted by Melvindale and the 2012 Senior Olympics will be hosted by Huron Township. 2) Report on the Senior Citizens Picnic. 3) Supervisor Doom advised residents that due to the Public Safety Millage failing in Romulus the Romulus Library will be closing September 30th. 4) Supervisor Doom advised the Board she was notified by Commissioner Boike that Wayne County was not aware of the sale of Pinnacle Property to an Indiana Tribe. The Pinnacle Race Course has not received or paid a tax bill for 2009 or 2010. The Race Course is protesting their taxes through the Michigan Tax Tribunal at this time. The Tribunal will not make a decision until taxes are paid. The 2009 and 2010 tax bills will be sent out in December, with all penalties and fines. 5) Supervisor Doom thanked Brad Bauman, Huron Township Fire Fighter, for cooking at the Senior Picnic.

#0811 - Mary Collins, Waltz Road resident – Questioned the Board on the Township not sending out tax bills. Mrs. Collins stated the Board recently hired an attorney to handle cases in the Michigan Tax Tribunal, are their services no longer needed? How is it possible that the largest tax payer in the Township did not get a tax bill?

Supervisor Doom stated that a tax payer can file a dispute but the tribunal will not make a judgment until taxes are paid. All properties that have delinquent taxes for two years will go up for tax sale. If a property owner does not receive a bill it does not mean you are exempt from paying the tax.

#0811 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Spangler
15. To adjourn the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees at 9:13 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Dawnette K. Bowers, CMC Clerk
Charter Township of Huron

Debbie Bowman, CMC Dep. Clerk

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