

**Charter Township of Huron
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Doom at 6:03 p.m. at the Township Hall, 22950 Huron River Dr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Spangler.

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

#0113 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Glaab
1. To approve the agenda for the regular meeting of January 13, 2010 with the following additions:

- c. Delay of Fire Department Layoffs (Bowers)
- d. Approval to Attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association (Spangler)
- e. 2010 Budget Study

Motion Carried

#0113 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Lilly
2.a To approve the minutes of the 2010 Budget Meeting of December 16, 2009 as presented.

Motion Carried.

#0113 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Bowers
2.b To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant of December 16, 2009 as presented.

Motion Carried.

#0113 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Lilly
2.c To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2009 with the corrections:

#1216-6.h3to appoint Bill Hensley **as Alternate** to the Zoning Board of Appeals.....

#1216 – 6.h13to reappoint **Bill McGahey** to the Telecommunications Commission.....

Motion Carried.

#0113 Awards and Recognitions – None at this time.
3.

#0113 - Brief Public Comments – None at this time.
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#0113 - Old Business – None at this time.
5.

#0113 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Spangler
6.a To adopt the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies and the Performance and Indemnification Commitment for the State of Michigan permit to work in the right of ways and authorize Elke Doom, Supervisor, Dawnette K. Bowers, Clerk, Melvin Sheats, DPW Director and Deborah Bowman, Deputy Clerk to sign the necessary documents.
Motion Carried.

#0113 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Spangler
6.b To table the proposal of Wayne County for a land trade pending further investigation by the Supervisor to see if all the problems on Wahrman Road property have been corrected.
Motion Carried.

#0113 - Motion by Glaab Supported by Mendrysa
6.c To concur with the recommendation of Chief Russow to delay the layoffs of the two (2) Firefighters until February 28, 2010 pending the gathering of additional information and/or monies that may eliminate the need for these layoffs.
Motion Carried.

#0113 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Glaab
6.d To deny the request of Ramona Taylor to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association due to Budget cuts.
Motion Carried.

#0113 - Supervisor Doom advised the Board the Administrative Staff met with the
6.e General Office Employees and the DPW/Water Department Employees this morning to discuss what cuts the employees would suggest to help balance the budget. Supervisor Doom stated the GOE would prefer to see furlough days rather than any layoffs.
Trustee Glaab asked that the Administrative Staff meet with the union representatives to implement the furlough days as soon as possible. Trustee Glaab asked the Supervisor to bring options and recommendation (with solid numbers) back to the Board by the next meeting.
Trustee Lilly noted the concentration seems to be on the General Budget and the Board should be looking all the budgets.
Supervisor Doom stated it is estimated the General Budget will be \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 short, but the health care numbers have not come in yet. Trustee Lilly asked if the top four employees had been approached on early retirement. Supervisor Doom stated she had a meeting with them this morning. One will not be eligible for a full retirement for 1 1/2 years. There were question regarding health care that will have to be answered before decisions can be made.
Trustee Mendrysa asked that the training budget for 2010 be dropped to \$2,000.00. Only mandatory trainings should be allowed.

#0113 - Trustee Pappas suggested the Gradall and any drain cleaning equipment be sold
6.e now that the drain cleaning program has been eliminated.

Treasurer Spangler suggested the cleaning service at the Township Hall be dropped to once a week, all senior citizen trips be cancelled except the weekly trip to the grocery store and doctors appointments, cell phones be cut in all departments, stop the televising of the Planning Commission meetings, anyone needing to speak to or contact the Township Attorney should go through the Clerk's office so questions are not being duplicated, the Township Attorney should attend only one meeting per month or as needed. Treasurer Spangler advised the Board there are some employees who may be willing to leave if their last few years of retirement would be bought out.

Clerk Bowers reminded the Board when an employee retires the Township must also pay for accumulated comp time, sick time and vacation time. The Board must look at true costs when considering retirements. If employees are laid off the Township will pay unemployment. Clerk Bowers does not want to see the cell phone taken from Police, Fire or DPW. Clerk Bowers reminded the board the 2010 budget has been adopted and any changes to the budget would be amendments at this time.

#0113 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Glaab
6.e1 To direct the Negotiating Team to meet with the union leaders to discuss furlough days and the buy out costs on insurances.
Motion Carried.

#0113 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Glaab
6.e2 To direct the Administrative Staff to meet with the recording secretaries of the Planning Commission/ Zoning Board of Appeals and the Township Board to arrange for flex time in lieu of overtime.
Motion Carried.

Supervisor Doom stated the Trustees are now paid an annual wage plus \$100 for each meeting attended. Supervisor Doom would like to see the Trustee's accept \$100 for an evening. If three meetings are held on one night the Trustees should be paid \$100 not \$300. Supervisor Doom asked that everyone take cuts.

Trustee Glaab stated that the Officials Compensation Commission lowered the annual wage and allowed for a per meeting wage to encourage attendance at the meetings.

Trustee Lilly stated the wages of elected officials cannot be decreased during the term of the Office.

Supervisor Doom stated the Officials Compensation Commission can meet and set a new wage.

#0113 - Clerk Bowers stated the law states the salary of an elected official must be set by May of the year the candidate is running for office. Clerk Bowers stated other communities are taking reductions due to budget cuts. The Township Attorney will research and advise the Board.

#0113 - Correspondence, Resolutions and Petitions – None at this time
7.

#0113 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Pappas
8.a-f To approve the payment of the Township bills as follows:

General Fund	\$145,282.16
Fire Fund	38,007.64
Police Fund	83,887.70
Cable PEG Fund	39.10
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	150.00
Water & Sewer Fund	<u>98,249.32</u>
Total	\$365,615.92

as detailed on the voucher list.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#0113 - Public Participation

9. a. Pam Carpenter, Senior Director – Mrs. Carpenter asked if the Senior trips planned for this month can still take place. Treasurer Spangler stated the trips schedule for January could be taken. Mrs. Carpenter also advised the Board the cleaning of the Senior Center could be cut to once a week and they could take out their own trash.

b. Robert Cleary, King Road resident – Mr. Cleary asked that the Township Board do what ever they can to get the speed limit on King Road posted. He also advised there are not speed limits posted in front of the High School or the Junior High.

#0113 - Kevin Foley, Township Attorney – Report on the MDEQ Contested Case. Mr. Patrick McCauley representing all of the ten communities will be reporting on the case soon.
10.

#0113 - Dawnette K. Bowers, Clerk – Clerk Bowers reported on the meeting with the Township employees this morning and thanked the employees for working together. Clerk Bowers reported on the employees suggestions to the Board. The employees have asked that the lines of communication stay open between the employees and the Board and that the Board work together to solve these problems.
11.

#1113 - Linda Spangler, Treasurer – 1) Treasurer Spangler “Thanked” the employees and stated she was proud of the DPW for being willing to help with budget cuts. 2) Treasurer Spangler advised the Board a letter has been sent to the Pinnacle Race Course regarding the delinquent agreements. The Attorney will pursue if payment is not made. 3) Treasurer Spangler asked that the Board members and the Department Heads that may have suggestions for Policy changes should submit something in writing to the Policy Committee and it go to the Township Board for adoption. 4) Residents can pay their tax or check that their taxes have been paid by their mortgage company on the Township web site www.hurontownship-mi.gov . The last date to pay taxes at the Township Hall without a penalty will be February 14th. After March 1st taxes must be paid at Wayne County. 5) Treasurer Spangler advised residents the Father/Daughter Dance scheduled for February has been cancelled due to budget cuts. 6) Residents needing assistance with the heating bills should contact THAW 734-729-7635. 7) Treasurer Spangler congratulated Ed and Jean Miller on the 68th wedding anniversary. 8) Treasurer Spangler sent her condolences to Joan Rattray, her Deputy Treasurer, on the loss of her mother, Betty Smith.

#1113 - Donna Mendrysa, Trustee – 1) Trustee Mendrysa commended employees and stated these are very hard decisions the Board must make. 2) Report on the January 11, 2010 Planning Commission meeting.

R.P. Lilly, Trustee – 1) Comments regarding the budget cut suggestions. 2) Trustee Lilly reported that he will be going to the MTA Conference with Jim Fendt and that the LDFA will be paying for any conference expenses. 3) Trustee Lilly would like a list of all tax abatements in the Township. 4) Trustee Lilly commended the Township employees and stated that layoffs are the Township’s last resort.

David Glaab, Trustee – 1) Trustee Glaab stated he is impressed with the outcome of the employee meeting. 2) Trustee Glaab asked Treasurer Spangler if there is a fee to residents who pay their taxes on line with a credit card. Treasurer Spangler there is a fee.

Ted Pappas, Trustee – 1) Commended employees on the employee meeting 2) Updated the Board on the Huron Girls Varsity Basketball.

#0113 - Elke Doom, Supervisor- 1) Supervisor Doom “Thanked” the employees and gave a special “Thanks” to the Board members. 2) Supervisor Doom stated she will be attending the MTA Conference and will pay for everything. She feels the conference is very important for the information that is received.

#0113 - Motion by Glaab

Supported by Spangler

15. To adjourn the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees at 8:07 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Dawnette K. Bowers, CMC Clerk
Charter Township of Huron

Debbie Bowman, CMC Clerk

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