

Charter Township of Huron
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Doom at 7:01 p.m. at the Township Hall, 22950 Huron River Dr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Bowers.

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

- #0120 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Lilly
1. To approve the agenda for the regular meeting of January 20, 2010 with the following additions:
6.g 2010 Budget Discussion
18.a Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation on the Bronson Bankruptcy Case (Foley)
Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Pappas Supported by Mendrysa
2.a To approve the minutes of the special budget workshop of January 11, 2010 as presented.
Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Mendrysa
2.b To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2010 as presented.
Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Awards and Recognitions – None at this time.
3.
- #0120 - Brief Public Comments – None at this time.
4.
- #0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Bowers
5.a To table the land trade offer from Wayne County pending Kevin Foley, Township Attorney obtaining more information on the Wahrman Road property.
Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Bowers
6.a To concur with the recommendation of Chief Hinzmann to transfer the overweight truck fines to the police department budget.
Motion Carried.

- #0120 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Spangler
 6.b To concur with the recommendation of Chief Hinzmann to contract with Sungard/OSSI to complete the RMS Data Conversion at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.
 Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Mendrysa
 6.c To approve the purchase of 24 1” water meters at a cost of \$225.00 each and 24 Touch Coupler at a cost of \$170.00 each from Etna Supply for a total of \$9,480.00.
 Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Spangler
 6.d To concur with the recommendation of Kent Early, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc to approve payment to E T MacKenzie Company in the amount of \$94,509.34 for the Huron Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – SRF #5344-01 Project.
 Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Mendrysa
 6.e To concur with the recommendation of Supervisor Doom to appoint Kim Frazier to the Downtown Development Authority to replace Sandra Somers, Term to expire October 9, 2013.
 Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Motion by Mendrysa Supported by Bowers
 6.f To concur with the recommendation of Jim Hollandsworth, Hennessey Engineers to release the \$1,000.00 held in the Township’s Trust & Agency Account Number 285.053.000 for the Kiryakoza Convenience Store –Tella Foods at Willow and Waltz Roads.
 Motion Carried.
- #0120 - Supervisor Doom reviewed three options, with the Board, to help reduce the
 6.g General Budget. Supervisor Doom explained the Board could pick and choose between the three options. Discussion by the Board.
 Trustee Lilly felt the Board should consider the suggestions in Option B – 2 furlough days (one per pay period), Indefinite Layoff of the Senior Director, Elimination of the Recreation Director, Mid Year Agreement for Animal Control with the City of Romulus. Trustee Lilly stated health care costs are the biggest problem.
 Treasurer Spangler stated the DPW should be included in the furlough days. Although the DPW budget is not in jeopardy the savings would help with any increases that may come for water rates. The Township would not see any savings on layoffs the first year because of the unemployment they would have to pay.

#0120 - Clerk Bowers stated unemployment for the Senior Director would be approximately \$9,400.00 for six months.
6.g Trustee Mendrysa commented on health care benefits and asked where the Township stands with negotiations with the Unions.
Supervisor Doom stated all negotiations have been put on hold until new health care costs are determined.

#0120 - Motion by Doom Supported by Spangler
6.g1 To authorize the Administrative Staff to meet with Al Lewis, Teamster Representative, to negotiated furlough days not to exceed four (4) days per month.
Motion Carried.

#0120 - Motion by Doom Supported by Bowers
6.g2 To implement an indefinite layoff of the Senior Director's position effective January 29, 2010.
Motion Carried.

#0120 - Motion by Lilly Supported by Pappas
6.g3 To abolish the position of Recreation Director as of January 31, 2010, unless the contract dictates otherwise.
Motion Carried.

#0120 - Motion by Doom Supported by Mendrysa
6.g4 To authorize the Administrative Staff to negotiate with the DPW unit, and the employees in the Directors unit regarding furlough days.
Motion Carried.

#0120 - Correspondence, Resolutions and Petitions – None at this time.
7.

#0120 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Spangler
8. To approve payment of the Township bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 19,674.75
Fire Fund	4,949.66
Police Fund	12,177.93
Water & Sewer Fund	<u>73,245.68</u>
Total	\$110,048.02

As detailed on the voucher list.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- #0120 - Melvin Sheats, DPW - 1) Mr. Sheats advised the Board that if the Gradall was sold at this time they would take a loss because of the economic conditions and the money would also have to be put into the sewer fund which would not help the General Budget. If the township wanted to dispose of the Gradall at this time they would probably get more money if they scrapped the machine. 2) Mr. Sheats advised the Board Wayne County has stopped the Township from mowing any of the drains. He will be working with them to continue this program because it helps the DPW locate possible watermain breaks.
- 9.a
- #0120 - David Russow, Fire Chief – 1) Chief Russow said on behalf of Fire Station #3 personnel he would like to “Thank” all that participated and donated to the Children’s Christmas party in December. 2) Chief Russow reminded residents to keep the fire hydrants in front of their homes cleared of snow, keep their sidewalks and porches cleared of snow and ice and make sure their green address signs are visible. Chief Russow also asked residents using heat stoves to make sure they are working properly.
- 9.b
- #0120 - Gregory Hinzmann, Police Chief – 1) Chief Hinzmann presented the Board with the monthly police report. 2) Chief Hinzmann reminded residents not to plow snow into the roadways. They can be ticketed.
- 9.c
- #0120 - Public Participation:
10. a) Mary Collins, Waltz Road resident – Thanked the Board for the positive movement on the budget.
b) Dennis Hankins, King Road resident – Mr. Hankins asked if the businesses in the Township with tax abatements have been looked at to see if they are following the requirements of the tax abatements. Treasurer Spangler stated the Treasurer’s Office is looking into these abatements.
c) Colleen Lazere, Merriman Road resident - Read a letter in support of the Parks & Recreation Commission and resigned her position on that Commission effective February 1, 2010.
d) Joan Rattray, Township Employee Union Stewart – Asked what cuts the Township Board will be taking to help with the shortfalls in the General Budget.
- #0120 - Kevin Foley, Township Attorney – Nothing new at this time.
- 11.
- #0120 - Laura Kreps, Carlisle Wortman – 1) Ms. Kreps advised the Board the revisions to the Master Plan should be going to the Planning Commission at their April meeting. 2) Ms. Kreps advised the Board they have been working on the removal of trees along the I275 corridor.
- #0120 - Kent Early, OHM Engineer – 1) Mr. Early reported on the water connection at Huron River Dr. and Pennsylvania Road, made by Detroit Water and Sewer, has been switched over. 2) Mr. Early advised the Board the City of Flat Rock has
- 13.

#0120 - two new representatives on the SHUVA Board and they are willing to cooperate
13. with the other communities.

#0120 - Dawnette K. Bowers, Clerk – Nothing new to report.
14.

#0120 - Linda Spangler, Treasurer – 1) Treasurer Spangler reminded residents they can
15. go online for information on their tax bills or to pay their tax bills by credit card
at www.hurontownship-mi.gov. 2) Treasurer Spangler apologized to Kevin
Foley, Township Attorney and advised the residents and the Board that Mr.
Foley does not charge the Township anything extra for attending the Board
meetings. That service is covered in his retainer. 3) Treasurer Spangler read
two letters of resignation from the Recreation Commission, Catherine Ruffolo
and Scott Welman.

#0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Bowers
15.a To accept the resignations of Colleen Lazere, Catherine Ruffolo and Scott
Welman from the Parks & Recreation Commission and send them a letter of
appreciation for their service to the Community.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Bowers, Mendrysa, Spangler, Doom
Nays: Lilly, Pappas
Motion Carried.

#0120 - Ted Pappas, Trustee – Nothing new to report.
16.

R.P. Lilly, Trustee – 1) Trustee Lilly asked for a list of all cell phones that are
necessary for Township operation. 2) Trustee Lilly stated the Board made some
tough decisions tonight and he did not like to eliminate positions. 3) Trustee
Lilly would like Supervisor Doom to look into getting a college intern to assist
in her office. 3) Report on a meeting with Energy Recovery Inc., this company
bought out Pump Engineering.

Donna Mendrysa, Trustee – 1) Trustee Mendrysa stated the Board had to make
some tough decisions tonight and thanked the Recreation Director and the
members of the Recreation Commission for their service. 2) Trustee Mendrysa
stated she spoke to Mr. Enos regarding the updates to the Master Plan and was
advised they should be coming to the Planning Commission in April.

#0120 - Elke Doom, Supervisor – 1) Supervisor Doom advised the Board Pump
17. Engineering has joined with Energy Recovery Inc. They now have
approximately 50 employees. 2) Supervisor Doom reported on the Senior
Alliance stating they are available to service the senior population and have
started two new programs for veterans and disabled citizens 18 years and older.
Supervisor Doom stated she was honored to be serving on the Senior Alliance
Board.

#0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Pappas
18.a To recess to Executive Session, at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of pending litigation regarding the Bronson Bankruptcy Case.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

#0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Lilly
18.b To reconvene the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees at 8:35 p.m.

Motion Carried.

#0120 - Motion by Bowers Supported by Spangler
18.c To retain Murray Duncan to represent Huron Township in the matter of Bronson –vs.- Huron Township.

Motion Carried.

#0120 - Motion by Spangler Supported by Mendrysa
18.d To adjourn the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Huron Board of Trustees at 8:36 p.m.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Dawnette K. Bowers, CMC Clerk
Charter Township of Huron

Debbie Bowman, CMC Dep. Clerk

Publish: HVNH
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