

CALL TO ORDER

The March 11, 2014 Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gonser at 7 PM in the Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gonser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gonser called the Roll.

PRESENT: Terry R. Gonser, Supervisor
Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer
Robin Buxar, Trustee
Michael Bailey, Trustee
Maureen Thalmann, Trustee

Ann Capela, Township Manager
Daniel J. Kelly, Township Attorney
Jamie Moore, Executive Assistant
Linda Vance, Accounting & Finance Administrator
Mary Purcell, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Karen Reilly, Clerk
Sharon McKay, Trustee

A quorum was present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from:
Trevor Barkham, Rochester Cider Mill
Libby Dwyer, 1234 Lake George Rd., OT
Mia Norton, 5299 Brewster, OT
Judy Workings, 188 Letts Rd., OT
Joanna VanRaaphorst, 5900 Southgate Rd., OT
Judy Keyes, 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT
Richard Pawlowski, 914 Brantford, Rochester
Richard Bosler, 3579 Briarbrooke Ln., OT
Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Tr., OT
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Treasurer Langlois proposed adding item #5 to Pending Business; "Schedule Budget Workshop."
Trustee Buxar proposed adding item #1.1 to Pending Business; "Administration of the Land Preservation Millage Fund."

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board considered approval of the following items on the consent agenda:

#3. Greater Rochester Area Veterans Memorial Parade – Contribution for \$600.00

#4. Water Service Agreement among the Charter Township of Oakland, The City of Rochester and Lakshmi Narasimhan Duvor and Anupama Varadarajan whose address is 1406 Dutton Rd., Rochester Hills, MI.

#5. Setting the 2014-15 Oakland Township Board of Trustees meeting dates.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to approve items #3, #4, and #5 of the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

The following sentence was struck from the February 25, 2014 minutes on page 155 under Treasurer Langlois' report: "~~She would also specify that all contracts be maintained in the Clerk's office.~~"

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to approve the amended minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting.

AYES: BUXAR, BAILEY, LANGLOIS, THALMANN
ABSTAIN: GONSER

MOTION PASSES: 4 - 0

The Board considered payment of invoices dated: March 12, 2014 in the amount of \$17,078.20 and dated March 11, 2014 in the amount of \$154,750.86. A copy of the lists of invoices is attached as part of these minutes.

The Board heard public comment from:

Judy Keyes, 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Mindy Milos-Dale, Parks and Recreation Director
Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT
Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Tr., OT

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY BUXAR to approve the bills as presented.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

CODIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

Suzanne Owens, Account Manager with General Code made a presentation to the Board. She explained that the purpose of codification is to ensure ordinances the Township has adopted are consistent and do not conflict with State or Federal law. It provides better customer service and minimizes the risk for issues leading to legal action.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN to approve the contract with General Code for codification services at a cost of \$11,400.

AYES: BAILEY, GONSER, THALMANN
NAYES: BUXAR, LANGLOIS

MOTION PASSES: 3 – 2

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to appoint Mr. Eugene Beres as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

REFURBISHING OF ALPHA #1 AMBULANCE UNIT

The Board deferred this item on 2/25/14. The Fire Department has requested funds to refurbish the 2007 E 450 (A-1) Ambulance which has had numerous mechanical issues. The Township has spent over \$10,000 in repairs on this unit and it is still not operational.

The Board heard public comment from:
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY BAILEY to approve the purchase of a new V-10 chassis, repair any body work, and update components on the Alpha #1 ambulance and amend the approval to direct that there be a budget amendment to increase account #101-999-999.206 by \$109,000 Transfer Out to Fire Fund from the FY 2013/14 General Fund and decrease account #101-999-999.211 by \$109,000 Transfer Out to Trailways Account. ~~Increase Fire Fund 206-931-699-101 Transfer in From General Fund \$109,000, Increase Fire Expense 206-901-981-338 Vehicle Purchase.~~

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2014/15 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY BUXAR to enter into a public hearing at 8:40 PM for the purpose of public comment on the 2014/15 budget.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

The Board heard public comment on the proposed budget for FY 2014/15. The adoption of the resolution approving this budget is scheduled for March 25, 2014.

Supervisor Gonser opened the floor for public comment at 8:41 PM.

The following people addressed the Board:

John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT – Supports proposed budget

Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT – Supports proposed budget

Supervisor Gonser closed the floor for public comment at 8:42 PM.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to close the public hearing at 8:42 PM

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND PRESERVATION MILLAGE FUND

The Board heard public comment from:

Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Tr., OT

John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT

Judy Keyes, 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT

Camilla Mannino, 3666 Locust Dr., OT

Dick Michalski, 3070 Wains Way, OT

Beth Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT

Colleen Barkham, Parks and Recreation Commission

Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
Mindy Milos-Dale, Parks and Recreation Director

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to have the Parks and Recreation Commission continue to manage the Land Preservation Millage Fund.

AYES: LANGLOIS, BAILEY, BUXAR
NAYS: GONSER, THALMANN

MOTION PASSES: 3 – 2

BUDGET REVIEW: FY 2014/15 DRAFT

Ann Capela, Township Manager gave a review of the proposed FY 2014/15 budget. It is a balanced budget with an overall combined surplus balance of \$801,555, of which \$315,807 stems from the General Fund. She highlighted several notable points that contributed to the positive fund balance. The floor was opened up for discussion.

No action was taken by the Board.

BOARD RECESSED at 10:07 PM for a break.

MEETING RECONVENED at 10:21 PM.

Q & A - PARKS AND LAND PRESERVATION BUDGET

The Parks and Recreation Commission responded to several questions about their 2014/15 budgets. Supervisor Gonsler opened the floor for discussion.

The Board heard public comment from:
Mindy Milos-Dale, Parks and Recreation Director

No action was taken by the Board.

CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN to extend contract with Parks Services for the 2014 season for landscaping services per the contract terms and pricing agreed to in the 2013 contract, excluding the additional cost for the first cut.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

CENTRALIZING DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND OFFICIAL RECORDS

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS that the original of all Charter Township of Oakland contracts/amendments be provided to the Township

Clerk's office for proper recording and maintenance within two (2) weeks of execution.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to require all original copies of existing contracts and amendments be deposited in the Clerk's office within six (6) weeks (of the March 11, 2014 regular meeting).

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

BUDGET WORKSHOP

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BUXAR to have a FY 2014/15 budget workshop Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7 PM in the Township Hall.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

None

BOARD REPORTS

TRUSTEE BUXAR

None

TRUSTEE THALMANN

Trustee Thalmann reported that there was a second donation of food for "Clean Scene." She would like to stop multiple waste carriers in the Township because of the damage they do to the dirt roads. Thalmann also reported that the Parks attorney was recently paid \$2500.67 for work that could have been done by the Township's attorney.

TRUSTEE BAILEY

None

TREASURER LANGLOIS

Treasurer Langlois redistributed a draft for discussion of Township purchasing guidelines. She suggested they be approved on March 25, 2014 along with the budget approval. The Treasurer gave the Board a memo to review from the Safety Paths and Trails Committee and mentioned if time allows, the issues contained in it, be put on the April agenda. The Planning Commission and Treasurer Langlois request additional Board feedback on the Goodison Plan before the next BOT meeting. At the Treasurer's request, the Township manager confirmed that the Township had planned to notify neighbors living within 300 feet of the Rochester Cider Mill about amendments to their consent agreement as though it were a zoning change.

SUPERVISOR GONSER

Supervisor Gonsler mentioned that the purchasing guidelines were a good start. He also reported that Jean Farris, Retired Purchasing Supervisor for the city of Rochester Hills has agreed (for a fee) to help craft a purchasing policy for Oakland Township.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from:
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Tr., OT
Judy Keyes, 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 PM.

MOTION PASSES: UNANIMOUS

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7 PM
Oakland Township Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Reilly, Clerk
OT Board of Trustees

Approved,

Terry R. Gonsler
OT Board of Trustees