

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 17, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A November 17, 2014 Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees was called to order by Clerk Reilly at 6:00 PM in the Township Hall, 4393 Collins Rd., Oakland Township, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Clerk Reilly led the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.
Clerk Reilly called the Roll.

PRESENT: Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer
 Michael Bailey, Trustee
 Robin Buxar, Trustee
 Maureen Thalmann, Trustee
 John Giannangeli, Trustee
 Karen Reilly, Clerk

 Jamie Moore, Interim Township Manager
 Linda Vance, Accounting and Finance Administrator
 Jane Bombard, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Terry Gonsler, Supervisor

A quorum was present.

 MOVED BY REILLY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to appoint Trustee Bailey
 as the chairperson for tonight's meeting.

 MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Trustee Langlois announced that it is with deep sadness that she announces the passing of a member of the OT Library Board, Elisabeth Buchheister. Trustee Langlois announced that OT's sincerest condolences go out to her family, and that representatives from this board will be present at the next OT Library Board meeting on November 20th in recognition of her volunteer service to our community.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from:
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT

Tom Brisse, 5400 Great Fosters Rd., OT (On Behalf of the Great Fosters Homeowners Association Group)

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY GIANNANGELLI, to approve the agenda with the removal of Item VI.1: OLD BUSINESS - Discussion/Action – Televising Board & Commission Meetings

Board discussion took place.

Public Comment:

Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
Beth Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

AYES: GIANNANGELI, THALMANN
NAYS: BAILEY, BUXAR, LANGLOIS, REILLY
MOTION FAILED.

MOVED BY LANGLOS, SECONDED BY BUXAR, to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: BAILEY, BUXAR, LANGLOIS, REILLY
NAYS: GIANNANGELI, THALMANN
MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Action – Televising Board & Commission Meetings

Board discussion took place regarding the recent action by the Board to approve televising all Board and Commission Meetings. Topics discussed included the cost of videotaping meetings, what boards and commissions should be videotaped, and whether and when special meetings should be videotaped.

Interim Manager Moore will provide a complete listing of boards and commissions, possibly in worksheet form, so that the Board can go through and formalize a policy.

Public Comment:

Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
Dick Michalski, 3070 Wains Way, OT
Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
Libby Dwyer, 1234 Lake George Rd., OT – Chairperson, Safety Paths & Trails Committee

Discussion/Action – Midwest Invasive Species Grant Program

The Board discussed approving OT's participation in a Midwest Invasive Species Grant application for the control of Phragmites.

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY BUXAR to approve the letter of support for the cooperative Invasive Species Management Grant application indicating that the \$5,000.00 previously spent by Oakland Township (OT) in October, 2014, and the \$4,900.00 previously spent by OT Parks Commission, would be OT's contribution to the project, and to authorize an Oakland Township representative to sign same.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY BUXAR to authorize Interim Township Manager Moore to sign the letter of support for the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Grant application.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS

PENDING BUSINESS

Discussion – Oakland Township 15/16 Budget

The board reviewed and discussed the HDC budget and HDC request with Barb Barber, HDC Historic Preservation Planner.

The Board thanked Ms. Barber for providing the budget information.

Public Comment:

Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

The Board reviewed and discussed the General Fund budget with Interim Manager Moore and Linda Vance, Accounting and Finance Administrator.

Public Comment:

Tom Brisse, 5400 Great Fosters Rd., OT

Judy Evans, 1661 Silverbell Rd.

John MacDonald, 5385 Great Fosters Dr., OT

Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

Discussion/Action – Consideration to cancel the November 25th, 2014 regularly scheduled Meeting

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY BUXAR to cancel the November 25th, 2014 regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Interim Manager Moore reported that Jerry Richards, GovHR USA, has begun the process to update and post the position of replacement Township Manager.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Langlois

Trustee Langlois reported that a recent article in the Detroit Free Press recognized great places to work, and the OT auditor Plante Moran was on the list, as well as OT's legal counsel's firm, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C., and this was very nice to see.

Trustee Langlois commented in regard to earlier comments regarding duties of the OT officers—Trustee Langlois commented that that question has never been raised to her, nor by the former Township Manager and they are clearly and thoroughly defined in Statute for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, and the MTA does a nice easy to read explanation, but if that falls short she will be happy at any time to discuss.

Trustee Buxar

Trustee Buxar reported that Interim Manger Moore is doing a great job.
Trustee Buxar reported that a lot of responses have been received regarding improvements to the Paint Creek Cider Mill Building and vision and she will have a final tally by December.

Trustee Bailey

Trustee Bailey reported that he was able to attend a meeting in Orion Township along with Interim Manager Moore and Supervisor Gonser in regard to the Veterans Memorial in Orion Township. Trustee Bailey reported that he met with enthusiastic representatives who have worked on the Orion Township Veterans Memorial, some for over 21 years, and they have raised \$900,000.00.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 17, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

Trustee Bailey reported it will take an equivalent group of people to bring about a Veterans Memorial here in Oakland Township and we have barely scratched the surface.

Trustee Giannangeli

Trustee Giannangeli reported that in his opinion a comprehensive road plan is needed in Oakland Township and should be looked at as a Board.

Interim Manager Moore stated that she would inquire about inviting an Oakland County Road Commission representative to a BOT meeting.

Trustee Giannangeli wished those present and OT citizens a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Thalmann

Trustee Thalmann reported that in regard to her earlier comment, she understands that there was advance notice of the Board's October 29th meeting, but was only notified the night prior of the scheduled meeting of a special meeting ~~one agenda item~~ being added, and that the televising of the meeting was cancelled at some point on the day of the meeting.

Trustee Thalmann wished those present and OT citizens a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BUXAR, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to adjourn the special meeting at 8:40 PM.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUS

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Oakland Township Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Karen Reilly, Clerk
OT Board of Trustees

Terry R. Gonser, Supervisor
OT Board of Trustees