

CALL TO ORDER

The January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Gonser at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gonser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Reilly called the Roll.

Members Present: Terry R. Gonser, Supervisor
Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer
Karen Reilly, Clerk
Robin Buxar, Trustee
Michael Bailey, Trustee
Maureen Thalmann, Trustee
John Giannangeli, Trustee

Also Present: Jamie Moore, Interim Township Manager
Attorney Dan Kelly
Cari Neubeck, Deputy Clerk

A quorum was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PROCLAMATIONS

Supervisor Gonser recognized the promotion of Tony Spencer to Lieutenant of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. He further welcomed to Oakland Township, Sergeant Paul Workman who will be working under the direction of Lt. Spencer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from:
Jan Olson – 4190 Orion Rd., OT
Cam Mannino - 3666 Locust Dr., OT
Bob Yager - 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
Dick Michalski - 3070 Wains Way, OT
Judy Keyes – 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT
John Markel - 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Frank Ferriolo – 5600 Kirkridge Tr., OT

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board agreed to add Item 13 - ZBA Discussion under Pending Business.

Discussion took place regarding Items 9-11 under Pending Business.

Supervisor Gonser removed Item 9 under Pending Business.

The Board agreed under Pending Business, Item 6 – to change Resolution 15-01 to Resolution 15-02.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Bailey to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes –
 - December 9, 2014

The Board agreed to pull Item 1a, from the Consent Agenda.

2. Approval of Bills –
 - December 19, 2014 in the amount of \$21,902.32
 - December 29, 2014 in the amount of \$3,967.97
 - January 13, 2015 in the amount of \$240,298.73
 - January 14, 2015 in the amount of \$13,179.22
3. Paid On Call Firefighters

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Langlois to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Thalmann requested the following amendment to the December 9, 2014 Minutes: On Page 4, under ‘Consent Agenda’ insert the title: “Approval of Minutes”.

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Buxar to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BUSINESS

Discussion/Action – Board of Review Appointments

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Thalmann to approve the Board of Review Appointments.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Giannangeli to proceed with the motion on the floor.

Motion failed.

Discussion/Action – Board of Review Resident Appeal by Letter

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Langlois to allow resident taxpayers to file a Board of Review request protest letter for the 2015 assessment year, and the Township shall notify citizens of this option by public notice as required.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Board of Review Hardship Guidelines

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Bailey to establish the “very low income” limits as the eligibility guidelines for the Board of Review hardship applications, along with a total asset level not to exceed \$136,662 subject to the following conditions:

- a. Total assets shall not include the first \$136,662 of the homestead.
- b. Total assets shall not include the first \$8,252 of one car.
- c. Total household income shall include the income of all persons residing in the homestead.
- d. The Board of Review has the discretion of granting hardship exemptions for non-qualifying applicants if, after consideration, in the Board’s opinion, unusual or extreme circumstances exist where granting relief would be justifiable and appropriate.
- e. The Board of Review has the discretion of granting full or partial exemptions.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Giannangeli, Thalmann, Reilly, Gonser, Langlois, Bailey, Buxar

Nays: none

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Planning Commission Survey Bid

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Langlois to award the bid for Planning Commission Master Plan Opinion Survey to D.P. Bostwick & Associates in the amount of \$22,839.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board heard public comment from:
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT

Discussion/Action – Tentative Settlement Agreement; Michigan AFSCME Council 25 AFL-CIO, Parks & Recreation Commission

MOTION by Buxar, supported by Langlois, to approve the Tentative Settlement Agreement; Michigan AFSCME Council 25 AFL-CIO, Parks & Recreation Commission, and to authorize labor attorney, John C. Clark to sign.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Buxar, Bailey, Langlois, Gonser, Reilly, Thalmann, Giannangeli

Nays: none

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board heard public comment from:
Dick Michalski - 3070 Wains Way, OT
Reg Brown – 3666 Locust Dr., OT

Discussion/Action – Resolution 15-02 NO HAZ Contract

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Langlois to approve participation in the 2015 NO HAZ Program with Oakland County.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Gonser to eliminate the \$10 resident fee to participate in the 2015 NO HAZ Program with Oakland County.

The Board heard public comment from:
Dick Michalski - 3070 Wains Way, OT
Bob Yager - 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT
Lana Mangiapane, 2310 Dutton Rd., OT
John Markel - 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Frank Ferriolo – 5600 Kirkridge Tr., OT

Motion failed.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Langlois to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2015 North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste Interlocal Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Waste Management Agreement

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Bailey to request bids for Township refuse and recycling collection, and to prepare an RFP to solicit those services with a review of the bids received within no more than 180 days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action – CDBG PY2014 Transportation Bids Selection

Supervisor Gonser, as Chair, asked to recues from voting on this subject as he holds a position on the O.P.C. Board of Directors.

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Thalmann to recues the Chairman from participation and discussion and voting on the award of CDBG Transportation Selection.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Thalmann to enter into contract with Neighborhood House to provide transportation services for low to moderate income citizens of Oakland Township, utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds appropriated to the Township.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action – Supervisor's Referendum

Supervisor Gonser removed this item from the agenda.

Discussion/Action – Televising Meetings/Authority to Cancel 9/29/14

The Board heard public comment from:
Dick Michalski - 3070 Wains Way, OT
Frank Ferriolo - 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
John Markel - 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Judy Keyes – 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT
Joanna Vanraaphorst – 5900 Southgate Rd., OT
Henry Carels – 5322 Abbey Rd., OT
Bob Yager - 1146 Bear Creek Ct., OT

Discussion/Action – Vector Pipeline Survey Clarification/Manager’s Responsibilities

The Board heard public comment from:
Frank Ferriolo - 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
Dick Michalski - 3070 Wains Way, OT
Judy Keyes – 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT
John Markel - 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT

Discussion/Action – Resolution 15-01

MOTION by Buxar, supported by Bailey to reaffirm Ordinance 97 by adopting Resolution 15-01.

The Board heard comment from:
Reg Brown – 3666 Locust Dr., OT
Frank Ferriolo - 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
Jill Greimel – 5719 Lost Lane, OT
John Markel - 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Henry Carels – 5322 Abbey Rd., OT
Judy Keyes – 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT

Ayes: Buxar, Bailey, Langlois, Reilly, Giannangeli
Nays: Gonser, Thalmann

Motion carried: 5/2

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Buxar directing the Clerk’s Office to distribute Ordinance 97 and Resolution 15-01.

Ayes: Buxar, Bailey, Langlois, Reilly, Giannangeli
Nays: Gonser, Thalmann

Motion carried: 5/2.

Board recessed at 10:12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

Discussion/Action – Purchasing Guidelines/Policy

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Bailey to amend the Purchasing Guidelines as read, to include that they are guidelines only and subject to appropriate management discretion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board heard comment from:
John Markel - 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT

Discussion/Action – ZBA Tree Ordinance

The Board heard public comment from:
Frank Ferriolo, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
Reg Brown, 3666 Locust Dr., OT
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Dr., OT
Judy Keyes – 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT
Dick Michalski - 3070 Wains Way, OT

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Moore stated that included in your packets is a very nice update from the Paint Creek Trailways Commission.

BOARD REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Giannangeli

Trustee Giannangeli had nothing to report.

Trustee Thalmann

Trustee Thalmann mentioned that Supervisor Gonser was voted President of the Oakland County Association of Township Supervisors. This group represents all 21 townships in Oakland County. This is a great honor for our Supervisor as well as for Oakland Township.

She further spoke that she is working towards Oakland Township receiving the award for Excellence in Townships.

Her book titled *Biography of Dr. Bertha VanHoosen* should be completed by the beginning of February.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from:
Judy Keyes – 1887 High Meadows Blvd., OT

BOARD REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUED

Clerk Reilly

Clerk Reilly welcomed Deputy Clerk, Cari Neubeck.

Treasurer Langlois

Treasurer Langlois stated there is a major initiative to improve the Township water for those on community wells. Water Resource Commission is planning to hold a meeting in early February. She asks the Township Manager provide the Board the date of that meeting and any correspondence that may go out to the residents.

She further added under Safety Path & Trails, that the Township engineer attended their last Paint Creek Trail meeting and outlined an action plan for connecting the Paint Creek Trail to the Paint Creek Cider Mill.

The Safety Path & Trails Committee is formally asking to be included in the upcoming Township Master Plan which is a deviation from past practice as it was included in the Parks Master Plan.

She also stated the Safety Path & Trails Committee asked that the Board to consider an initiative for landscape improvements on the Paint Creek Cider Mill property near the creek but not part of the trail.

Trustee Bailey

Trustee Bailey stated that he has been working together with Trustee Buxar and Trustee Giannangeli to obtain a voice of the township for correct action to take for improvements of the Paint Creek Cider Mill. They are in the process of summarizing resident input and will report at a future meeting.

Trustee Buxar

Trustee Buxar also commented that they received great input regarding the Paint Creek Cider Mill, and hope to have a report at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Gonser

Supervisor Gonser gave a shout out to the Ohio State fans who won the championship and those of the Big 10 teams that did well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Giannangeli, supported by Buxar to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
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