

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The March 16, 2015 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Gonser at 5:02 PM in the Township Hall, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, MI.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Supervisor Gonser led the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Neubeck called the Roll.

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

Absent: Karen Reilly, Clerk

Also Present: Warren Brown, Township Manager  
Cari Neubeck, Deputy Clerk  
Linda Vance, Accounting and Finance Administrator

A quorum was present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The Board heard public comment from:  
Beth Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.

## **AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Buxar to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2015-2016 Budget Discussion**

The Board had discussion regarding the 2015-2016 Budget.

*Parks and Recreation Budget –*

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Langlois to leave the budgeted \$25,000 for Professional Consultant Dog Park.

The Board heard public comment from:  
Frank Ferriolo – 5600 Kirkridge Tr.  
John Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.  
Mindy Milos-Dale – Parks and Recreation Director

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

Motion passed: 4/2.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Gonser to amend the Parks and Recreation and Land Preservation legal fees budget to reflect \$5,000 each.

The Board heard public comment from:  
Frank Ferriolo – 5600 Kirkridge Tr.  
Mindy Milos-Dale – Parks and Recreation Director  
John Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.  
Beth Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.

Motion was withdrawn.

*Land Preservation Budget -*

The Board heard public comment from:  
Ben VanderWeide, Natural Areas Stewardship Manager

*General Fund Budget –*

The Board heard public comment from:  
Frank Ferriolo – 5600 Kirkridge Tr.  
John Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Giannangeli to add \$50,000 to the Surface Improvements/Gravel Roads budget.

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

Motion passed: 4/2.

MOTION by Thalmann, supported by Giannangeli to add \$10,000 to the Phragmites budget.

The Board heard public comment from:  
Frank Ferriolo – 5600 Kirkridge Tr.  
John Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.

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

Motion failed.

*Fire Budget –*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Bailey, supported by Buxar to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:59 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.  
Oakland Township Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Karen Reilly, Clerk  
OT Board of Trustees

Terry R. Gonser, Supervisor  
OT Board of Trustees