

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEE

February 26, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

The February 26, 2013, the Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

PRESENT: Terry Gonser, Supervisor
Karen Reilly, Clerk
Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer
Michael Bailey, Trustee
Judy Keyes, Trustee
Sharon McKay, Trustee
Maureen Thalmann, Trustee
James Creech, Manager

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Gonser led the Board, staff and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Gonser also offered an apology for occurrences at a previous meeting.

TOWNSHIP LEGAL SERVICES INTERVIEWS:

Neil Wallace, Clarkston, MI: Mr. Neil Wallace and Mr. Thomas Ryan presented their proposal for providing legal services and responded to questions from the Township Board.

Butzel Long, P.C. Bloomfield Hills, MI: Mr. Malcolm Brown and Mr. Scott Patterson were present. Mr. Brown presented their proposal to provide labor counsel services and responded to questions from the Township Board.

Beier Howlett, P.C. Bloomfield Hills, MI: Mr. Timothy Currier and Mr. Jeffery Kragt presented their proposal for providing legal services and responded to questions.

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Hafeli, Staran, Hallahan & Christ, P.C. Bloomfield Hills, MI: Mr. P. Daniel Christ and Mr. John Staran presented their proposal for providing legal services and responded to questions.

Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. Troy, MI: Mr. Daniel Kelly, Mr. Stephen Hitchcock, Mr. Andrew Baran, Mr. Michael Bosnic and Mr. David Gorcyca were present. Mr. Kelly presented the firm's proposal for providing legal services and he and others present from their firm responded to questions.

Adkison, Need & Allen, P.C. Bloomfield Hills, MI: Mr. Gregory Need and Ms. Lisa Hamameh were present. They presented the firm's proposal for providing legal services and they responded to questions.

After the conclusion of the interviews, resident Jan Olson of 4190 Orion Road brought up a matter involving Giamarco, Mullins and Horton and a controversy in Orion Township.

Members of the Township Board stated that this law firm is highly recommended by the both the current and former Orion Township elected officials and they have indicated that this matter is being handled to the Orion Township Board's satisfaction.

MOTION by LANGLOIS, SECONDED by BAILEY to retain the law firm of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C as Township Attorney and to authorize the Township Supervisor to issue a letter to the law firm Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich to forward Oakland Township files into the possession of Giamarco, Mullins, and Horton, P.C.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk, Karen Reilly read information from the MTA, and related statutes that described the proper format and content of minutes. Clerk Reilly indicated that the minutes that were provided for the February 12, 2013 meeting in her opinion meet these standards. She had asked that the minutes for the January 8, 2013 meeting also be in that format, and she offered those amended minutes at this time for approval. It was noted that there was a spelling error in the February 12, 2013 minutes on page 155, Judy ~~Seubig~~ Skubick. After some discussion regarding the archiving of recordings of the meeting and the subjectivity of content of the minutes, and some other items of discussion:

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MOTION by LANGLOIS, SECONDED by REILLY to approve the January 8, 2013 and February 12, 2013 minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS

The Board heard comments from Marc Edwards of 470 Ash Court, and Richard Michalski of 3070 Wains Way regarding the March 12, 2013 Township Board meeting and other subjects.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY McKAY, to approve payment of the invoices as presented, dated February 22, 2013, in the amount of \$209,880.83.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A copy of the lists of invoices is attached as a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

James V. Creech
Township Manager

Karen Reilly
Clerk