

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 14, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The May 14, 2013 regular meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland was called to order by Supervisor Gonser at 7:02 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, OT Manager
Daniel J. Kelly, OT Attorney
Jane Bombard, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: NONE

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Jason Corey, U.S. Navy Retired, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Reilly called the Roll.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT AND DEMONSTRATION:

The Board heard a report from the OT Fire Department.

Supervisor Gonser called a fifteen minute break at 7:15 p.m. for the OT Fire Department's planned demonstration of OT's Child Education Smoke Escape Trailer.

Supervisor Gonser re-convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Board thanked the OT Fire Department for their report and demonstration.

CITIZENS COMMENT

The Board heard public comment from:

**Bill Fox, Lake George Rd., OT
Richard Michalski, 3070 Wains Way, OT**

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Alice Tombouliau, 798 W. Gunn Rd., OT
Colleen Barkham, 1741 Silverbell Rd., OT
David Mackley, OT Parks Commission
Cam Mannino 3666 Locust Drive, OT
George Googasian, 3750 Orion Rd., OT
Joanna VanRaaphorst, 4900 Southgate Rd., OT
Greg Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT
Carolyn Phelps, Collins Rd., OT
George Ingram, 520 Driscoll Dr., OT
Craig Blust, 2222 W. Buell Rd., OT
Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT
Peg Johnson, 645 E. Buell Rd., OT
Bob Sirna, 5823 Wellwood Ct., OT
Don Patterson, 1370 W. Gunn Rd., OT

Supervisor Gonser called a break at 8:13 p.m.
Supervisor Gonser re-convened the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The Board heard comment from Supervisor Gonser.
The Board heard comment from Treasurer Langlois.

The Board heard citizen Comment from:
Richard Michalski, 3070 Wains Way, OT

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Supervisor Gonser requested that Item ‘20.5, Citizen Comment’ be added to the agenda.
Supervisor Gonser requested that item: ‘3. Introduction: New Building Director, Tim Berger’ be moved to item 13.5 on the agenda.

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

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES, MCKAY,
THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to approve the bills as presented.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES, MCKAY,
THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

**CONSENT AGENDA - Board Will Consider Approving the Following Items
in One Motion:**

- A. **Approval of the Minutes: Regular Meeting – April 9, 2013 and Special Meeting – April 15, 2013**
- B. **Resolution 13-09: Request to Adopt a Resolution Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Older Persons Commission.**
- C. **Wyndgate Fireworks Request: Request for June 1st.**
- D. **Wyndgate Fireworks Request: Request for July 19th.**
- D1. **Bradley James Armstrong: Fireworks request for 5-25-13, 6-29-13, 8-31-13 and 12-31-13.**
- E. **Historic District Commission Appointment: John Sanderson**

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY KEYES to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES, MCKAY,
THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

PENDING BUSINESS:

**RAYA: AN INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF
ROCHESTER AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

The Board heard a presentation from a representative of Rochester Area Youth Assistance.

RAISING ROCHESTER

The Board heard a presentation from Dr. Jay Mitchell regarding his community-wide organic gardening project. The goal of Dr. Mitchell's project is to help stock area food pantries with fresh fruit and vegetable bounty.

ORDINANCE 46

The Board considered the second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending the Uniform

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Trailway Regulations at the request of the Paint Creek Trailway Commission.

MOVED BY THALMANN to adopt Ordinance 46 amending the Uniform Trailway Regulations at the request of the Paint Creek Trailway Commission.

NO SECOND.

Trustee Langlois questioned item #16 on Page 2. Discussion followed.

Trustee Bailey questioned item #22 on Page 3. Discussion followed.

Clerk Reilly questioned #19 on Page 3. Discussion followed.

MOTION FAILED.

The Board agreed to request further clarification on the items discussed from the Paint Creek Trailway Commission.

GAP ANALYSIS AUDIT: BOARD WILL CONSIDER ISSUING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A CONSULTING FIRM TO PERFORM A GAP ANALYSIS AUDIT

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY MCKAY to issue a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant firm to conduct a gap analysis audit.

Discussion followed.

AYES: KEYES, MCKAY

NAYES: BAILEY, LANGLOIS, REILLY, THALMANN, GONSER

MOTION FAILED.

LANDSCAPING BIDS: BOARD WILL CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VENDOR FOR 2013 LANDSCAPING SERVICE

Supervisor Gonsler read the bids received for 2013 landscaping services.

Discussion followed.

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY BAILEY to approve Park Services as the landscaping contractor for summer, 2013.

AYES: KEYES, BAILEY, LANGLOIS, REILLY, THALMANN,
GONSER

NAYES: MCKAY

MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION: TIM BERGER, NEW BUILDING DIRECTOR

The Board heard a recommendation to confirm the employment of Tim Berger as OT Building Director.

Discussion followed.

The Board heard comment from Mr. Berger.

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY KEYES to confirm the employment of Mr. Tim Berger as OT Building Director.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES, MCKAY,
THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

The Board considered the recommendation to appoint Interim Fire Chief Paul Strelchuk OT Fire Chief.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES to appoint Paul Strelchuk as the OT Fire Chief.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES, MCKAY,
THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR UNION NEGOTIATIONS

The Board considered nominating Supervisor Gonser to serve as the Board's representative on the management team for the Fire Department union negotiations.

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to appoint Supervisor Gonser as the Board's representative on the Management Team for Union negotiations.

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THALMANN

NAYES: KEYES

MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Board discussed the current need to increase staffing.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES to approve the recommended budget amendments as presented.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES, MCKAY,
THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Creech reported that there has been an increased interest in building and development in the Township.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Kelley stated that he has no report.

BOARD REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERVISOR GONSER'S REPORT

Supervisor Gonser thanked Trustee Thalmann and OT staff who assisted her for a very successful Clean Scene event.

Supervisor Gonser thanked Clerk Reilly for representing OT at the recent No Haz collection event.

Supervisor Gonser reported that an Oakland County Water Authority made up of Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Orion Township and possibly Oakland Township could be formed with the intent to look into purchasing water (only) directly from Detroit Water & Sewer.

Supervisor Gonser reported that he has looked into the comments received from residents regarding excessive speed on Orion Road and discussed the issue with the Sherriff's Department.

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Supervisor Gonser reported that he is interested in opening a dialogue to discuss a single trash hauler for OT. Supervisor Gonser stated that he realizes many subdivisions already do have single trash hauler contracts, and that there are many issues to consider, and that he is interested in hearing input from citizens on the issue.

Supervisor Gonser reported that since the last Board meeting, the Board did receive and respond to a request via the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) to provide copies of all electronic communications. Board members, the OT Attorney, and the OT Supervisor spent an extensive amount of time, approximately fifty hours each, responding to the request and all but 33 pages were provided, as advised by the OT Attorney.

Supervisor Gonser reported that the Road Commission of Oakland County will hold a Forum Monday, May 20th, at 1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Gonser reported that, as stated in the most recent OT Newsletter, there will be an Issues Forum held for Oakland Township Residents on Tuesday, May 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Gonser reported that an opinion which he sought via a letter in regard to the Blossom Ridge from the Attorney General is expected to be received by the end of the week.

CLERK REILLY'S REPORT

Clerk Reilly reported that she attended the most recent No Haz collection day and there were 66 OT residents who took advantage of it. The next No Haz collection day is June 15th at Oakland University. Trustee Bailey volunteered to be the OT representative at this collection.

TREASURER LANGLOIS' REPORT

Treasurer Langlois reported that the quarterly Investment Report from the Treasurer's Department is available and has no significant changes.

Treasurer Langlois reported that she attended a conference and learned a great deal.

Treasurer Langlois reported that she will be involved with the upcoming audit.

Trustee Langlois reported that she met with the Trails and Safety Path Committee and there is great interest to continue to explore viable options for connections to the Paint Creek Trailway.

Trustee Langlois reported that there is a lot of enthusiasm to connect Bald Mountain to the Paint Creek Trail, and it looks doable to get parking, as an engineer and OT will be working together on a parking lot.

Treasurer Langlois reported that she, Clerk Reilly, and Supervisor Gonser are available on

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Mondays between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. at the Oakland Township Hall to handle any citizen issues, concerns, etc.

TRUSTEE MCKAY'S REPORT

Trustee McKay reported that 65-70 people attended the informational meeting on Phragmites and that the Phragmites workshop is scheduled for August 3rd.

TRUSTEE BAILEY'S REPORT

Trustee Bailey reported that he attended the Clean Scene.

TRUSTEE THALMANN'S REPORT

Trustee Thalmann reported that the Clean Scene was held, and thanked the donors and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

TRUSTEE KEYES' REPORT

Trustee Keyes reported that she attended the Clean Scene and thanked Trustee Thalmann for a successful event.

Trustee Keyes reported that she attended the meeting on Phragmites and thanked Trustee McKay.

Trustee Keyes reported that she plans to attend the Road Commission of Oakland County's forum to be held Monday May 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes reported that she has been accepted into the fall 2013 Oakland Leadership Program, is looking forward to taking part, and hopes what she takes away can be used to positively impact OT citizens.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

The Board heard citizen comment from:

Richard Michalski, 3070 Wains Way, OT

Bob Sirna, 5823 Wellwood Ct., OT

Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES to enter Closed Session at 10:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an opinion from the OT Attorney.

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THALMANN

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

Closed Session ended at 11:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN to adjourn the meeting
at 11:10 p.m.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES,
THALMANN, MCKAY

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Oakland Township Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Reilly, Clerk
OT Board of Trustees

Approved,

Terry R. Gonser, Supervisor
OT Board of Trustees

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