

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED

January 8, 2013

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The January 8, 2013, 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  
Steve Joppich, Attorney

ABSENT: None

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Gonser led the Board, staff and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Bailey said he understands that former Parks and Trails Planner Milos-Dale is available to update the Board on trails projects, and proposed that her update be placed on this evening's agenda as the first item under "Pending Business."

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS, to approve the agenda with the addition of a trails report following the "Citizens" section of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The Board considered the minutes of both the December 3, 2012, special meeting, and the December 11, 2012, regular meeting.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012, special meeting and the December 11, 2012, regular meeting as presented with the following corrections: on page 131 under “Blossom Ridge Rezoning,” at the end of the fourth full paragraph, the following should be added: “...that Mr. Need referred to. (It was noted that the statutory requirement is that the plans are sent to the Oakland County Coordinating Zoning Committee of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for review.)” On page 132 under the same heading, the typographical error in the second paragraph, second line, should be corrected to read, “...are his own. He urged ~~to~~ the Board not to rush...” On page 139 under “Millrace: Wade Trim Report,” the paragraph following the first motion, last line, should read, “...at the time the plans are complete.” On page 143 under “Request for Proposal for Streaming Video/Cable Service,” the sentence following the motion should read, “...for all the help he has provided to date...”

MOTION CARRIED (Abstention: McKay).

The minutes of the closed session were available, but the Board did not have the opportunity to review them prior to this evening’s meeting and will consider them at a future time.

### CITIZENS

Michael Spisz, Oakland County Commissioner introduced himself and invited residents and Board members to contact him with any concerns they may have. Dr. Pierre Atallah, 4765 Freer Road Chair and Township Representative to Older Persons’ Commission gave a brief report. Roger Schmidt of 455 S. Rochester Road suggested various things to the Board. Dr. Tom Barkham thanked the Board for recent actions.

### TRAILS AND SAFETY PATH UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Melinda Milos-Dale was present. She updated the Board on the status of the three main projects that the Safety Path and Trail committee has been working on: the Adams Road Connector; the Multi-Use Trail Connection Between Paint creek Trailways and Paint Creek Cider Mill; and the Safety Path Connections Along West Side of Brewster Road (between Silver Bell Road and Dutton Road).

### Comments

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Bob Sirna of 5823 Wellwood Court, Richard Michalski of 3070 Wains Way each read a prepared statement. Mr. Michalski commented further and also shared an email correspondence from John Nelson of 3374 Proctor Lane, who was unable to attend. George Ingram of 520 Driscoll Drive, Evelyn Phillips of 3207 Cairncross, Jim Foulkrod of 5739 Paint Valley Drive, Alice Tombouljian of 798 W. Gunn Road, Jim Tarantino of Shelby Township, Beth Markel of 245 Birch Hill Drive, Dr. Henry Carles of 5322 Abbey Road, Cynthia Huyghe of 3293 Landview Drive and Diane Hellner of 1600 E. Gunn Road, Arthur Griggs of 4570 Gallagher Road, Dave Nowicki of 3095 Cairncross, and Philip Huyghe of 3292 Landview Drive all commented about the Trails and Safety Paths plans and program. Parks and Recreation Director Milos-Dale shared contents of an email correspondence from Dan Markey who lives on Gallagher Road Dr. Tom Barkham, Jr., Kevin Mannis of 3014 Cairncross, Joann Siwa of 3301 Serenity also commented. There were also some Township Board comments.

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**RESOLUTION 13-01: NORTH OAKLAND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CONSORTIUM**

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES, to adopt Resolution 13-01, a Resolution Regarding the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium, and to appoint Supervisor Gonser as Oakland Township's representative to the consortium.

AYES: Gonser, Reilly, Langlois, Bailey, Keyes, McKay, Thalmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A copy of this resolution is attached as a part of these minutes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: APPOINTMENTS**

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS, to hire Lindsay Strelchuk as a paid on call fire fighter/Basic EMT, and Stacy Linn as a paid on call Basic EMT as recommended by Fire Chief Benoit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARD OF REVIEW: APPOINTMENTS**

MOVED BY BAILEY, to appoint Jane Sawin, Kathy Busch and Judy Workings to two-year terms on the Board of Review.

MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY THALMANN, to appoint John Giannangeli, Anthony Scaccia and Judy Workings to two-year terms on the Board of Review.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS, to appoint Jane Sawin to serve as the alternate on the Board of Review.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**MILLRACE QUOTE/APPROVAL**

The Board considered the proposal from Wade Trim. Phase 1 includes Task 1: Planning meetings and presentations, Task 2: Hydraulics & pre-permitting assessment, Task 3: Final design, estimating & permitting, and Task 4: Grant assistance (if needed), for a total of \$32,000. Phase 2 includes Task 5: Maintenance agreement/easement documents, Task 6: Construction plans and bidding documents, and Task 7: Bidding assistance, for a total of \$10,500.00

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN, to approve the proposal from Wade Trim in the amount of \$32,000 for Phase 1 of the Paint Creek Millrace project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES, to approve the proposal from Wade Trim in the amount of \$10,500 for Phase 2 of the Paint Creek Millrace project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MILL WHEEL RESTORATION**

The Board reviewed information from Jerry Mancour.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS, to contract with Radich Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$7,334 as recommended by Jerry Mancour this evening and in his memorandum of December 18, 2012, for excavation work around the Paint Creek Cider Mill water wheel, and to have a Township employee oversee this work.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

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MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY BAILEY, to solicit proposals for legal services for the Charter Township of Oakland.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

Supervisor Gonser noted that the Affordable Care Act will take effect in 2014. Oakland Township only has 21 full-time employees and several part-time employees, and Supervisor Gonser said he does not believe the Affordable Care Act will impact the Township as the number of employees falls below the required threshold for the Act.

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**VIDEO EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION, CABLE/WEBCASTING OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY BAILEY, to appoint Supervisor Gonser, Trustee Thalmann and Jay Corey to a committee for the purpose of reviewing proposals regarding cable/webcasting of Township meetings as well as the acquisition and installation of necessary video equipment, meeting with vendors, and making a recommendation to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN, to adopt Resolution 13-02, a Resolution Regarding Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A copy of this resolution is attached as a part of these minutes.

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY KEYES, to contract with Mike's Tree Surgeons for the Cranberry Lake Farm apple orchard restoration work as presented this evening.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY KEYES, to transfer \$150,000 from the General Fund reserve to the Historic Preservation Fund as discussed this evening.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY BAILEY, to allow the Historic District Commission to utilize the funds as approved.

MOTION WITHDRAWN (see below.)

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY BAILEY, to make Barbara Barber a full-time employee for the Historic District Commission, with the terms approved by

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the Board of Trustees in April 2012, with the change that she shall receive health care coverage for her children, as other Oakland Township employees do.

Trustee Keyes withdrew her motion (see above).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts has invited the Board to select an award recipient who has fostered the arts and culture in meaningful and impactful ways in Oakland Township.

### **SUPERVISOR GONSER'S REPORTS**

Supervisor Gonser reported that he and Dr. Atallah recently toured the OPC. He was very complimentary and encouraged eligible residents to make use of it. Supervisor Gonser reported that the Fire Department personnel have decided to unionize. Supervisor Gonser said that at the last meeting, the Board agreed to contract with an attorney for another opinion regarding Blossom Ridge rezoning matter. The attorney has provided his opinion for the Board's consideration. He also reported that the MTA conference will be held later this month, and many members of the Board will be attending.

### **CLERK REILLY'S REPORT**

Clerk Reilly stated that the Township's check register is now available to view online.

### **TREASURER LANGLOIS' REPORTS**

Treasurer Langlois said she will present the third quarter financial report at the next meeting. Treasurer Langlois shared sample formats for the Township Manager's review. She asked the Board members to review the formats and questionnaire. She would like to start working on this process.

### **TRUSTEE BAILEY'S REPORT**

Trustee Bailey reported that he, Trustee McKay and Treasurer Langlois are working on a Request for Proposal for a concessionaire for the Paint Creek Cider Mill.

### **TRUSTEE KEYES'S REPORTS**

Trustee Keyes thanked HDC Administrative Assistant Barb Barber as well as residents Bill Kroger and Tom Asmus for their help hanging the medallion with the image of the Paint Creek Cider Mill at the Township Hall. Trustee Keyes read MCL 41.812, "The township board of any township with an organized police or fire department, or both, may create a fire administrative board, police administrative board or a police and fire administrative boards."

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**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN, to approve payment of the invoices as presented, dated December 21, 2012, in the amount of \$197,302.69, and January 8, 2013, in the amount of \$229,641.27, with the deletion of check number 51384 to the Clinton River Watershed Council in the amount of \$900.

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 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid R. Kliffel  
Recording Secretary

Approved,

Karen Reilly  
Clerk