

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVED MINUTES

July 9, 2013

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The July 9, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Gonser at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Township Hall.

PRESENT: Terry Gonser, Supervisor  
Karen Reilly, Clerk  
Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer  
Judy Keyes, Trustee  
Maureen Thalmann, Trustee  
Michael Bailey, Trustee  
  
James Creech, OT Manager  
Daniel J. Kelly, OT Attorney

ABSENT: Sharon McKay, Trustee

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Gonser acknowledged July 1<sup>st</sup> as the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and July 4<sup>th</sup> as the 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the July 4, 1776 date of the Declaration of Independence. He spoke about those two items. He also announced the details of the Orion Road bridge replacement project that is to begin next spring, which will cause the closure of the Orion Road for three to four months. ~~He informed those viewing the proceedings that as part of the grant application, a pedestrian lane on that bridge crossing the Paint Creek will serve as an access to the Paint Creek Cider Mill area from the Paint Creek Trail.~~ He also stated that there will be a workshop at a special joint meeting of the Township Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. He said that meeting will be televised and on the available for viewing on the Township's website.

**CITIZENS**

**Alice Tomboulian**  
**Cammy Mannino**  
**Beth Markel**  
**Colleen Barkham**  
**John Markel**  
**Frank Ferriolo**

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**Roger Schmidt**  
**Barb Barber**  
**Richard Michalski**  
**Bob Yager**  
All spoke.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Bills: dated 7/9/2013 for \$49,211.71.
- B. Minutes: Board will consider approval of: Regular Meeting June 11, 2013, and Special Meeting/Closed Session June 26, 2013
- C. Resolution 13-11: Board will consider a resolution authorizing West Nile Virus fund expense reimbursement expense from Oakland County.

**MOTION** by **KEYES, SECONDED** by **THALMANN** to remove item 8 from the agenda and to remove A. Bills and B. Minutes from the Consent Agenda and consider those items before consideration of item 6, and approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**BILLS:**

Clarification about check number 52351 to Giamarco, Mullins and Horton: explanation was that the majority of the extra amount above the \$9,000 flat fee was related to labor negotiations, and work done by the environmental attorney.

**MOTION** by **KEYES, SECONDED** by **LANGLOIS** to approve the bills for \$49, 211.71 as submitted. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**MINUTES:**

Correction of the June 11, 2013 minutes on page 34: Trustee Keyes thanked OT citizens for providing funds for her attendance at the MTA class and ~~a Grant Management Class~~ noted that she also attended a Grant Management Class paid for by a scholarship at no cost to residents.

Correction of the June 26, 2013 minutes on page 35: Trustee ~~Keys~~ Keyes indicated that Oakland Township should become a member of the MML if the Township is going to use their services.

**MOTION** by **KEYES, SECONDED** by **LANGLOIS** to approve the June 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes and the June 26, 2013 closed session minutes, and special meeting minutes as amended. **CARRIED 5-0. ABSTAIN: BAILEY.**

**GOODISON PLAN:**

**Bill Acree**  
**Karen Acree**  
**Bart Robinson**  
**Jan Olson**

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**Greg Olson**  
**Colleen Barkham**  
**Richard Michalski**  
**John Markel**  
**Bob Yager**  
**Beth Pears**  
**Marty McClure**  
**Frank Ferriolo**

All spoke, and a letter was read from **Dr. Thomas Barkham** by Karen Acree.

After much discussion, the Township Board agreed that they should postpone any action until they can formulate a motion delineating those areas in the Goodison Plan that the Township Board would like to see emphasized, deemphasized, re-reviewed and/or modified. Attorney Kelly was asked to aid with the formulation of a possible motion.

**MOTION** by **BAILEY**, **SECONDED** by **LANGLOIS** to postpone any action on the Goodison Plan. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER SEARCH CONSULTANT:**

The Township Board discussed scheduling a special meeting to review proposals for firms to perform an executive search for a new Township Superintendent/Manager. The Michigan Municipal League had been contacted and submitted a proposal for consideration. The decision was made at the meeting to allow Voorheis and Associates to also submit a proposal, and make a presentation. After some discussion, it was agreed to set a special meeting on July 15, 2013 at 5:30 PM, prior to the Joint PRC and Township Board special meeting at 7 PM, for presentations of their proposals.

**CITIZENS**

**Richard Michalski spoke.**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Recalling the previous discussion regarding Goodison, Manager Creech briefly described the circumstances by which the Township came into possession of the Paint Creek Cider Mill building. Also, details regarding the participation in a meeting with a developer were described.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Kelly had no report.

**BOARD REPORTS and CORRESPONDENCE**

GONSER: Supervisor Gonser reported that the labor negotiations are taking place, and that a meeting with he and the Township environmental attorney and the MDEQ took place. He said that there will be more meetings on that subject.

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REILLY: Clerk Reilly reported that absentee ballots went out, that there was an election commission meeting that took place just previous to this Board meeting, and she also reported on other election related business.

LANGLOIS: Treasurer Langlois had no report.

BAILEY: Trustee Bailey reported on the June 15<sup>th</sup> NO-Haz event took place and gave details regarding the municipalities' participation in the event.

KEYES: It was clarified for Trustee Keyes that the MDEQ bridge grant application (that included a fishing pier and restrooms) for the pedestrian crossing of the Paint Creek that was applied for by Ms. Milos-Dale, and the bridge on Orion Road that is a Federal grant with an additional pedestrian lane that is being overseen by the RCOC are different projects with different scopes of work. Trustee Keyes reported about the positive community events relating to the Historic District Commission programming, the Flag Day ceremony at CLF and the Scout Day Camp, and read letters thanking those involved. She also discussed matters relating to the pledge that was on the June agenda and the conflict of interest policy, which she indicated should be on the August agenda.

THALMANN: Trustee Thalmann briefly discussed the results of her research on the history of the development of the Township Superintendent position in Oakland Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by REILLY, SECONDED by LANGLOIS to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.  
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Karen Reilly, Clerk  
OT Board of Trustees

Terry Gonser, Supervisor  
OT Board of Trustees