

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 13, 2013

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The August 13, 2013 regular meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland was called to order by Supervisor Gonser 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, OT Manager
Daniel J. Kelly, OT Attorney
Jane Bombard, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: NONE

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gonser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Clerk Reilly called the Roll.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Announcements. Supervisor Gonser announced that the OT Fire Department was awarded a Federal Grant in the amount of \$129,593.00 for the purchase of 26 new self-contained breathing units. There is an OT match in the amount of \$6,820.00.

Supervisor Gonser acknowledged the work that is done by election workers, in light of the recent election, although not as large as a regular election, there were 48 election workers who attended training sessions, studied manuals, and were required to work extended hours on Election Day (6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.) and don't always receive recognition. Supervisor Gonser explained the process of processing Absentee Ballots.

Supervisor Gonser announced that he and three other individuals from OT took part in a Muscular Dystrophy Lock-Up fundraiser and thanked all of the contributors.

Proclamations. On behalf of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees, Supervisor Gonser presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Deputy Terry 'TC' Cashman, for his thirty-

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eight years of service as an Oakland County Sherriff Deputy, including eighteen years in Oakland Township. Supervisor Gonser noted that the desk at the OT substation will now be manned from 8:00 a.m. until 4 p.m., five days per week for citizens to report any issues, or concerns. Mr. Cashman will be one of the people manning that desk.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT

Chief Strelchuk introduced Assistant Fire Chief, Lou Danek.

Chief Strelchuk reported June and July 2013 call information and run statistics.

Chief Strelchuk reported that the OT Fire Department took delivery of a new ambulance.

Chief Strelchuk reported that because Oxford also received a federal grant for 28 breathing units, he will be doing a combined bid package with Oxford Township, in order to take advantage of economies of scale and obtain the best price for these units.

Supervisor Gonser called a break at 7:19 p.m. in order for those interested to tour the new ambulance. Supervisor Gonser re-convened the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENT

Supervisor Gonser read the rules and courtesies of Public Comment.

Supervisor Gonser stated that he, Treasurer Langlois and Clerk Reilly hold office hours every Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Oakland Township Hall to hear any citizen issues.

The Board heard public comment from:

Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

Linda Glissman, Employee of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Mike Rogers

Ronald Cuddy, 3105 E. Clarkston Rd., OT

James Foulkrod, OT

Colleen Barkham, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, 1741 Silverbell Rd., OT

Tim Maurer, 854 Ravine Terrace Drive, Rochester Hills

Reg Brown, 3666 Locust Drive, OT

John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT

Roger Schmidt, 455 S. Rochester Rd.

Dave Mackley, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Commission, 415 W. Predmore Rd., OT

Bruce Kezlarian, 650 E. Gunn Rd., OT, Former owner of Stony Creek Ravine Park

Jim Carter, Chairman, OT Planning Commission

Frank Fiorello, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT

Bob Yager, 1146 Bear Creek Drive, OT

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The Board heard Board Comment from Trustee Keyes.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Bailey requested that Agenda Item 10 be moved to Item 9, and Agenda Item 9 be moved to Item 10. Supervisor Gonsler requested that Item 13 be taken off of tonight's agenda.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Keyes asked that Items: 'A. Bills' and 'B. Minutes' be moved out of the Consent Agenda on tonight's agenda.

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY MCKAY to remove Items: 'A. Bills' and 'B. Minutes' from tonight's Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: THALMANN

MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

The Board heard public comment from:

Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

The Board heard Board Comment from:

Trustee Langlois

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Trustee Keyes

Supervisor Gonser

BILLS: Dated 7/26/2013 for \$522,161.21 and Dated 8/13/2013 for \$87,750.16

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to approve the bills for payment, as presented.

Trustee Keyes commented. Discussion followed.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY TRUSTEE THALMANN.

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY MCKAY To approve the bills for payment with the exception of the following bills, excluded from this approval in order to be reviewed further: Professional Engineering Associates in the amounts of \$2,308.17, \$2,308.16 & \$2,308.17; Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. in the amount of \$18,523.10; and Williams & Works for an amount of \$1,069.50.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

Trustee Keyes discussed also reviewing the following check, previously approved for payment: Payable to: Lance Robertson; Dated July 9, 2013; In the Amount of: \$1,500.00.

MINUTES – July 9, 2013 Regular Meeting and July 15, 2013 Special Meeting

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 Regular Meeting as amended.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 Special Joint Meeting between the OT PRC and the OT Board of Trustees, as presented.

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

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THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

CLF HENHOUSE ROOF:

Heidi Paterson, Historic District Commission, briefed the Board on the henhouse roof replacement project at Cranberry Lake Farm. Discussion followed.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES, To approve a bid from Bob Schmidt Roofing, LLC, in the amount of \$7,650.00 for the Cranberry Lake Farm Henhouse Roof Replacement Project.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES,
THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

OLDER PERSONS COMMISSION

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY REILLY to approve the Older Persons Commission (OPC) 2014 budget as presented from the OPC Board of Directors.

Trustee Langlois commented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ORION ROAD BRIDGE

MOVED BY KEYES, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS To approve the inclusion of a pedestrian lane on the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) Orion Road bridge.

Discussion regarding the merits of including a pedestrian lane on the RCOC Orion Road bridge followed.

The Board heard Public Comment from:
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT

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Mrs. Rogers, Aberdeen Court, OT
Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES,
THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

The Board discussed railing and lighting options for the RCOC Orion Road bridge.

The Board heard Public Comment from:

John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT
Frank Fiorello, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY KEYES To approve funding, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for railing and lighting upgrades on the pedestrian lane on the RCOC Orion Road bridge, and to obtain recommendations from the HDC for these railing and lighting selections.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES,
THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

GOODISON PLAN

The Board discussed recommendations for amendments to the Goodison Plan.

The Board heard comment from:

James Carter, Chairman, OT Planning Commission

The Board heard public comment from:

Danny Beer, President of Lyon Gear
Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN, To direct each Trustee to submit to the Township Superintendent a comprehensive list of recommendations for amendments to the Goodison Plan, including input from the subgroup made up of Goodison business owners and citizens, and that at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting the Board of Trustees will reach consensus in order to provide an approved list of recommendations to the Planning Commission.

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THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION USE APPLICATION

Relative to the Blossom Ridge development, the Board heard Citizen Comment from:
Dominic Mocerri, Mocerri Companies, 3005 University Drive, Auburn Hills

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY THALMANN, To direct the Supervisor to make a supervisors recommendation to address the aforementioned criteria that was omitted from the former supervisor’s recommendation.

Trustee Langlois commented.

The Board heard comment from:

Dominic Mocerri, Mocerri Companies, 3005 University Drive, Auburn Hills
Marty McQuaid, 5605 Murfield Drive, OT

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

MOTION CARRIED.

IT SERVICES

Manager Creech briefed on the recommended IT services vendor. Discussion followed.

The Board heard comment from:

Frank Fiorello, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
James Carter, Chairman, OT Planning Commission

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS To approve hiring IT RIGHT, INC. to perform IT services for Oakland Township for one year, on a trial basis.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES,
THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John Giannangeli, 5846 Murfield Drive, OT, introduced himself and briefed the Board on his experience.

Mr. Ron Hein, 5859 Murfield Drive, OT, introduced himself and briefed the Board on his experience.

The Board heard comment from **James Carter, Chairman, OT Planning Commission.**

The Board heard public comment from:
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT
Frank Fiorello, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT
Robin Buxar, 1540 W. Gunn Rd., OT

MOVED BY GONSER, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS To approve the recommendation to appoint Mr. John Giannangeli and Mr. Ron Hein to the OT Planning Commission. recom-Plan-

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY KEYES To approve extending Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition for their service on the OT Planning Commission for outgoing Vice-Chairperson, Mr. James Foulkrod, and outgoing member, Ms. Amy Carels.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT introduced himself and briefed the Board on his experience.

Supervisor Gonsler briefed the Board on Ms. Judy Workings' experience and qualifications.

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The Board heard Board comment on the recommendations.

The Board heard comment from:

John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT

Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

Frank Fiorello, 5600 Kirkridge Trail, OT

Lana Mangiapane, 2310 Dutton Rd., OT

Robin Buxar, W. Gunn Rd., OT

Trustee Keyes followed up on her comments.

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY BAILEY To Call the Question. (A non-debatable motion to end the debate that requires a 2/3 vote to pass.)

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

NAYS: LANGLOIS

MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY GONSER, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS To approve the recommendation to appoint Mr. John Markel and Ms. Judy Workings to the Oakland Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: KEYES

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board heard public comment from:

Dominic Mocerri, Mocerri Companies, 3005 University Drive, Auburn Hills

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY KEYES To approve extending Zoning Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition for their service on the outgoing member, Board of Appeals for outgoing Chairperson George Platz, and Ms. Carolyn Phelps.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS To appoint Mr. John Giannangeli as the Planning Commission Representative to the OT Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER SEARCH CONSULTANT

Supervisor Gonsler updated the Board on the status of the Township Manager Search Consultant decision.

MOVED BY THALMANN, SECONDED BY BAILEY to hire Voorhees Associates, LLC to conduct the OT Superintendent Search.

Board Discussion Followed.

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

NAYS: LANGLOIS

MOTION CARRIED.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY

Trustee Langlois commented on the process of handling foreclosed property. The Board heard comment from Supervisor Creech.

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY BAILEY That the Board decline to purchase parcels reviewed by the Board tonight, pursuant to the Parks and Recreation Commission indicating interest in the property.

Discussion followed. Trustee Langlois revised her motion to add to the existing motion and to include the following language: *or the HOA indicating interest.*

MOVED BY LANGLOIS, SECONDED BY BAILEY That the Board decline to purchase parcels reviewed by the Board tonight, pursuant to the Parks and Recreation Commission indicating interest *or the HOA indicating interest* in the property.

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THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS.

INVESTMENT DEPOSITORIES

Township Treasurer Langlois informed the Board that a new financial institution, Level One Bank is being added for deposits.

CITIZENS

The Board heard Citizen Comment from:
John Giannangeli, 5846 Murfield Drive, OT

MANAGER’S REPORT

Manager Creech reported that he has provided election results and voter turnout by precinct from the recent election.

Manager Creech Reported that the last survey conducted by the Township was a citizen survey conducted in 2008.

Manager Creech reported that there has been recent interest shown in the corner property in Goodison Station.

Manager Creech reported on the status of obtaining roll-up metal gates to be installed in the building at the front Windows of the Clerk’s/Treasurer/Building Department desk

Supervisor Gonser commented on other building maintenance issues that currently exist.

The Board heard Citizen Comment from:
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT

Trustee Keyes commented on whether plantings for the front of the building could be considered, as well as any Cider Mill Building maintenance issues. Board discussion followed.

The Board heard Citizen Comment from:
Jan Olson, 4190 Orion Rd., OT

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Kelly reported that he has no report tonight.

BOARD REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Gonser: Reported that he has no report tonight.

Clerk Reilly: Clerk Reilly reported that the recent election went smoothly and reported on the results. Clerk Reilly reported that the employees and election workers did a great job.

Trustee Langlois: Trustee Langlois reported that as a member of the Trails and Safety Path Committee, they are in the early stages of looking into the feasibility of the next trail project being the Marsh View Connector Trail, which would connect from the Paint Creek Trail thru the Marsh View Park Connector Property, to Marshview Park, which is kiddy corner from Bald Mountain; with the long term goal being that Bald Mountain would connect to the Paint Creek Trail, and then connectivity established from Bald Mountain South to the Paint Creek Trail and North through Marsh View Park to Bald Mountain North.

Trustee Keyes. Trustee Keyes thanked the HDC for putting on a square dance – a lot of fun. Down on the Farm took place and a lot of people brought their animals and Thank you to Trustee McKay for conducting another MVP Hands On Phragmites workshop.

Trustee Bailey. Trustee Bailey reported that he is troubled by the current process of approving the bills for payment and questioned whether the reports that the Board receives prior to approval contain the appropriate information in the appropriate format. Trustee Langlois commented that she feels the record keeping for bill payment is impeccable by the employees of the Township, and that all of this information is available for the Board. Board discussion followed regarding the process. Manager Creech commented on the process for the Board. Attorney Kelly commented on the process for the Board.

Trustee McKay. Trustee McKay reported that the Cranberry Lake Board brought about great improvement to Cranberry Lake this year by the harvesting and chemical applications that have taken place this year.

Trustee McKay reported that she held a hands-on Phragmites workshop at Marsh View Park on August 3, 2013.

Trustee McKay reported that she has been in contact with the Oakland County Road Commission and has learned that the Environmental Concerns Coordinator for the Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC) is reporting that all OCRC maintenance personnel will be Trained on Phragmites prevention procedures, i.e. cleaning equipment to minimize the spread of the invasive plant.

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Trustee McKay reported that the website work continues and hope is that it will be live in the middle of October. Trustee Thalmann commented that the new home page will be very attractive and photographs of the area are being solicited for donation.

The Board heard a citizen question from:
John Markel, 245 Birch Hill Drive, OT

Trustee Thalmann reported that the next No-Haz Event is September 7, 2013 in Oxford. Trustee Thalmann reported that she thinks that there is a need to affirm for Township employees who they need to take direction from, and that for next month's agenda the Board discuss this issue so that there aren't any more conflicting demands on an excellent staff prior to the next Manager coming in.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY LANGLOIS to adjourn the meeting
at 11:40 p.m.

AYES: GONSER, REILLY, LANGLOIS, BAILEY, KEYES,
THALMANN, MCKAY
NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tuesday, September 10, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Oakland Township Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Reilly, Clerk
OT Board of Trustees

Approved,

Terry Gonser, Supervisor
OT Board of Trustees

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