

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2021

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

SUPERVISOR: Frederick R. Thorsby

CLERK: Wendy D. Meinburg

TREASURER: Terry A. Peck

TRUSTEES:

William Bain

Linda Minarik

William L. Westenbarger

Sharilynn K. Willette

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR FREDERICK R. THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

- II. ROLL CALL:** Peck, Thorsby, Willette, Westenbarger, Bain, Minarik and Meinburg. Attorney Steven Moulton was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Nine (9)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14, 2021

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the agenda.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 Board Meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2021

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the amended minutes of the August 18, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the payment of bills.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:05 P.M.

One individual gave comment.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:06 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of Matt McKone.

Attorney Matt McKone was in attendance and gave a brief introduction of himself and his background to the Board of Trustees. He is a potential candidate to replace Attorney Steve Moulton upon his retirement.

2. First reading of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone Parcel No. 08-27-502-017, Parcel No. 08-27-502-025 and Parcel No. 08-27-502-024 from M-2 Manufacturing Heavy District to RSA Residential Suburban Agricultural District.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Bain to approve the first reading of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone Parcel No. 08-27-502-017, Parcel No. 08-27-502-025 and Parcel No. 08-27-502-024 from M-2 Manufacturing Heavy District to RSA Residential Suburban Agricultural District.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Meinburg, Westenbarger, Thorsby, Bain, Peck, Minarik and Willette

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS ON THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FEDERAL FUNDING.

SUPERVISOR THORSBY OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M.

- Francis Mead commented seeking clarification on the guidelines as to how the funds can be spent.
- Clerk Meinburg suggested updating township website.
- Treasurer Willette suggested an improved kayak launch.
- Clerk Meinburg suggested a digital sign for public notifications.
- Treasurer Peck suggested a generator for the township office.

- Supervisor Thorsby commented reporting that Norm Goddard from township and park maintenance suggested widening the road at the Nature Park in order to allow for two cars to pass down to river.
- Clerk Meinburg suggested increased security cameras at the Nature Park.
- Joan Stone, township resident, offered that an updated electronic bill paying format on the website would be helpful.
- Trustee Bain suggested revisiting “Safe Routes to School” project, veteran memorial and veteran mental health.
- Supervisor Thorsby suggested a new pavilion at the township office, which would enable hall renters to use outside facility as well.
- Clerk Meinburg suggested lighting for sidewalk on Carpenter Road by Flushing High School.
- Chief Bolin shared that in car cameras for police cruisers would be extremely helpful.
- Clerk Meinburg suggested updating handicap accessibility into the office at the township.
- Trustee Willette suggested an additional pavilion at the Flushing Township Nature Park.
- Trustee Westenbarger suggested mosquito control.
- Chief Bolin offered that the police department would benefit greatly from a drone; locating missing persons, mapping crime scenes, locating perpetrators and code enforcement.

SUPERVISOR THORSBY CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:48 P.M.

4. Update Flushing Township User Fees.

TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve Flushing Township User Fees for 2021.

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Thorsby called a short recess at 7:51 P.M.

Meeting resumed at 7:57 P.M. when Clerk Meinburg returned with the additional information requested. After further discussion, the following motion was made.

TRUSTEE WILLETTE WITHDREW PREVIOUS MOTION.

Discussion was had to update the user fees at a future meeting.

5. Motion to approve quarterly budget ending 9/30/21.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve quarterly budget ending 9/30/21.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Thorsby, Bain, Minarik, Westenbarger, Peck, Meinburg and Willette

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor
Monthly Building Report
Monthly Code Enforcement Report
Fire Department Report

Supervisor Thorsby reported that codification was moving along smoothly. He also reported of an upcoming meeting with Sharon Gregory from Metropolitan Planning and encouraged input for any county transportation ideas or concerns.

2. Clerk's Report – Clerk

Clerk Meinburg reported there may be possible changes to election laws; also redistricting is still in progress and will more than likely affect next year's budget. ARPA money may require additional audit depending on amount of money involved per year.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer
Water Report

There were no updates for Water Report. The next scheduled meeting for the Genesee County Water Department is Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Treasurer Peck reported that Compensation Committee met on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and will meet again next week.

4. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief Bolin

Chief Bolin reported that “No Shave November” is nearing again, which benefits Voices for Children Advocacy Center, and some of the officers will be participating in this extremely worthy cause. Chief Bolin also shared that in car cameras are necessary in today’s day and age with all the liability. There are possible grants that may cover up to 50% of the cost of these cameras.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:24 P.M.

One individual gave comment.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:25 P.M.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Bain reported he thought a lot of good ideas were proposed for the ARPA funds.

Trustee Minarik inquired if Public Comments could be more detailed in minutes and Clerk Meinburg shared that details are only required for public hearing records. Trustee Minarik also inquired about tree trimming on corners within the township for increased visibility and safety at intersections. She will compile a list of areas of concern.

Trustee Willette reported that Flushing Area Senior Center is moving along, doing well. Greg Matheson is doing a wonderful job managing and implementing new programs.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 4, 2021

X. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mandy Hemingway, Deputy Clerk
10/14/2021