

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2023

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:

MATTHEW S. MCKONE PLLC
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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:01 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Willette, Thorsby, Peck, Bain, Minarik, and Meinburg. Attorney John Ryan was also present representing Attorney Matt McKone's office.

MEMBERS ABSENT: William L. Westenbarger

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Six (6)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2023.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the agenda for February 9, 2023.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2023.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Trustee Bain to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:03 P.M.

No comments were made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:04 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

SUPERVISOR THORSBY OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:04 P.M.

No comments were made.

SUPERVISOR THORSBY CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:05 P.M.

2. Motion to adopt Resolution 23-02 for the Budget of Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve Resolution 23-02 for the Budget of Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Trustee Minarik had several questions about different line items in the budget. Trustee Minarik also expressed concern for the general fund balance in the coming years if expenses continue to outweigh revenue. Trustee Willette commented that we don't want to put ourselves in a position that would force us to cut services to the residents; there's got to be a better way to live within our means. Trustee Bain commented that the township has made necessary expenditures before, to benefit the residents and not impact them financially, and we want to keep any future expenditures from negatively affecting them as well. Treasurer Peck assured the trustees that this would not greatly impact the general fund balance and that we have a far greater amount than what we need currently. After more discussion, the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Minarik

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and motion to approve renewal of employee medical insurance through Bois Insurance – Supervisor Thorsby

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve renewal of the employee medical insurance through Bois Insurance.

Supervisor Throsby explained that with the rising cost of insurance, across the board, the township was presented other insurance plans to compare with the current insurance plan for township employees. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 23-01 and amend the 457 Plan and Trust –
Supervisor Thorsby

TRUSTEE MINARIK MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the adoption of Resolution 23-01 the amended 457 Plan and Trust.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Motion to approve the price of \$8,125 for the prescribed burn in the Red, Blue, Magenta, and Cyan units of the Flushing Township Nature Park by Plante Wise.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the price of \$8,125 for the prescribed burn in the Red, Blue, Magenta, and Cyan units of the Flushing Township Nature Park by Plante Wise.

Clerk Meinburg explained that by burning all the sections this year we would not have to burn anything next year. Clerk Meinburg also commented that it is very interesting to watch because there are so many agencies involved to keep it safe. Treasurer Peck spoke earlier that day with Trustee Westenbarger, who could not be in attendance this evening,

and he wanted to relay that Trustee Westenbarger was heavily opposed to this proposition. After more discussion, the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Motion to approve reappointment of Rick Bigelow to the Senior Center Board as Township representative beginning January 1, 2023.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve reappointment of Rick Bigelow to the Senior Center Board as a Township representative beginning January 1, 2023.

Trustee Willette commented that Rick Bigelow attends the senior center meetings and is a great candidate for the role. The following motion was made.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Motion to approve the following Genesee County Road Commission projects. Carpenter Rd-Duffield Rd to Seymour Rd (\$80,000) and Coldwater Rd-M13 to Seymour Rd (\$415,000).

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the Genesee County Road Commission projects for Carpenter Rd-Duffield Rd to Seymour Rd (\$80,000) and Coldwater Rd-M13 to Seymour Rd (\$415,000).

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Motion to approve the EGLE Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement for 2023.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the EGLE Scrap Tire Grant Agreement for 2023.

Supervisor Thorsby said the event is currently scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2023 and will take place for a limited number of hours. After more discussion, the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REPORTS

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

Supervisor Thorsby reported that the generators at the township building have been installed and training will take place next Friday. Supervisor Thorsby commented that Chris Czyzio is continuing his training at a conference currently and continues to do a good job for the township. Supervisor Thorsby also stated that ditching has been scheduled for this year.

2. Clerk's Report – Clerk

Clerk Meinburg reported that she had been notified of a small election in May for New Lothrop Schools. Clerk Meinburg also stated that she will be working with Shiawassee County to opt out of the election because it only touches one of our precincts.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer
Financial Report December 2022

Treasurer Peck gave brief financial report.

4. Flushing Township Police Department – Police Chief

Chief VanAlstine stated that the drone has finally been received at the station. He went on to say the officers are currently working on their online training and upon completion will go to Bishop Airport to finish their certification. Trustee Minarik asked Chief VanAlstine about the police vehicles and about the township’s involvement in FANG.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:54 P.M.

No comments were made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:55 P.M.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Bain was elected onto an Outreach Committee in Flushing. Trustee Minarik asked if any of the street light outages have been fixed and Supervisor Thorsby said that Brook Terryah has been regularly calling Consumers to get the lights fixed. Trustee Willette asked about the park driveway and Supervisor Thorsby replied that it was not a project for this year.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 9, 2023

X. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE BAIN MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: Makenzie Dearlove, Deputy Clerk
02/09/2023