

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING**  
**6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**DATE: APRIL 8, 2004**                      **TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
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**ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS**

SUPERVISOR: Andrew Trotogot  
CLERK: Julia A. Morford  
TREASURER: Carl G. Liepmann

**TRUSTEES**

Ronald R. Flowers  
Ann L. Fotenakes  
Michael S. Gardner  
Ida M. Reed

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEYS:**

John Siler and Steven Moulton  
Bellairs, Dean, Cooley,  
Siler, Moulton & Smith

**SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT** opened the Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and the Pledge to the American Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Trotogot, Morford, Liepmann, Flowers, Gardner, Reed, and Attorney Moulton  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fotenakes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ted Breidenstein, Duane F. Henry, Lynn McLean, Attorney David Leyton, Candidate for Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney

**FLOWERS** stated that Caroline Sanderson, Director of the Flushing Senior Center, would not be in attendance at the current meeting due to the death of her mother. The *Resolution* for Caroline, from Flushing Township, would be presented on Sunday, April 18, 2004 at a Retirement Open House from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Flushing Senior Center Annex, 106 Elm Street, Flushing, Michigan.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: FLOWERS MOVED**, seconded by Liepmann to adopt the Agenda as presented with the exception that the Special Presentation for Caroline Sanderson would not take place at this meeting, but on April 18, 2004. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2004: REED MOVED**, seconded by Flowers to approve the minutes of March 11, 2004 with the correction of **page 4**, Committee Reports, Flushing Senior Center, "FLOWERS stated that Caroline Sanderson...would be retiring on April 1, 2004" **changed to** "FLOWERS stated that Caroline Sanderson, Director of the Flushing Senior Center, would be retiring on April 30, 2004. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: REED MOVED**, seconded by Morford to pay the bills as presented before the Board of Trustees; some of the current bills are not available for approval by the Board of Trustees due to computer problems.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Flowers, Gardner, Liepmann, Morford, Reed, and Trotogot

**NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ABSENT:** Fotenakes

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ATTORNEY DAVID LEYTON (LEYTON)** was present to give a presentation regarding his candidacy for the office of the Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney, Democrat Party.

**LEYTON** has been married to Therese for 24 years and has four (4) children. He has served on the Flint Township Board for twelve (12) years; he is a Partner in the Law Firm of Leyton & Kastle, PLC of Flint, Michigan.

**LEYTON'S** service on the Flint Township Board has led him to be a candidate for the office of Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney. He was first elected in 1992 as a Trustee; Appointed Township Clerk in 1995; Elected Township Clerk in 1996; and Re-elected Township Clerk in 2000. **LEYTON** has practiced law in the community for 23 years extensively in criminal and civil courts. He has tried a number of criminal felony cases including murder, bank robbery, strong arm robbery, larceny, breaking and entering, burglaries. He was mentored by Attorney Ivor Jones, who was a Public Defender for many years. In the recent years, there have been more civil cases. **LEYTON** does have courtroom experience. **LEYTON** is a Board Member of the Genesee County Bar Association.

**LEYTON** stated that Flint Township has had a population of 35,000 for the last 20 some years, give or take 1,000. There were 21 police officers, when **LEYTON** was first elected to the Board of Trustees, that shared the border with the City of Flint; there were concerns regarding the problems coming to Flint Township. **LEYTON** has focused his attention on Law Enforcement issues during his time as an Elected Official. Currently there are 43 police officers in Flint Township with a \$4,500,000 budget; there are 100,000 people coming into the township each day to do business or work. The extra police officers were hired through the "Cops Grants" during President Clinton's administration. One of the major concerns was to absorb the cost when the "Cops Grants" expired; seven (7) police officers had been hired under the "Cops Grant" and none had been laid off when the grant had expired.

The Prosecutor's Office has a \$6,000,000 operation of which one-half is funded by grants; Flint Township has a \$12,000,000 operation. The next Prosecuting Attorney will be faced with issues of absorbing grant costs, replacing the grants, or extending the grants; **LEYTON** has had experience with grants which would be helpful if elected as the next Prosecuting Attorney.

**LEYTON** has been involved with jail overcrowding and recently a new Flint Township Police Department was completed due to tapping into the Central Business Development Authority, which has captured tax appreciation, to \$3.2 million dollar out of a \$5.8 million building. The balance was bonded with low interest rates. There are eight (8) holding cells.

There are great men and women trial lawyers, but what the Department needs is great resources, funding, someone that could be a leader for the lawyers, and working to get the best of the lawyers ability out all the lawyers each day. **LEYTON** would work with the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to seek approval for what the Prosecutor's Office needs. This is what would be needed for the next Prosecutor of Genesee County.

**LEYTON** stated that he would serve the community very hard each and every day. His work will be his bond.

**TROTOGOT** stated that he has been in Court many times and watched the Prosecutors work; they (Prosecutors) have been poorly trained, poorly prepared for the case; evidence that should have put someone in jail – how would **LEYTON** change the situation? **LEYTON** stated there has to be training. There has to be the ability to have the Prosecutors trained at seminars of top-notch lawyers who can help train the lawyers. There are several ways: 1) in house training which would be cost effective; 2) not overburden the Prosecutors with the number of cases which they have to take. The Prosecutor's Office needs the resources from the Genesee County Board of Commissioner's Office to have the lawyers attend seminars; Michigan has an institute of continuing legal education.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****1. Proclamation of Law Day – May 1, 2004 – Sponsored by the Genesee County Bar Association**

TROTOGOT stated the Charter Township of Flushing had been invited to join in and sign the 2004 Law Day Proclamation – “Celebrate Your Freedom.” **LIEPMAN MOVED**, seconded by Reed to proclaim May 1, 2004 as Law Day with the Supervisor signing the Proclamation. MOTION CARRIED.

**2. Proclamation of Arson Awareness Week 2004 – May 2-8, 2004 – Sponsored by the Michigan State Police**

TROTOGOT stated the Charter Township of Flushing was agreeing to support the Michigan State Police during the Arson Awareness Week of May 2-8, 2004. **REED MOVED**, seconded by Flowers to approve the Arson Awareness Proclamation and that authorization is given for the Supervisor to sign it. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****1. Parks and Recreation Committee**

**LIEPMANN** stated the Parks and Recreation Committee met on April 6, 2004. The Committee has been working on the long range plan – five (5) to twenty-five (25) year plan and will continue through the remainder of 2004. Two (2) items are being reviewed at a time: 1) at one meeting discussing the possibilities and then, 2) meet at the park for the following meeting to review the suggestions as to how the information would be incorporated into the long range plan.

**PARK MANAGER TOM ENRIGHT (ENRIGHT)** attended a seminar on how to make his environmental classes compatible with the education requirements of the State; **ENRIGHT** has met with several of the teachers and they are very impressed with the outcome of the classes which have been held at the park. **TROTOGOT** received a letter from Sue McCarty, Sixth Grade Teacher at Springview Elementary School in Flushing, Michigan expressing her pleasure of having **ENRIGHT** do a presentation for her sixth grade class on Tuesday, March 30, 2004; very professional yet entertaining to the class.

**ENRIGHT** scheduled a maple syrup class on how to make maple syrup and tap the trees; sixty (60) people were in attendance. Did you know it takes forty (40) gallons of sap to make one-half (½) gallon of maple syrup?

**2. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

Saturday, May 8, 2004 has been scheduled as a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at two (2) locations: 1) Flint East – Water Service Center – 3310 E. Court Street, Flint, Michigan and 2) Carman-Ainsworth High School, 1300 N. Linden Road, Flint, Michigan

**3. Retirement Open House – Caroline Sanderson, Director of the Flushing Senior Center**

**TROTOGOT** stated there would be a Retirement Open House on Sunday, April 18, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for Caroline Sanderson, Director of the Flushing Senior Center. The Open House would be held at the Senior Center Annex, 106 Elm Street, Flushing, Michigan.

**4. Personnel Committee Interviews**

**REED** stated the Personnel Committee would be reviewing the resumes for the Receptionist/Voter Registrar position currently held by Pat Drozdowski. **TROTOGOT** stated that **MORFORD** would in attendance at the sessions as the Clerk would be working closely with the individual who was chosen. A Notice would be placed on the Main Office doors to the Township Hall as to there being “Interviews in Progress” since there would be four (4) Board Members in attendance at one time in the same location.

**REPORTS:**

1. **Building Inspector's Report – FLOWERS MOVED**, seconded by Liepmann to accept the Building Inspector's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:**

NEW HOMES	2
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	1
DECKS	1
REMODELING	2
ADDITIONS	1
GARAGES	0
FENCE PERMITS	1
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	0
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	1
<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>9</b>
PERMIT VALUATION FOR MARCH 2003	\$1,162,962
PERMIT VALUATION FOR MARCH 2004	592,441
<b>PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR MARCH 2004</b>	<b>\$ 3,078</b>
TRAILER INSPECTIONS	250
TRASH AND RECYCLING CHARGES	0
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	35
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	0
EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT	0
VARIANCE REQUEST	0
REZONING REQUEST	0
CODE BOOKS	0
<b>FOR A TOTAL OF</b>	<b>\$ 3,363</b>
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE MARCH 2003	2,337,773
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE MARCH 2004	1,001,563
<b>FOR A DECREASE OF</b>	<b>\$ 1,336,210</b>

2. **Treasurer's Report – REED MOVED**, seconded by Flowers to accept the Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – OPEN AT 7:22 P.M.**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED AT 7:23 P.M.****BOARD COMMENTS:**

None

**THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business matters, Supervisor Trogotot adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Julia A. Morford, Clerk

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Andrew Trogotot, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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