

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING
6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: JUNE 8, 2006 **TIME: 7:00 P.M.**
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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

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

TRUSTEES

Ann L. Fotenakes
Scott Minaudo
Barry Pratt
Ida M. Reed

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

Steven Moulton of
Cooley Moulton & Smith
Attorneys at Law

ROLL CALL: Trotogot, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ted Breidenstein, David Pajtas, Joan Pajtas, and Gordon Summers

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 by **SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT** with roll call and the pledge to the American Flag.

TROTOGOT requested to add the following items to the Agenda: Number III – *Gordon Summers from the Flushing Township Crime Watch Committee* and Number V, New Business, number 6, *Cell Tower Lease*.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to adopt the Agenda with the two (2) new amendments: Number III – *Gordon Summers from the Flushing Township Crime Watch Committee* and Number V, New Business, number 6, *Cell Tower Lease*. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2006: REED MOVED, seconded by Pratt to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2006 as printed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION:

PRATT would like to clarify the wording on the May 11, 2006 minutes, page 6, paragraph 2, line 2, “What difference. . . or Lansing?” with “What difference does it make if the chief is in Mt. Pleasant or Lansing if he has to respond.”

**ACTION OF THE MOTION:
MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to pay the bills as presented. There were questions concerning: Check No. 15742 to Municipal Code Corporation and “Additional Bills for Consideration” Number 12, Potem Software by RIA.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, and Trotogot
NAYS: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

GORDON SUMMERS – Flushing Township Crime Watch Committee

GORDON SUMMERS (SUMMERS) of the Flushing Township Crime Watch Committee was in attendance to present a check to the Flushing Township Police Department in the amount of \$2,801.75. The money would help defray the Flushing Police Department’s portion of the Fingerprint Scan Machine which has been demanded by the State of Michigan. The Township has supported different fundraisers between the Crime Watch Committee and the Flushing Township Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MTA Sample Resolution Regarding Retaining Local Control of Cable Franchising

LIEPMANN stated the matter could be disregarded because he (Liepmann) had been notified the Cable Franchise Fees would be voted on today (June 8, 2006); the matter has been voted out of Committee. **LIEPMANN** stated he had contacted all the Senators and State Representatives, who cover Genesee County, and stated Flushing Township was opposed to taking the franchise away from local control.

2. Approval for Rain Gauge Network (Genesee County Drain Commission)

TROTOGOT stated in 2004 the Board of Trustees had approved the Rain Gauge Network with Genesee County; now a new contract needed signatures of the various agencies. **REED** inquired as to the size and location of the rain gauge. **LIEPMANN** stated it would be located in the alcove located at the back of the township hall facing Stanley Road; the size would be approximately a 10” x 10”. The purpose would be to determine how much water has fallen in a given area and how much water has run off into the tributaries in the particular area. The Army Corp of Engineers would be regulating the study. **PRATT** stated he had contacted the Genesee County Drain Commission (John O’Brien) and the contract would be between the townships and the County. It would allow written permission to enter a particular area to install, operate, maintain, etc the gauge on the municipalities property. **PRATT** wanted to know if the contract would be binding? **ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON (ATTORNEY MOULTON)** stated it would not be binding on the County. **FOTENAKES** stated the agreement could be terminated by mutual agreement. **LIEPMANN MOVED**, seconded by Fotenakes to approve the Supervisor signing the Rain Gauge Network Army Corps. of Engineers’ License Agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Approval for Broadband Forum at Different Locations and Summer Classes at Frankenmuth, Michigan

(A) The 2006 Summer Evening Zoning Series will be held on July 20 and August 24 in Frankenmuth, Michigan, at a cost of \$65 per person for one session or \$130 per person for both sessions; **ALSO**

(B) There will be a Broadband Information Seminar available for attendance at various locations; (please review the material received in the mail). **FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Pratt that any Board of Trustee and/or Planning Commission Member be allowed to attend the Broadband Information Seminar and the 2006 Summer Evening Zoning Series.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Employee Wages

LIEPMANN stated he is in the process of working on the 2008 Budget; the Wage Packet terminated on April 1, 2006. **LIEPMANN** recommended to the Board of Trustees to eliminate the “Employee Wage Increases” and with the Township Board Increases and go with the Cost of Living (which we already have) but have it folded into the pay wages on

December 1 of each year. Example: If the cost of living went up to 2.5%, that amount would be folded into the employees' wage so that the Township would not have to deal with wage increases every year. Everyone would be kept up to date as to the rising costs.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Pratt to institute a *Cost of Living*, folded in for the employees not under contract, and the elected officials, effective December 1, 2006.

DISCUSSION:

1. **LIEPMANN** stated that on December 1, 2006, if the cost of living went up 2.5%, the individual would receive their *Cost of Living* check for the year with the 2.5% added into their wages. Previously, there had been a *Cost of Living* check plus a percentage increase. There would only be a *Cost of Living* percentage increase. **LIEPMANN** stated he received the *Cost of Living* Information from the Federal Government every other month and would have the information in September. From that point, he would have a better idea of what the budget would be.
2. **FOTENAKES** wanted to know if the Compensation Board would be eliminated? **LIEPMANN** stated the Compensation Commission only determined the wages for the Elected Officials. The Elected Officials would also only be getting a *Cost of Living* increase.
3. **PRATT** felt the *Cost of Living* would be the fair situation for everyone. It would keep everyone up to date but would not be a raise.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes that because Flushing Township has gone to a *Cost of Living* increase folded in, the Compensation Commission be disbanded. MOTION CARRIED.

FOTENAKES recommended a "Letter of Thanks" be sent to each Compensation Commissioner.

5. Cell Tower Lease

LIEPMANN received a letter from a company in New York by the name of *Unison* who was interested in discussing cell site leases. A representative, from the company, did follow up with a visit to Flushing Township. The conclusion, of the visit, was that *Unison* wanted to buy out the cell leases Flushing Township had with Cingular and Sprint. The lump-sum buyout from *Unison* would have been \$149,398. The lease agreement with Cingular and Sprint, if carried through for the twenty-seven (27) years left on the agreement, would pay \$653,500. The *Unison* offer would cover six (6) years and ten (10) months. **LIEPMANN** recommended a letter be sent to *Unison* of New York thanking them for their time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Committee

LIEPMANN stated the Parks and Recreation Committee would meet on June 13, 2006.

2. Township Road Committee

TROTOGOT stated he and **LIEPMANN** had reviewed the road situation on Stanley Road, from the corner of Duffield Road to Sheridan Road (M-13). The Stanley Road mile would be the last of eight (8) miles of different roads having new limestone applied for the year. There also would be two (2) applications of chloride. The cost for the mile section of Stanley Road, would be \$30,520. **LIEPMANN** recommended reducing the Fund Balance to pay the additional \$30,520 because then all the dirt roads, that needed limestone, would be done. **LIEPMANN** stated with the completion of the seven (7) miles of roads that have been approved, the township will have purchased forty-one million (41 million) pounds of limestone.

REED recommended that if nothing else could be done with Coldwater Road, between Duffield Road and Sheridan Road (M-13), the County could “chew” the road up and replace it with gravel.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes to decrease the Fund Balance and increase the Road Budget Expenditures by approximately \$31,000 to limestone the West end of Stanley Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Reed, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, and Trogotog

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 1. Building Inspector’s Report:** Reviewed and Accepted.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

NEW HOMES	4
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	5
DECKS	1
REMODELING	0
ADDITIONS	1
GARAGES	0
FENCE PERMITS	2
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	1
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	1
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	15
PERMIT VALUATION FOR MAY 2005	\$ 1,872,462
PERMIT VALUATION FOR MAY 2006	951,092
PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR MAY 2006	\$ 4,832
TRAILER INSPECTIONS	150
TRASH AND RECYCLING CHARGES	0
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	0
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	50
EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT	0
VARIANCE REQUEST	0
REZONING REQUEST	0
CODE BOOKS	0
FOR A TOTAL OF	\$ 5,032
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE MAY 2005	4,552,060
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE MAY 2006	3,333,242
FOR A DECREASE OF	\$ 1,218,818

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

7:29 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

7:30 P.M. CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Auditor’s Recommendation for Medicare Supplement – Part B

LIEPMANN stated due to the Auditors having been at the township all week taking care of their annual audit, the question was asked “when was it approved for retirees with twenty-five (25) years or more of service that the township would pay for the Supplemental Medicare Part B Supplemental Payment”. The situation had come up due to the retirement of Patricia Drozdowski who had retired in 2004. Per the Auditors and **ATTORNEY MOULTON**, there would be no problem making a retro-active motion. **LIEPMANN MOVED**, seconded by Fotenakes that effective for any non-contractual employee retiring after March 31, 2004, with twenty-five (25) or more years of service to the Township, the Township will pay for the cost of the retired employee’s Medicare Supplement – Part B starting the later of the retired employee’s retirement date or eligibility for Medicare coverage. (Note: **ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated that if someone was still employed beyond their eligibility date, nothing would be paid until the individual retired).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

2. Flushing Nature Park Boardwalk

TROTOGOT stated the Boardwalk has been constructed on the North and South end of the Nature Park.

3. Township Hall Appearance

Comments have been received as to the “unkept” appearance of the township hall. The matter will be looked into.

THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business matters, Supervisor Trotogot adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Julia A. Morford, Clerk

Andrew Trotogot, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____