

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

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2006

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Andrew Trotogot

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TRUSTEES

Ann L. Fotenakes

Scott Minaudo

Barry Pratt

Ida M. Reed

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

Steven Moulton of

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PRIOR TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, A WALKING TOUR OF THE FLUSHING NATURE PARK WAS ENJOYED BY ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS THE FISHING PIERS, EXTENSION OF THE BOARDWALK, AND THE MANY OTHER SIGHTS WERE GREAT TO SEE.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:10 by **SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT** with roll call and the pledge to the American Flag.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert DeWolley, Pat Drozdowski, John Fotenakes, Susan Moulton, Dave Pajtas, Joan Pajtas, and Ted Breidenstein

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to adopt the Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2006: PRATT MOVED, seconded by Reed to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2006 as printed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Reed to pay the bills as presented. There were questions concerning the limestone from the Genesee County Road Commission; Check No. 15906 - Wildtype Design Nursery Seed, and Check No. 15875 for the 67th District Court Judge. **TROTOGOT** stated a question had been asked at the last Board of Trustees Meeting regarding a check made out to Law Enforcement Officers Reg; after checking into the matter, it was determined that money is received from Lansing, Michigan twice a year and upon receipt of the money, at the township level, it is then sent to the Law Enforcement Officers Regional Training Commission (LEORTC – Flint Police Academy). The Flushing Township Police Department can then take advantage of any type of police training, whether it is all day or half day, all year long free of charge. The account is considered an “in”/“out” account.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval to Pay Dues to F.A.N.G.

TROTOGOT stated Flint Area Narcotics Group (F.A.N.G.) was responsible for drug enforcement and clean up of drug busts. **TROTOGOT** recommended the dues be paid to F.A.N.G. **LIEPMANN MOVED**, seconded by Minaudo to remain in F.A.N.G. at approximately \$11,000.00 and reduce the Fund Balance and charge the subject to \$11,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to attend the MTA 2006 Fall District Meeting in Frankenmuth, MI

FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Reed that anyone who would like to attend the MTA 2006 Fall District Meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan on September 20, 2006, is allowed to do so at an early-bird price of \$70.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

2. Approval to Hire Tracy Rosencrantz on a Full Time Basis

LIEPMANN recommended the Board of Trustees wait on the matter of hiring Tracy Rosencrantz because **LIEPMANN** hasn't had the opportunity to work on next year's budget. The matter will be brought back to the Board of Trustees sometime around December.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Pratt to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Tracy Rosencrantz be given a \$1.00 pay increase. She has been with the Township for one year and hasn't received any type of pay increase; normally, a pay increase has been given at six (6) months and one (1) year time frames. Tracy would be making \$10.00 per hour.

DISCUSSION:

Comments such as "thought the issue was spelled out in the Procedures Manual;" "Tracy's hours were increased to thirty (30) hours;" "reservations about giving the \$1.00 pay increase;" "Board of Trustees voted to not give raises but cost of living" were heard from Board Members. **PRATT** felt performances of an employee should be an internal matter and not for the Board of Trustees to decide.

MOTION TO POSTPONE THE ISSUE:

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes to postpone the motion until next month.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Morford, Fotenakes, and Minaudo

NAYS: Reed, Liepmann, Pratt, Trotogot MOTION DENIED.

MOTION FOR PAY INCREASE:

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Pratt to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Tracy Rosencrantz be given a \$1.00 pay raise. She has been with the Township for one year and hasn't received any type of pay raise; a normal pay increase is given at six (6) months and one (1) year. Tracy would be making \$10.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Liepmann, Pratt, Reed, and Trotogot

NAYS: Morford, Fotenakes, Minaudo, MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY MOULTON stated the Policies and Procedure Manual required issues be taken up with the Personnel Committee or Personnel Director before they are brought before the Board.

3. Review of Alternative Gas/Energy for the Township Hall

LIEPMANN stated he had received information from a representative of Universal Gas & Electric Corporation (Universal), Southfield, Michigan, who wanted the Township to agree to purchase natural gas from them (Universal); Universal would give the township a flat rate for the next five (5) years. LIEPMANN stated he informed the representative he, (Liepmann) would bring the matter up at the next Board of Trustees meeting and if everyone was interested he (the representative) would be invited to the next Board of Trustees meeting. It was decided that LIEPMANN would contact Universal to have a representative attend the next Board of Trustees Meeting to give a brief presentation of the program.

4. Review of the Heating System for the Secretary’s Office for the Police Department

FOTENAKES stated there had been a concern about the Police Department’s Secretary’s Office regarding the heat and air conditioning; the heat and air conditioning in the Secretary’s Office is controlled by the furnace in the main office. There has been a representative from another heating and cooling company review the issue.

FOTENAKES would like to see two (2) bids: 1) a bid to put in an air conditioning that would work for the Secretary’s Office which would also help with the heating system in the winter and 2) a bid for the whole building. The township has been on a quarterly maintenance contract with Goyette Mechanical of Flint, Michigan for several years.

REED stated when the furnace for the main office was installed, it was of the opinion that it would last for many years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Janitorial Service Bids

TROTOGOT requested to publish a Notice in the local newspapers seeking bids for the cleaning of the township building. REED MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes to put out bids for the janitorial services at the Township Hall and the Police Department. MOTION CARRIED.

PRATT stated his wife was interested in providing a bid for the cleaning of the office; she has been in the cleaning service for approximately fifteen (15) years. If the bid issue ever came before the Board of Trustees, BARRY PRATT would abstain from voting on the issue.

2. Parks and Recreation Committee

LIEPMANN stated he had recently received a call from Waste Management regarding the Charitable Gift Grant, which the Nature Park had applied; the grant has been approved for \$10,000. The grant money could only be used for community projects such as Halloween parties, etc.

REED stated she was impressed with the Parks and Recreation Minutes regarding the programs which Park Manager Tom Enright has implemented and done during 2006.

3. Concerts in the Park

FOTENAKES stated at the previous *Concerts in the Park*, which was “Irish Night”, someone had won \$750.00 from the 50/50 Raffle.

REPORTS:

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

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

NEW HOMES	4
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	6
DECKS	2
REMODELING	0

ADDITIONS	2
GARAGES	1
FENCE PERMITS	2
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	0
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	0
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	17
PERMIT VALUATION FOR JULY 2005	\$ 643,083
PERMIT VALUATION FOR JULY 2006	1,002,444
PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR JULY 2006	\$ 5,112
TRAILER INSPECTIONS	0
TRASH AND RECYCLING CHARGES	0
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	0
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	0
EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT	0
VARIANCE REQUEST	0
REZONING REQUEST	0
CODE BOOKS	0
FOR A TOTAL OF	\$ 5,112
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE JULY 2005	6,710,118
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE JULY 2006	4,721,121
FOR A DECREASE OF	\$ 1,988,997

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and Accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

8:05 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

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BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **PRATT** stated that in the August 2006 Michigan Townships Association *Capitol Currents*, there was an article regarding the *Stop OverSpending (SOS)* as to where there had been enough signatures received to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2006 ballot. MTA had suggested someone at the township level of government get together with the press to publish an article explaining, to the public, all the things the amendment would produce if it was approved. **TROTOGOT** will contact Rene Rosencrantz or Ron Fonger of The Flint Journal.

2. **TROTOGOT** stated there had been a pumping station removed at the corner of Meadowbrook and Carpenter Road. The ground around the area where the station had been has collapsed. Bids will be put out to clean out some of the Bowman Drain around the Meadowbrook Subdivision. The Township will be contacted when the bids have been received.

**THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business matters, Supervisor Trogotogot adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Julia A. Morford, Clerk

Andrew Trogotogot, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____

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