

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2008 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  
Cooley Moulton & Smith LLP  
727 S. Grand Traverse Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 p.m. by **SUPERVISOR ANDREW TROTOGOT (TROTOGOT)** with Roll Call and the Pledge to the American Flag.

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

**OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT:** 27 other interested residents

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Pratt to adopt the Agenda as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2008: REED MOVED**, seconded by Pratt to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2008 as printed.

**DISCUSSION:**

- MORFORD** requested to change the wording on Page 2, "*Review of 2008/2009 Budget*" to read as follows:

**EXPENSES:**

Clerical Cost Center Totals	44,300	21,000
(To be added) Unemployment Reimbursement		7,500

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Minaudo to pay the bills as listed. Questions: **FOTENAKES** wanted to know if there was a method of listing what each transaction was on the Credit Card Statement; Check No. 32144 to Ted Hartleb Agency.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:** 0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ABSENT:** Liepmann

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Update**

**FOTENAKES** had requested to have a Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) representative be present at the current meeting. **TROTOGOT** stated Flushing Township has been re-assigned a new representative and should know who the representative would be in November. For the time being, MERS sent *Employee Handbooks* to the Board of Trustees for their review. **FOTENAKES** felt the public would like to know what MERS can and cannot do.

**2. Approval to Attend the 2009 Michigan Township Association (MTA) Conference**

**TROTOGOT** stated the Michigan Township Association (MTA) Conference was held in January every year for elected officials. The 2009 Conference will be held in Detroit. **TROTOGOT MOVED**, seconded by Pratt to allow anyone that would like to go be able to attend the 2009 MTA Conference and if the individual didn't attend, the township would be reimbursed the cost. **FOTENAKES** felt the newly elected officials could learn so much about townships at the conference.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. **REED** felt the incoming board should attend the MTA Conference as there were a lot of very important classes but **REED** was not in favor of extending the conference to just anyone.
2. **MORFORD** stated in 2008, only the Board of Trustees were invited to attend due to the cost of the conference.
3. **PRATT** didn't see any reason why the Planning Commission Members couldn't attend the conference if there was something important for the Commission.
4. **FOTENAKES** felt that because of the cost of the conference, it would not be feasible to go to the conference for just one class.
5. **TROTOGOT** stated the new Board of Trustees could determine who would attend.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Minaudo, Pratt, Morford, and Trotogot

NAYS: Reed and Fotenakes                      MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Liepmann

**7:17 P.M. – WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

1. **FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Minaudo to go into Closed Session to review a proposed employee bargaining agreement. MCLA 15.268(c)

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

NAYS: 0                      MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Liepmann

**7:50 P.M. - RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Minauto to reconvene from Closed Session.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**TROTOGOT** stated the Flushing Township Board of Trustees had tentatively agreed to an Agreement with the Office Personnel through Teamsters Union Local 214 to accept the contract from October 9, 2008 through December 31, 2011; the personnel were asking for five (5) years; the Board of Trustees agreed to three (3) years.

**TROTOGOT MOVED**, seconded by Reed to tentatively agree with the Contract with the change.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. **FOTENAKES** stated the contract is exactly what is listed in the Charter Township of Flushing Policies and Procedures Manual. The employees are very concerned with the new Board of Trustees.
2. **TROTOGOT** stated the Charter Township of Flushing Policies and Procedures Manual (approved February 2008) had been reduced to a 26-page union contract.
3. **PRATT** stated the Charter Township of Flushing Policies and Procedures had been around for a long time but had just been revised.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ABSENT: Liepmann

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Parks and Recreation Committee**

Flushing Township Nature Park Manager **TOM ENRIGHT (ENRIGHT)** mentioned three (3) upcoming family events: 1) Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 10, 2008 with the Nature Park having a float in the parade; 2) Pumpkin Path on Saturday, October 18, 2008; and 3) Natures Halloween on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> or the rain date would be Sunday, October 26, 2008.

**ENRIGHT** stated a new group entitled “Friends of Flushing Township Nature Park” had been formed with their mission being to increase awareness, encourage community involvement, and to support the continued growth and enhancement of the Flushing Township Nature Park. Membership is \$5.00 for an individual or \$10 for family. Further information please contact **TOM ENRIGHT** at 810-513-9244.

**REPORTS:**

1. **Building Inspector’s Report: REED MOVED**, seconded by Fotenakes to accept the Building Inspector’s Report. MOTION CARRIED.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:**

NEW HOMES	0
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	4
DECKS	1
REMODELING	1
ADDITIONS	3
GARAGES	0
FENCE PERMITS	2
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	0
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	0
<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	
	<b>11</b>
PERMIT VALUATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2007	\$ 441,300
PERMIT VALUATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2008	132,880
<b>PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR SEPTEMBER 2008</b>	
	<b>\$ 792</b>
TRAILER INSPECTIONS (3)	150
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
<b>FOR A TOTAL OF</b>	<b>\$ 942</b>
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CONSTRUCTION TO DATE SEPTEMBER 2007	2,251,030
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<b>FOR A DECREASE OF</b>	<b>\$ 861,858</b>

2. **Treasurer’s Report: REED MOVED**, seconded by Fotenakes to accept the Treasurer’s Report. MOTION CARRIED.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

None

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

1. **John Cuddeback, 5184 Blossom Lane, Flushing** – “concerned about MERS investment in the stock market.”
2. **Kevin Spadyga, Potter Road, Flushing** - “don’t have to contribute after the system is one-hundred (100%) percent funded.”
3. **Joseph Wisniewski, 8329 Apple Blossom Lane, Flushing** – “why did the Township go with Defined Benefits six (6) years?”
4. **Dave Samaria, 8339 Apple Blossom, Flushing** – “seen from an article in the Flint Journal where there were eighty-two (82) arrests in Flushing High School.” (anytime someone is taken to the County, it is considered an arrest).
5. **Mike Cookingham, Potter Road, Flushing** - “neighbors had received a flyer in the mail showing a breakdown of wages for the police department.”
6. **Mike Gardner, 5513 Seymour Road, Flushing** – “what is the connection between the Flushing Township and the Flushing Township Crime Watch; concerned about a sign in the office.”
7. **ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON** – “elected officials can increase but not decrease their pay wages.”

**8:37 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED**

**THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Due to lack of further business, TROTOGOT adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

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ANDY TROTOGOT, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
10/09/08 Regular