

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 10, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Terry A. Peck

CLERK: Julia A. Morford

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Michael S. Gardner

Scott R. Matzke

Scott P. Minaudo

Mark H. Purkey

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

STEVEN MOULTON

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727 S. Grand Traverse Street

Flint, Michigan 48502

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by **SUPERVISOR TERRY A. PECK** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Terry A. Peck, Julia A. Morford, William J. Noecker, Michael S. Gardner, Scott R. Matzke, Scott P. Minaudo, Mark H. Purkey, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Twenty-four (24) other individuals

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

PURKEY MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to amend the Agenda by removing letter A, "New Business", "*John O'Brien – Director of Genesee County Water and Waste Services Division*", who will not be in attendance at the meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Gardner, Purkey, Peck, Noecker, and Morford

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2010: NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2010 with a correction on **PAGE 6**, 1-j, *Mid-Michigan Wheels Motorcycle Ride for Cancer*, paragraph 3, "**PURKEY MOVED**, seconded by Matzke. . . thirty (30) days in advance" **changed to** "**PURKEY MOVED**, seconded by Matzke that the Mid-Michigan Fundraiser for Cancer have permission to pass through the township on May 22, 2010 and for the next five (5) years ending in 2015; the event should be coordinated with the Police Department thirty (30) days in advance.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Purkey, Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, Peck, Morford, and Noecker

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Purkey to pay the bills as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Purkey, Morford, Noecker, Peck, Gardner, Matzke, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Misty Morning Drive Issue (Krystal Creek)

NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Matzke to approve \$8,200 to appropriate to Attorney Steve Moulton to make arrangements with Mr. Mike Siwak’s attorney for the restoration of property for the damage caused by the township.

DISCUSSION:

NOECKER inquired from the township attorney if the township should have gotten involved in the situation. **ATTORNEY MOULTON** stated the township had no business on private property attempting to address the drain issue which affected three (3) parcels.

The township had employed an independent contractor to do some excavation; it was unsure why the job wasn’t completed, perhaps waiting for the ground to freeze which would minimize the damage to the property by the equipment. There are piles of large boulders and dirt along the drainway at 3228 Misty Morning Drive. The township had obtained three (3) independent estimates and the property owner had also obtained their own estimates; \$8,200 was the midpoint between the estimates.

By approving the \$8,200 cash settlement, the property owner will take the money and assume full responsibility to see that the project is finished. By signing the Release Contract, the property owner will take the full responsibility to restore the property.

There were three (3) properties involved on Misty Morning Drive: 3240, 3228, and 3216 with 3228 Misty Morning Drive being the property in question. The \$8,200 would only cover the 3228 Misty Morning property; the township would not be responsible for 3216 Misty Morning Drive.

The independent excavator was paid for the work which he actually performed. Mr. Siwak was in attendance and stated he would grade and seed all three (3) properties.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Purkey, Morford, Noecker, Peck, Gardner, Matzke, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

2. Recommendation of Parks & Recreation Committee: Wage Increase for Recording Secretary

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo that the Park and Recreation Committee no longer have a Recording Secretary present and instead digitally record the meetings and have a township secretary type the minutes; after the June Parks and Recreation Committee move to hold the Committee meetings every other month.

DISCUSSION:

The current secretary will no longer be able to take the minutes. It was asked who would be typing the minutes as the Office Secretaries are busy with their own work.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Noecker, Peck, Gardner, Minaudo, and Purkey

NAYS: Morford and Matzke MOTION CARRIED

3. Second Reading of AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 13.5-28, 13.5-36, 13.5-60, AND 13.5-63 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION FOR “ELECTRONIC SIGN”; TO REQUIRE A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY CERTAIN SIGNS; AND, TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT AND OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNS.

PURKEY MOVED, seconded by Gardner to approve the second reading of AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 13.5-28, 13.5-36, 13.5-60, AND 13.5-63 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION FOR “ELECTRONIC SIGN”; TO REQUIRE A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY CERTAIN SIGNS; AND, TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT AND OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC SIGNS.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed ordinance would amend the existing sign ordinance. It originated in the Planning Commission but would not be part of the zoning ordinance; it would be an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances to address electronic sign technology. It was felt the ordinance should be amended to address where and why the signs would be located.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Noecker, Peck, Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, Purkey, and Morford

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1-a Rates for Services for Water Bills Rendered on and after September 2, 2010

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Purkey to approve the twenty-two (22) cent per one hundred (100) cubic feet increment pass through water increase from Detroit which will be a total of \$3.17 per cubic feet; the pass through will be effective September 2, 2010 for the water usage time period of July 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

Flushing Township will not be increasing their fees. It will only be a pass through.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Peck, Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, Purkey, Morford, and Noecker

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

1-b. Flint River Watershed Coalition’s Use of Flushing Township’s Nature Park for Canoe Races

PURKEY MOVED, seconded by Noecker to allow the *Flint River Watershed Coalition* to use the Flushing Township Nature Park for canoe races.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Peck, Matzke, Minaudo, Purkey, Morford, and Noecker

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

1-c. Flushing Township Rummage Sale

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Purkey to hold a rummage sale on Thursday, July 1 and Friday, July 2, 2010 to dispose of unneeded township items.

DISCUSSION:

There was concern if there would be a low turn out for the sale since it would be July 4th weekend. It was mentioned to have the sale the middle or the last of the month.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Matzke, Minaudo, Purkey, Morford, Noecker, Peck and Gardner

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

1-d. Closure of Township Office on July 5, 2010

MORFORD MOVED, seconded Noecker to approve the closing of the Flushing Township Offices on Monday, July 5, 2010. The employees will be allowed to take vacation, personal, or a day without pay per the employees' union contract.

DISCUSSION:

There are twenty (20) municipalities, including the County, in the area that will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010. The day will not be a paid legal holiday but will be taken as a vacation, personal, or day without pay per the Teamsters, Local 214 Union Contract.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Peck, Morford, Noecker, Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, and Purkey

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

1-e. Part Time Park Coordinator's Hours

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to increase the Part Time Park Coordinator's hours from eighteen (18) to twenty-five (25) per week for a total of nine (9) weeks beginning Monday, June 21, 2010 and ending Friday, August 27, 2010 for the purpose of the 2010 Summer Youth Initiative Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The Summer Youth Initiative program involved bringing youth to the Flushing Township Nature Park who would be working twenty-five (25) hours per week; the Part Time Park Coordinator would be present and supervising when the students were at the Nature Park. After the nine (9) weeks, the Park Coordinator's hours would revert back to eighteen (18) hours. The budget would have to be reviewed to see how to adjust the additional hours of the Park Coordinator due to the SYI Program. The grant would not pay the wages for the Park Coordinator but the township would benefit greatly by having the additional youth work at the Nature Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Gardner, Purkey, Peck, Noecker, and Morford

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Road Committee – PECK** would like for **MINAUDO** to get with the Roads Committee and start working on a five (5) year Plan and perhaps have an outline within the next month or so.

2. **Permanent Canoe Livery - PECK** stated there had been a lot of interest to have a canoe landing at the Flushing Township Nature Park for township residents during daylight time. **PECK** appointed the following committee to do a review of the possibility of having a permanent canoe livery at the Flushing Township Nature Park: Chair Mark Purkey, Park Coordinator Heather Griffin, Parks and Recreation Committee Member Joe Wisniewski, Township Clerk Julia Morford, and one other resident within the community will be selected. The committee will report back to the Board within the next month.
3. **Elms Road Bridge** – will be closed between Flushing Road and River Road from Monday, June 21, 2010 through Friday, September 3, 2010.
4. **Mt. Morris Road** – will be chip and sealed from McKinley Road to Elms Road sometime this summer.
5. **Seymour Road** – is in the process of being patched between Stanley Road and Carpenter Road.
6. **Flushing Senior Citizen Center** – all Board Members are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. as the Center is working to form a Planning Committee to develop a strategic plan to prepare the center to meet the needs of the older Flushing Community population.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond Act** – a reporter from the Flint Journal had contacted the treasurer to see if the township was going to apply for some of the \$35,570,000 which Genesee County has received from the Federal Government. The bonds (loan) could be used for infrastructure, construction, job training, etc. Flushing Township would be eligible to apply for the bonds; Fenton City and Fenton Township have applied for the bonds. There was no interest from the Board to apply for the bonds.
- b. **Delinquent Tax Bill** – the 2009 delinquent tax bill decreased by \$22,468. Also, the Police Department has been saving money on fuel for the Police Cruisers. Last month fuel purchased from the Flushing Community Schools Bus Barn was between \$2.08 and \$2.31 per gallon.
- c. **Revenue Sharing** – last October 2009, it was predicted there would be a six (6%) percent decline in revenue sharing, but it was only reduced by three and one-half (3 ½) percent.
- d. **Frances Road Property** – there has to be additional title work done on the Frances Road Property which came to the Township through the Land Bank. Attorney Moulton will review the issue and get back with the Treasurer.

7:45 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Five (5) people gave their comments. Thanks to Bonnie Martinson who volunteered to take the minutes for the Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings.

7:50 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **GARDNER** – wasn't sure about the status of the limestone for the Flushing Township Nature Park but will check on the issue; didn't receive a notice about the Volunteer Breakfast.
2. **PURKEY** - knows Carpenter Road is bad as two (2) of the Board Members live in the area and also would like to have the road fixed; the canoe landing will be reviewed to see if it would be feasible to have a canoe landing.
3. **NOECKER** – roads belong to the County; Morrish Road was just recently graveled; didn't see a notice about the Volunteer Breakfast.
4. **MORFORD** – reminded the Board Members about the Michigan Townships Association – Genesee County Chapter Summer Picnic on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at Mt. Morris Township.
5. **PECK** - everyone that comes into the office `has a "bad" road; Carpenter Road is a terrible road due to all the traffic that travels on it; maybe the Township should

check into borrowing money to fix all the roads at one time since the township has so many bad roads; didn't know about the Volunteer Breakfast.

THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Purkey to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

TERRY A. PECK , Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____

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