

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 14, 2013

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Rian R. Birchmeier

CLERK: Julia A. Morford

TREASURER: Maryion T. Lee

TRUSTEES

Shirley D. Gage

Bonnie Jean Martinson

Scott R. Matzke

Scott P. Minaudo

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

STEVEN W. MOULTON PLLC

6258 W. Pierson Road

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:10 p.m. by **SUPERVISOR RIAN R. BIRCHMEIER** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Rian R. Birchmeier, Julia A. Morford, Maryion T. Lee, Shirley D. Gage, Bonnie Jean Martinson, Scott R. Matzke, Scott P. Minaudo, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Twenty-seven (27) other individuals

ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH AMENDMENTS: MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Martinson to change under "New Business" all of "1a" to Closed Session.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 2

NAYS: 5

Motion Denied.

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Martinson to remove, per his (Minaudo) attorney's advise, "New Business" 1a (1).

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 2

NAYS: 5

Motion Denied.

BACKGROUND HISTORY:

ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON EXPLAINED THAT A TWO (2) PAGE OPTION SUMMARY HAD BEEN PREPARED PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY TRUSTEE MINAUDO AND DESIGNATED AS "*POLICE SERVICES OPTION*". THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE TRUSTEES PACKETS. LATE THIS AFTERNOON, TRUSTEE MINAUDO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE OPTION WITH MICHAEL EDMUNDS, THE ATTORNEY THAT IS REPRESENTING THE TOWNSHIP IN DEFENSE IN BOTH THE PATROL OFFICERS LAWSUIT AND THE LAWSUIT FILED BY BRIAN FAIRCHILD. TRUSTEE MINAUDO EXPRESSED SOME COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE DURING THE INTERCHANGE WITH ATTORNEY EDMUNDS. ATTORNEY MOULTON INDICATED TO TRUSTEE MINAUDO THAT IF THE PRESENTATION "*POLICE SERVICES OPTION*" LISTED UNDER "NEW BUSINESS" 1a(1) WOULD INCLUDE THE COMMENTS MADE TO OR RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY EDMUNDS THEN IT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE AS PART OF THE OPEN

MEETING. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN A CLOSED SESSION. IT WAS ATTORNEY MOULTON’S OPINION THAT TRUSTEE MINAUDO WAS GOING TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ASK THAT ITEM 1A(1) BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION. ATTORNEY MOULTON DIDN’T REALIZE THAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE ITEMS 2 AND 3.

MINAUDO struck his motion.

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Martinson to remove, “New Business” 1a(1) per his (Minaudo) attorney’s advise.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 2
NAYS: 3
Motion Denied.

MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Martinson to amend the Agenda by approving to strike out “New Business” 1a(1) “*Police Services Option*”.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 5
NAYS: 2
Motion Carried.

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Lee to adopt the Agenda with the new changes as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Lee to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2013 as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Lee to approve the payment of the bills as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier
NAYS: 0
Motion Carried.

7:26 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Two (2) individuals gave their comments

7: 45 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. PEG Update

PEG funds have been approved to be used on the below listed items:

- a. Updated PA System in the Auditorium
- b. Videotaping of Board Meetings

- c. Replacement of floor and ceiling tiles in the Auditorium with new and updated material
- d. New and updated creation of the Charter Township of Flushing Web site

DISCUSSION:

There is approximately \$33,000 in the PEG Account. It was asked why the ceiling and floor tiles have to be replaced; per Mr. Gerald Smith of Comcast the tiles are under the guidelines and would be covered under the PEG Funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1-a. Discussion on Police Litigation Issues:

GAGE MOVED, seconded by Lee to include a number of related issues to be discussed before making separate motions for discussion by the Board.

1. The Board affirmatively decided not to appeal or take other action to contest the arbitration award issued January 23, 2013 by Joseph P. Girolamo.
2. The Board immediately proceed to comply with the arbitration award and:
 - reinstate the three (3) police officers, Louis Cook, Mark Bolin and Andrew Owen, effective March 18, 2013, with the officers' employment through March 31, 2014, governed by the terms of the Collectible Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the Police Officers Labor Council incorporating the agreed changes and the changes required by the Act 312 Arbitration Decision issued June 13, 2012;
 - that the officers be paid back-pay in accordance with the award, as soon as the exact amount due to each officer under the award can be determined and agreed between Township and each officer;
 - that the supervisor and the Township attorneys are authorized to enter into discussions with the Labor Council's representative, Lloyd Whetstone to finalize the agreement and that the Township's attorneys be directed to prepare the final agreement for signature.
3. The board authorize the supervisor and the township's attorneys to negotiate with Brian Fairchild and his attorneys his possible employment as police chief under terms of a written agreement between the Township and Brian Fairchild with discussions to include possible settlement of Brian Fairchild's pending wage and hour dispute, arbitration and lawsuit. Any employment agreement and/or settlement agreements subject to Board approval.
4. That pending possible employment of Brian Fairchild, the supervisor, with the agreement of Brian Fairchild, be authorized to enter into an immediate agreement with Brian Fairchild to compensate him for services provided to reinstate the Township Police Department, including certification, acquisition of necessary equipment, training, scheduling and all other administrative matters necessary to the operation of a Police Department.
5. That the Township's insurance carrier, EMC, and agent Geoffrey Lansky, be directed to add to the Township's existing insurance coverage, law enforcement coverage, effective March 18, 2013.
6. That the existing contract with the Genesee County Sheriff for law enforcement services be extended through April 30, 2013, and that the supervisor take any further action necessary to have the contract extension approved by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners at its March 20, 2013, meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 5

NAYS: 2

Motion Carried

INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED BY FLUSHING TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON, FLUSHING TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY STEVE SCHULTZ, AND EMC INSURANCE ATTORNEY MICHAEL EDMUNDS WHO IS REPRESENTING THE TOWNSHIP IN THE LAWSUITS.

The recommendation from Attorney Steve Moulton to the Board is to accept the decision of the Arbitrator and go forward on the basis, comply with the ruling, and to do that it requires to reinstate the three (3) officers and to pay the back-pay. To do that requires:

- reconstituting the Police Department and to do that effectively you would need at least one (1) administrative officer. There have been numerous discussions regarding the possibility of Brian Fairchild being employed as the administrative officer most likely as the Police Chief.
- on conversations with Mr. Fairchild's attorney, he would be willing to do that and it would all be subject to negotiating a separate written agreement with Brian Fairchild with terms acceptable to both Mr. Fairchild, the Township Board, and the two (2) attorneys.
- There are three (3) proceedings involving Brian Fairchild in the Township at this point. There is a 1) Wage and Hour Dispute, 2) an arbitration that is essentially very similar to the one that the patrol officers brought – the attorneys agreed to put Mr. Fairchild's arbitration on hold pending results in the Patrol Officers arbitration proceeding. The decision in the arbitration proceeding involving the patrol officers is not determinative of the outcome of the proceeding involving Brian Fairchild because the factual situations are significantly different. The Wage and Hour Dispute, the Arbitration, and the pending Lawsuit. Brian Fairchild's last day of employment was in June because he served out working as a school liaison school resource officer until the end of the 2012/2013 school year. The amount of back-pay issue in regards to Mr. Fairchild is significantly less than the back-pay issue for the patrol officers who were off work several months earlier.
- If the Township Board decides to go forward in the particular fashion, police protection needs to be continued until we can implement a functioning police department to some degree. The contract needs to be extended with the Genesee County Sheriff; the existing contract term was extended from its original expiration date to March 31, 2013. After having some tentative discussions with the Township Board it doesn't look like a contract could be implemented before March 31, 2013. There have been discussions with Undersheriff Swanson and Sheriff Pickell; we believe the shortest period of time that would effectively address the township's police concerns are April 30, 2013. There is a proposed tentative agreement which will be placed on the Agenda for the Genesee County Board of Commissioners for their March 20, 2013 Meeting.
- If the Police Department is reinstated, the insurance coverage would have to be reinstated with the current carrier which is a simple procedure directing the insurance be taken care of. If an immediate agreement cannot be reached with Brian Fairchild, under the terms of the written contract where he is actually employed as a police chief or administrative officer, possibly he would agree pending as long as it looked like it might occur, to provide services with regard to what needs to be done to reinstate the Police Department. Police Departments have to be certified. There are other things that have to be done to implement an active Police Department; Brian Fairchild has the expertise to accomplish that as efficiently as anyone else that the Township could contract with.

DISCUSSION:

During a telephone conversation where the Supervisor and Treasurer were present, the statement was made that it would be very easy to accomplish the

reinstatement process for the Police Department as long as there was a Chief in place; the certification can be done administratively and wouldn't take very long to accomplish. If the decision was made by a majority of the Board to bring back the Police Department, Brian Fairchild could look into the matter of certification and other matters that needed to be put in place. Some Board Members felt the situation had been inherited and wanted to know what the lowest cost would be to restore police services and to prevent paying for two (2) sets of police services simultaneously. The Sheriff Deputies gave great service, same as the prior Flushing Township Police Department, but under the situation the only option would be to bring back the Flushing patrol officers.

It was mentioned by a Board Member who was saddened that Trustee Minaudo's proposal couldn't have been reviewed and tweaked to make it work for the Township.

A lot of documentation has been reviewed, discussed, phone calls made, etc. in order to make a very sound decision. The Board has to make a decision and stand by it.

Every day that a decision is not made, the township is paying for two (2) police services; it makes sense to get services where the township is only paying for one (1) service. The Board has been working on a decision for months; Trustee Minaudo's issue was brought up just recently. We need to move ahead. Recently a Board Member saw a sign that read "*The decision that you make today will affect you tomorrow.*"

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SEPARATE MOTIONS:

- A) **LEE MOVED**, seconded by Morford that the Board immediately proceed to comply with the Arbitrator's Award and reinstate the three (3) police officers, Louis Cook, Mark Bolin and Andrew Owens, effective March 18, 2013, with the officers' employment through March 31, 2014, governed by the terms of the Collectible Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the Police Officers Labor Council incorporating the agreed changes and the changes required by the Act 312 Arbitration Decision issued June 13, 2012.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 6

NAYS: 1

Motion Carried.

AMENDED MOTION:

- B) **LEE MOVED**, seconded by Gage to amend the motion and that the Board immediately proceed to comply with the Arbitrator's Award and:
 - reinstate the three (3) police officers, Louis Cook, Mark Bolin and Andrew Owens, effective March 18, 2013, with the officers' employment through March 31, 2014, governed by the terms of the Collectible Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the Police Officers Labor Council incorporating the agreed changes and the changes required by the Act 312 Arbitration Decision issued June 13, 2012;
 - that the officers be paid back-pay in accordance with the award, as soon as the exact amount due to each officer under the award can be determined and agreed between Township and each officer;
 - that the supervisor and the Township attorneys be authorized to enter into discussions with the Labor Council's representative, Lloyd Whetstone to finalize the agreement and that the Township's attorneys be directed to prepare the final agreement for signature.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 5

NAYS: 2

Motion Carried.

- C) **MORFORD MOVED**, seconded by Matzke that:
 - the board authorize the supervisor and the township's attorneys to negotiate with Brian Fairchild and his attorneys his possible employment as police chief

under terms of a written agreement between the Township and Brian Fairchild with discussion to include possible settlement of Brian Fairchild's pending wage and hour dispute, arbitration and lawsuit. Any employment agreement and/or settlement agreements subject to Board approval.

- that pending possible employment of Brian Fairchild, the supervisor, with the agreement of Brian Fairchild, be authorized to enter into an immediate agreement with Brian Fairchild to compensate him for services provided to reinstate the Township Police Department, including certification, acquisition of necessary equipment, training, scheduling and all other administrative matters necessary to the operation of a Police Department.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 5

NAYS: 2

Motion Carried.

D) LEE MOVED, seconded by Gage that:

- that the Township's insurance carrier, EMC, and agent Geoffrey Lansky, be directed to add to the Township's existing insurance coverage, law enforcement coverage, effective March 18, 2013.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 5

NAYS: 2

Motion Carried.

E) LEE MOVED, seconded by Matzke that:

- that the existing contract with the Genesee County Sheriff for law enforcement services be extended through April 30, 2013, and that the supervisor take any further action necessary to have the contract extension approved by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners at its March 20, 2013, meeting.

DISCUSSION:

It was recommended to have the Genesee County Sheriff contract be extended longer. The extension issue had been discussed with the Genesee County Sheriff Department; the Sheriff and Undersheriff were willing to work with Flushing Township.

The Supervisor had discussed the extension earlier with the Sheriff and Undersheriff and that thirty (30) days was mentioned as to a sufficient time frame to get a Police Department in force.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 6

NAYS: 1

Motion Carried.

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1-b. Proposed Budget Amendments for 2012-2013

MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Gage to accept the Proposed Budget Amendments for 2012-2013.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Birchmeier, Morford, Lee, Gage, and Matzke

NAYS: Minaudo and Martinson

Motion Carried

1-c. Proposed Budget Amendments for 2013-2014

MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Lee to accept the Proposed Budget Amendments for 2013-2014.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Matzke

NAYS: Martinson and Minaudo

Motion Carried

1-d. Genesee County Sheriff Extension

MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Gage to have Supervisor Birchmeier sign off on the extension with the Genesee County Sheriff for April 30, 2013.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

1-e. Confirmation of Plante Moran Auditors for Fiscal Year Ending 03/31/2013

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke to approve the Plante Moran Resolution to “*Agree and Accept*” as presented by Treasurer Maryion Lee.

DISCUSSION:

The fieldwork for the audit, for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013, will start on May 28, 2013 and will end approximately June 4, 2013; the report will be issued by July 31, 2013 at a cost of approximately \$18,200.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, and Martinson

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

1-f. CDBG Grant – ADA Removal of Architectural Barriers Bids (Palm buttons for doors for Main Office and Police Department, and one (1) bathroom door at the Flushing Township Nature Park)

MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Gage to accept the bid of Allen Supply, 2800 Universal Drive, Saginaw MI for the work to install the ADA Removal of Architectural Barriers for palm buttons for doors for the Main Office, Police Department, and one (1) bathroom at the Flushing Township Nature Park at a cost of \$14,400.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, and Lee

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

1-g. MTA “Education that Builds Your Boardsmanship Skills” Seminar – Lansing MI

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Gage that any board member that would like to attend the MTA “*Education that Builds Your Boardsmanship Skills*” Seminar in Lansing MI be allowed to do so at an early bird price as indicated on the brochure. (Full price of

the Seminar: \$313; **OR** Individual Seminars - “Managing HR & Volunteers”: \$125; “Strategic Planning”: \$89; and “Fundamentals”: \$99).

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, and Morford

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

1-h. Closed Session Policy

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to consider the “*Closed Session Policy*” as presented.

DISCUSSION:

It was recommended to change the policy as follows: 1) Paragraph No. 2, line 3 – from “board member’s” to “board officer’s” and 2) Paragraph No. 4, line 3 – from “cell phone and all cell phones shall be turned off prior to the start of the session and shall remain off until the closed session is completed” to “cell phone and all cell phones shall be on silent mode and shall remain on silent mode until the closed session is completed.”

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Martinson to accept the Closed Session Policy with the following changes to the Policy: 1) Paragraph No. 2, line 3 – **from** “board member’s” **to** “board officer’s” and 2) Paragraph No. 4, line 3 – **from** “cell phone and all cell phones shall be turned off prior to the start of the session and shall remain off until the closed session is completed” **to** “cell phone and all cell phones shall be on silent mode and shall remain on silent mode until the closed session is completed.”

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

It was ask to have NUMBER 5 of “*CLOSED SESSIONS POLICY*” read:

5. *All information disclosed during a closed session, including but not limited to the statements of persons attending the closed session, shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties during or after the closed session. However, any information otherwise subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act or otherwise shall not be rendered exempt from disclosure solely on the basis that it was the subject of a closed session.*

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to accept the Closed Session Policy with the agreed upon changes.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

1-i. Indemnification Policy for Elected Officials

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to adopt the “*Indemnification Policy for Elected Officials*”.

DISCUSSION:

It was requested to have Attorney Moulton explain a, b, and c, of the Indemnification Policy.

PER ATTORNEY MOULTON: The Township will indemnify and hold harmless any elected official for any damages or claims asserted against the elected official as a result of that official performing his elected duty. There are some exceptions to that matter. A township is not going to back up or indemnify an official for:

- a) a breach of the elected officials duty of loyalty to the Township or its residents
- b) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or violation of law
- c) a transaction from which the elected official received or derived an improper personal benefit as a result of using his elected position.

The above are types of conduct that anyone would not want their governmental entity to cover or insure against for the benefit of an elected official. The Acts don't happen by mistake, they are more than just negligence or misfeasance in office, they are the types of things that require an intentional, knowing, lawful act on the part of the official. As a Board you are not going to agree to stand behind that type of individual and the insurance wouldn't cover the matter either.

It was also ask to have Attorney Moulton explain "*breach of elected officials's duty of loyalty*": every decision that an elected official makes has to be guided by good faith and in the best interest of the township. The township has a "*Conflict of Interest*" Policy and it is also in statute. Example: If a decision comes before the Board to purchase a piece of property, and the Board Member's brother-in-law owns the property and is going to give the Board Member half of whatever he receives if the township purchases the property. The Board Member will be holding out for a higher price. The loyalty in all the decisions Board Members make has to be in the best interest of the township. If there is a conflict between what works for the Board Member personally and what works for the township, the Board Member has to inform the Board and abstain from a decision. If the decision requires a vote or if it is something that the Board Member will be dealing with in the course of his/her job, the Board Member should bring the conflict to someone's attention.

The Treasurer complimented Attorney Moulton for a well written policy.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Committee:

The Parks and Recreation Committee will be holding a meeting on Friday, March 15, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Flushing Township Hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Financial Report for February 2013

General Fund Account - \$1,046,904.43

Checks in Transit - \$21,315.32

General Fund Checking/Savings Grand Total - \$1,348,453.08

Cash in Bank (Different Accounts) - \$1,046,904.43

Chase Savings - \$301,548.65

General Fund Checking/Savings Total - \$1,348,453.08

Water Fund Account - \$97,690.62

Water Fund Checking/Savings Total - \$1,546,410.33

Water Fund Investments - \$1,477,331.61

Water Fund Grand Total - \$3,023,741.94

On February 4, 2013, a Short Term Loan of \$330,000.00 Short Term Loan for the Police Fund was repaid to the Water Fund

Tax Account - \$1,061,862.09

Bank Checking Account - \$1,018,000.29

Deposits in Transit - \$47,043.36

Tax Checking Account Grand Total - \$1,061,862.09

LEE MOVED, seconded by Gage to approve the Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **GAGE** – thanked Genesee County Board of Commissioner Archie Bailey for coming to the Board Meeting and presenting information on the 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Projects; realizes that Commissioner Bailey’s schedule is very busy; Thanks and please come again.
2. **MATZKE** – thanked Commissioner Bailey for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to the Board Meeting; welcomed Montrose Supervisor Mark Emmendorfer; welcomed Officer Owens, Officer Cook, Officer Bolin, and Sgt Fairchild back to Flushing Township.
3. **LEE** – thanked Commissioner Bailey and Supervisor Emmendorfer for attending the Board Meeting; wanted to commend the people of Flushing Township for having shown patience, consideration, and even sympathy for the Board; has heard from a lot of people and truly appreciates suggestions and the manner they were offered; knows some of the audience is disappointed with the Board’s decision, and some are not. As the township continues to work through the mounds of work, I ask the people of our community to continue demonstrating your good will and common sense. Thank you.
4. **MORFORD** –thanked Commissioner Bailey, Mt. Morris Supervisor Larry Green, Supervisor Emmendorfer for attending the meeting; the decision has been a hard one to conquer; hopefully we can move forward and work with the former officers who have been wonderful; hope to eliminate paying two (2) pay checks for police services; the Sheriff Deputies have been excellent to work with.
5. **MARTINSON** – thanked everyone, officials and residents, for giving up two (2) hours of their home and family life; thanked Karla for her hard work and apologized for not being able to vote for taking the Road Commission budget money for the Police Department.
6. **LEE** – thanked Karla for attending the meeting even though she didn’t give a report; she is very essential to the department.
7. **SUPERVISOR BIRCHMEIER** –
 - a. Thanked everyone for attending including Commissioner Bailey, Supervisor Green and the Township Clerk, Supervisor Emmendorfer for going over the Francis Road details;
 - b. Future Seminars:
 1. Genesee County Emergency Management Division will be holding two (2) free seminars: Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The National Weather Bureau will also be present at the seminars.
 2. Ford Education Center, Detroit Zoo, March 26, 2013 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Weather Safety Seminar will also be present. RSVP is needed by March 22, 2013, so please let the Clerk know.
 3. 2013 Flushing Chamber of Commerce Events is located in the lobby of the Flushing Township Hall.

9:00 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four (4) individuals gave their comments

9:05 P.M. - CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: Due to lack of business issues, **SUPERVISOR BIRCHMEIER** adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

RIAN R. BIRCHMEIER, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____

03/14/2013 Regular Min