

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

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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- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 p.m. by **SUPERVISOR RIAN BIRCHMEIER** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Rian R. Birchmeier, Julia A. Morford, Maryion T. Lee, Shirley D. Gage, Scott Matzke, Bonnie Jean Martinson, Scott P. Minaudo, and Attorney Steve Moulton
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Thirty Two (32) other individuals present

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2015:

TRUSTEE MATZKE MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to adopt the agenda as presented.

SUPERVISOR BIRCHMEIER MOVED, supported by Trustee Martinson to have approval of minutes and payment of bills moved to New Business as items E. and F. Also with that motion, he requested to amend under New Business, item one to include Chief Fairchild as one of the speakers.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to allow the Boy Scout in attendance to be the first speaker under Public Comments and to include under Reports, the Superintendent's Report as number 5. Trustee Martinson pointed out it would be number 6.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Trustee Martinson to approve the agenda as amended.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7:05 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Boy Scout, David Pobocik gave a brief report to the Board and Audience on his completed Eagle Scout Project of installing Blue Bird and Bat Houses in the Flushing Township Nature Park.

There were no other public comments

7:08 P.M. CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LEVY OF CURRENT MILLAGE RATES – Treasurer Lee and Attorney Moulton

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 15-22

A RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
LEVY OF CURRENT MILLAGE RATES

WHEREAS, the electors of the Charter Township of Flushing approved .5 mills for general operations and 3.4114 mills for police operations; and,

WHEREAS, for 2015, .5 mills was levied for general operations and 3.3884 mills was levied for police operations; and,

WHEREAS, for 2016, the millage rates, as rolled back by Genesee County Equalization are respectively .4876 mills and 3.2968 mills; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a public hearing to consider levying for 2016, the millage rates levied in 2015, .5 mills for general operations, rather than .4876, as rolled back, an increase of 2.48%, or .0124, and 3.3803 mills for police operations, rather than 3.2968, as rolled back, an increase of 2.53%, or .0835 mills;

IT IS RESOLVED:

1. This Resolution is adopted in accordance with MCL 211.24e(7)
2. Public hearing, as required by MCL 211.24e(6), shall be held Thursday, September 10, 2015, at the 7 PM, at 6425 N. Seymour Road, Flushing, Michigan as part of the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Flushing Board of Trustees.
3. Notice of the public hearing, in the form attached to this Resolution, will be posted at the Township offices and published in an appropriate newspaper at least 6 days prior to the public hearing, in accordance with MCL 211.24e(6).

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

THE RESOLUTION IS DECLARED _____ ADOPTED _____ NOT ADOPTED

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Flushing Board of Trustees, Genesee County, Michigan, at its regular meeting held on _____, 2015, at the Charter Township of Flushing Hall, 6524 N. Seymour Road, Flushing, Michigan 48433.

Maryion Lee
Flushing Township Treasurer

Dated:

Julia Morford,
Flushing Township Clerk

Dated:

NOTE: Figures above are correct after amendment to motion listed below regarding correction of 2.53%**

TREASURER LEE MOVED ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION READ INTO THE RECORD BY ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON, supported by Trustee Minaudo.

Supervisor Birchmeier noted a discrepancy in the fourth paragraph of the resolution stating it should read an increase of 2.53% instead of 2.5%. Attorney Moulton agreed stating it would then agree with the Assessor's figures.

TREASURER LEE MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION, supported by Clerk Morford to include the correction to 2.53%.**

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION

OPENED AT 7:21 PM BY TREASURER LEE WHO READ THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

Notice of Public Hearing on
Truth in Taxation Tax Calculations
And Return Millage Rates To Pre-Rolled Back Rates

The Charter Township of Flushing will hold a public hearing to return its general fund operating levy to .5000 mill from .4876 mill, the rate rolled back by Genesee county equalization. The difference is .0124 mills or 2.48% and returns our authorized mill to .5000 mill. The township is authorized to levy 1.0400 mills.

The township proposes to levy 3.3803 mills on the authorized 3.4114 mills approved for police operations. The present rate of 3.2968 mills, as rolled back by Genesee county equalization, if returned to 3.3803 mills, will represent a change of 2.53% or .0835 mills.

The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held at the regular township board meeting on September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Flushing Township Hall, located at 6524 n. Seymour road, Flushing, Michigan.

- o Six individuals spoke in regards to the Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:35 PM

VI. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE LEVY (TRUTH IN TAXATION) FOR 2016 – Treasurer Lee and Attorney Moulton

Attorney Moulton read the following Resolution into the record:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING
RESOLUTION RE: MILLAGE LEVY (TRUTH IN TAXATION)
FOR 2016
RESOLUTION NO. 15-24**

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of Flushing Charter Township, Genesee County, Michigan (“Township”), held at 6524 N. Seymour Road, Flushing, Michigan 48433, on the 10th day of September, 2015,

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by _____, and supported by _____:

WHEREAS, Section 24e of the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.24e, requires the Township provide for the holding of a public hearing for the levying of millage rates for its ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing to consider the millage levy was provided as required by MCL 211.24e and MCL 141.412;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Flushing Charter Township, Genesee County, Michigan, as follows:

1. This resolution shall be known as the “Flushing Township 2016 Millage Levy Authorization”, adopted pursuant to MCL 211.24e(3);

2. The Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll at an allocated millage of .5 mills for Township operations along with voter authorized millage of 3.3803 for police purposes.

3. The published notice setting forth the authorized millage rates; the millage rates as rolled back by Genesee County Equalization; and the differences between the roll back rates and authorized millage rates is attached and incorporated as part of this Resolution.

4. The aforementioned notice was published on _____, 2015 and posted to the Township’s webpage on _____, 2015

Yeas:

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF GENESEE)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting clerk for the Charter Township of Flushing, Genesee County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of September, 2015, and further certify that the above Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Julia A. Morford, Township Clerk

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to adopt the above resolution read by Attorney Moulton.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Morford, Minaudo, Matzke, Gage and Lee

NAYS: Birchmeier and Martinson

MOTION CARRIED

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were no items for Unfinished Business

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion to approve the Fiscal Quarterly Budget for June 2015 – Treasurer Lee

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to approve the Fiscal Quarterly Budget for June 2015.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Gage, Lee and Morford

NAYS: Birchmeier, Minaudo and Martinson

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Motion to authorize the Chief of Police to install a video camera security system in the Township Offices for an expense not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) – Treasurer Lee and Chief Fairchild.

TRUSTEE MATZKE MOVED, supported by Clerk Morford to authorize the Chief of Police to spend up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase and installation of an interior and exterior audio/video security system for the township office. The audio/video security system will not be used until the Flushing Township Board and the Teamsters Union develop a policy regarding placement and usage of cameras and access to the data, mutually agreed upon. The video/recording system will be maintained in the police department by the Chief of Police or his designee.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to amend the fiscal year budget 2015-16 line item Building, Grounds, Improvements under the Township Hall Department increasing it from \$5,000 to \$17,000 for the purchase of the generator (from last month) and the surveillance system that we just passed and this will reduce the fund balance by \$12,000 and leave the general fund balance at \$1,192,312.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. Motion to approve the Genesee County Road Commission Transfer of Construction Allocation Funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 with Flint Township in the amount of \$5,160.00 – Treasurer Lee

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to approve the Genesee County Road Commission Transfer of Construction Allocation Funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 with Flint Township in the amount of \$5,160.00.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

- D. Approval to establish a Committee charged with exploring the possibility of placing a Verizon Cell Tower in the Flushing Twp Nature Park; the Committee will consist of Attorney Steve Moulton, Treasurer Maryion Lee, Donn Hinds, Carl Liepmann and Eric Swanson – Treasurer Lee/Attorney Moulton

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to establish a Committee charged with exploring the possibility of placing a Verizon Cell Tower in the Flushing Twp Nature Park; the Committee will consist of Attorney Steve Moulton, Treasurer Maryion Lee, Donn Hinds, Carl Liepmann and Eric Swanson.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

- E. Approval of Minutes

TRUSTEE MATZKE MOVED, supported by Clerk Morford to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Martinson pointed out the resolution from the closed session was not included in the minutes and according to the policies and procedures, all resolutions should be included. Clerk Morford stated at the time the minutes were typed there was a question whether that resolution should be included but the minutes would be corrected to include it.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Gage, Lee and Morford

NAYS: Martinson and Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

- F. Payment of Bills

TRUSTEE MATZKE MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to approve payment of bills as presented.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. REPORTS:

1. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief Fairchild
2. Flushing Fire Department – Chief Fairchild
3. Flushing Township Nature Park Advisory Committee – Treasurer Lee
4. Flushing Area Senior Center – Clerk Morford
5. Financial Report – Treasurer Lee
6. Superintendent Report – Treasurer Lee

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

9:00 PM – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four people gave comments

9:15 PM – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

XI. BOARD COMMENTS:

Five Board Members gave comments

XII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 AT 7:00 PM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

JOYCE A. WILSON, Deputy Clerk

RIAN R. BIRCHMEIER, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

09/10/2015 Regular Min