

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

DATE: APRIL 13, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

SUPERVISOR: Frederick R. Thorsby
CLERK: Wendy D. Meinburg
TREASURER: Terry A. Peck

TRUSTEES:

Jenifer Almassy
Daniel McGrath
Linda Minarik
William L. Westenbarger

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR FREDERICK R. THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Linda Minarik, Fred Thorsby, Dan McGrath, Jenifer Almassy, Wendy Meinburg, William Westenbarger, and, Terry Peck. Attorney Steven Moulton was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Thirteen (13)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 13, 2017:

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Almassy to adopt the agenda.

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to postpone Item 6, “motion to approve the creation of a full time police officer position for the school and township.” until we get definite numbers.

The Police Chief reviewed with the Board in more detail, the vacation, holiday and pension benefits the officer would be entitled to receive, stating the most the officer could ever sell back would be 100 hours, which can only be paid out upon death, retirement or layoff, they cannot sell

back every year. He further stated comp time could be accrued but it could not be sold back, nor can they sell back sick time. They can sell back personal time but only at 50%.

Trustee Almassy asked how this addition would affect his full time budget. Chief Fairchild stated he has always budgeted for this position for the last four years.

ACTION ON THE AMENDED MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Westenbarger

NAYS: Peck, Meinburg, Thorsby, McGrath, Almassy and Minarik

THE MOTION ~~CARRIED~~. FAILED.

ACTION ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to adopt the agenda.

PRESENTATION:

Director John O'Brien from the Genesee County Drain Commission gave a presentation on the progress of the Karegnondi Water Project. Mr. O'Brien stated the pipeline project was completed on time and under budget. Building of the treatment plant is on budget and ahead of schedule. He further stated the treatment plant would be run for approximately 30 days in order to test all the functions. The treatment process will then start where they will be testing and calibrating all the equipment, so that the water the treatment plant produces, is compatible with the water distribution systems. He further stated the goal was to have three months of proven water quality before it is ever distributed to the customers.

Director O'Brien answered various questions from the Board and Audience Members before concluding his presentation.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2017 MEETING:

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 Board Meeting as submitted.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PAID BILLS:

Trustee Minarik questioned as to whether the check payments were monitored as to the amounts which were previously approved by the Board. Treasurer Peck stated he was responsible for that along with Clerk Meinburg. It was also pointed out that Karla Carpenter kept an eye on the amounts of the checks.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee McGrath to approve the paid bills.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:40 P.M.

Two Individuals gave comments

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:47 P.M.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation from the Genesee County Drain Commission by Director John O'Brien.

Presentation given earlier in the meeting.

2. Resolution 17-4 in support of City of Flushing Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program – Supervisor

TRUSTEE MCGRATH MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve Resolution No. 17-4 in support of City of Flushing Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program.

Charter Township of Flushing

Resolution No. 17-4

Resolution in supporting a City of Flushing Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program

WHEREAS, the City of Flushing, Charter Township of Flushing and Genesee County are actively involved and part of the Flint River Trail designation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flushing plans to submit a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant program to fund the removal and installment of decking on the pedestrian bridge that spans the Flint River; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian bridge provides connectivity through the two jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission has extended their support for this project and approved a partnership agreement with the City of Flushing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community and other communities along the Flint River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Flushing hereby strongly supports submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant application entitled, “Flint River Bridge Decking Replacement,” by the City of Flushing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Flushing urges the Michigan Department of Natural Resources approve the grant application which will guarantee significant recreational opportunities for citizens in the Flushing community for many years.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSENT: _____

THE RESOLUTION IS DECLARED ___ADOPTED___NOT ADOPTED

Frederick R. Thorsby
Supervisor

Wendy D. Meinburg
Clerk

I, Wendy D. Meinburg, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Flushing, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Wendy D. Meinburg, Township Clerk

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Resolution 17-3 in Support of the National Water Trail Designation for the Flint River Water Trail and Flint River Water Trail Partnership – Supervisor

Sondra Severn, Stewardship Program Manager of the Flint River Watershed Coalition gave a brief power point presentation regarding the National Water Trail Designation for the Flint River Water Trail and Flint River Water Trail Partnership.

Ms. Severn stated there were 68 miles of the Flint River that would be designated as a National Water Trail which runs from the City of Lapeer to the Township of Montrose. She further stated there were 24 access sites to the river within those 68 miles. She stated the Water Trail is supported by community partnerships where there are opportunities for conservation, recreation and education in regards to the river. Ms. Severn stated Water Trails must have a local managing entity and the Flint River Watershed Coalition would serve as facilitator. The Water Trail designation comes from the Secretary of the Interior and runs ten years. Ms. Severn also stated a grant was going to be submitted for creating a logo, mile markers and road crossing signs.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve Resolution 17-3 in Support of the National Water Trail Designation for the Flint River Water Trail and Flint River Water Trail Partnership.

Charter Township of Flushing

Resolution No. 17-3

Resolution in support of the National Water Trail Designation for the Flint River Water Trail and Flint River Water Trail Partnership

WHEREAS, the Flint River Water Trail is a valuable resource for non-motorized recreation, education, stewardship, and tourism within Charter Township of Flushing and its surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, a new public/private collaborative is proposed to be formed, known as the Flint River Water Trail Partnership, which will endeavor to use the collective and cooperative energy of the Partnership and its prospective members to support projects which:

- Investigate avenues for increasing funding of conservation, restoration and non-motorized recreation along the Flint River Water Trail;
- Increase community awareness of the recreational and environmental value of a healthy Flint River;

- Encourage development of canoe/kayak launches at new facilities along the river and facilities that are slated for significant improvements or renovations;
- Provide public information on the Flint River Water Trail through partner websites, as well as promotional and educational materials, and;
- Promote the Flint River Water Trail as a valuable resource for non-motorized recreation, education, stewardship, and tourism.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Flushing understands and agrees that a health Flint River and its watershed is important to its citizens and the recreational, ecological, economic, and social opportunities afforded by the development and support of the Flint River Water Trail are consistent with this Board's goals to promote the sustainability and viability of such an important waterway;

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Flushing supports the National Water Trail designation for the Flint River Water Trail and understands that such designation does not require extra regulations or compromise the ability for us to manage our lands in any manner. We also understand that receiving this designation will increase awareness of and visitors to the Flint River Water Trail, the public lands along the river corridor, and the water trail communities;

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Flushing confirms that all of the specific lands under our jurisdiction that are listed as open to the public in the Flint River Water Trail Management Plan and associated maps are, in fact, open to the public and will remain so for at least the next ten years. These access points are located within:

FLUSHING TOWNSHIP NATURE PARK

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Flushing agrees to continue to work with the Flint River Water Trail facilitator, the Flint River Watershed Coalition, to become an official Partner of the Flint River Water Trail Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Flushing supports and encourages the National Water Trail designation for the Flint River Water Trail, and creation of the Flint River Water Trail Partnership. The ability to achieve common and related goals can be

enhanced significantly by working collaboratively to support projects that further the vision of the water trail and mission of the Partnership.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSENT: _____

THE RESOLUTION IS DECLARED ___ADOPTED ___NOT ADOPTED

Frederick R. Thorsby
Supervisor

Wendy D. Meinburg
Clerk

I, Wendy D. Meinburg, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Flushing, hereby, certify the foregoing to be a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Wendy D. Meinburg, Township Clerk

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4. Motion to approve the repair of the Flushing Township roof – Supervisor

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the repair of the Flushing Township roof.

Discussion followed with several suggestions, i.e. pricing a metal roof, replacing the entire roof instead of repairing, removing sunrooms, etc. Trustee McGrath spoke in support of the bid from Bedrock Building, Inc.

TRUSTEE ALMASSY MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to table this item and get additional estimates for an entire new metal roof or to replace sections and also repair of the roof and interior repair.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION:
ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Meinburg, Thorsby, Westenbarger, Peck, Minarik and Almassy
NAYS: McGrath
THE MOTION CARRIED

5. Motion to approve the price from the county for the limestone for roads – Supervisor

TRUSTEE ALMASSY MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the purchase of limestone from Stoneco of Monroe, MI to repair Duffield Road from Frances Road to Stanley Road at a cost of \$94,392 for two miles.

ACTION ON THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Meinburg, Westenbarger, Minarik, Thorsby, McGrath, Almassy and Peck

NAYS:

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Motion to approve the creation of a full time police officer position for the school and township – Supervisor

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Trustee McGrath to approve the creation of a full time police officer position for the school and township.

There was a brief discussion as to the process that would be followed in hiring an officer for this position.

ACTION ON THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Almassy, Thorsby, Meinburg, McGrath, Peck and Minarik

NAYS: Westenbarger

THE MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion pertaining to replacing the Flushing Township Office sign.

Supervisor Thorsby gave a brief presentation regarding replacing the Township Sign as it is in disrepair. He reviewed with the Board some examples of various signs.

V. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Thorsby briefly reported on the need for codification of the police and zoning ordinances. He stated Attorney Moulton and Chief Fairchild had done some work on the ordinances. Supervisor Thorsby also mentioned possible code enforcement. After a brief discussion, an ad hoc committee was suggested. Attorney Moulton suggested he and the Chief should first go over the civil infractions and misdemeanors, then possibly an ad hoc

committee be formed. Treasurer Peck and Trustee Almassy stated they would be interested in serving on an ad hoc committee.

2. Clerk's Report – Clerk Meinburg reported the County has chosen the voting machines they want to go with for the next ten years.
3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Peck gave the February and March Financial Report. He stated he was moving a CD to a Frankenmuth Credit Union. Trustee Almassy spoke in favor of moving the CD.
4. Flushing Township Police Report – Given by Chief Fairchild.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Open for Public Comments at 9:20 P.M.

No Comments Given

Closed for Public Comments at 9:21 P.M.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Almassy gave a report from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. She had the dates for Household Waste Disposal: May 13th at Davison High School, August 26th at Flushing High School and October 21st at Bentley High School. She distributed to the Board a picture of a non-video device the GCMPC had to loan out to parks which counts the number of visitors coming and going to the park. The Board would have to ask for the device. She then gave a brief report regarding road construction.

Treasurer Peck asked for prayers for Clerk Meinburg's mother, who is in the hospital.

Trustee McGrath questioned fire response time in the Township.

There were no other comments.

VII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: On Motion of Trustee Westenbarger, supported by Trustee Almassy the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joyce A. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

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