

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 9, 2016

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

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

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: 15 other individuals present

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to approve the agenda.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLERK MORFORD MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to add to the agenda the appointment of Robert Gardner to the Flushing Area Senior Center for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019, making it Item I. under New Business.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLERK MORFORD MOVED to have Flushing Township send a letter expressing the Township's gratitude to Mr. Dean Wenk for his service in serving as the Township's representative to the Board of the Flushing Area Senior Center for the past three years.

Trustee Minaudo suggested that it should be a given and a motion shouldn't be necessary. Clerk Morford stated she would draft such a letter for the Board and, therefore, rescinded her motion.

TRUSTEE MARTINSON MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to remove Item J Closed Session from the agenda and add a motion to extend the Chief's contract from June 6, 2016 to June 5, 2017.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson

NAYS: Matzke, Gage, Lee, Minaudo, Birchmeier and Morford

MOTION FAILED

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Treasurer Lee to approve the agenda as amended.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE MARTINSON MOVED, supported by Supervisor Birchmeier to move approval of minutes and payment of bills to Items K and L respectively.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7:08 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

One individual gave comments.

7:09 P.M. CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on Zoning Administrator Status – Attorney Moulton/Treasurer Lee/Clerk Morford
Clerk Morford gave a brief update on the progress of hiring a Zoning Administrator or Code Enforcer and hoped to have decision by next Board Meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. The following items may be the subject and possible action of the Board:
 - A. Motion to approve Zack Baxter's Eagle Scout Project – Treasurer Lee

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to approve Zack Baxter's Eagle Scout Project which was to do repair work in the Flushing Nature Park on the road to the river, make signs for the canoe launch and pavilion.

ACTION ON THE MOTION
ROLL CALL VOTE:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. Motion to re-confirm *Plante & Moran PLLC* Audit for fiscal year ending 3/31/2016 – Treasurer Lee

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to re-confirm *Plante & Moran PLLC* Audit for fiscal year ending 3/31/2016.

ACTION ON THE MOTION
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Morford, Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage and Lee
NAYS: Birchmeier
MOTION CARRIED

- C. Motion to approve the purchase of thirty-five (35) yards of limestone from Newton Excavating Co. Inc. for \$1,050, delivered to the Flushing Township for replenishing the limestone on the Canoe Launch – Treasurer Lee

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to approve the purchase of thirty-five (35) yards of limestone from Newton Excavating Co. Inc. for \$1,050, delivered to the Flushing Township for replenishing the limestone on the Canoe Launch.

ACTION ON THE MOTION
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: Morford, Minaudo, Lee, Matzke, Gage and Martinson
NAYS: Birchmeier
MOTION CARRIED

- D. Motion to have the Flushing Township Board of Trustees eliminate the franchise fee that is paid to the Township by Comcast Cablevision customers – Trustee Martinson

TRUSTEE MARTINSON MOVED, supported by Clerk Morford to eliminate the franchise fee that is paid to the Township by Comcast Cablevision customers.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: None

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

MOTION FAILED

- E. Motion to grant the Building and Grounds Committee and the Assessor the authority to experiment with payment flexibility to incentivize productivity by field worker doing reassessment visits – Treasurer Lee

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Clerk Morford to grant the Building and Grounds Committee and the Assessor the authority to experiment with payment flexibility to incentivize productivity by field worker doing reassessment visits.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, Treasurer Lee restated the motion as follows:

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to grant the Building and Grounds Committee and the Assessor the authority to experiment with payment flexibility to incentivize productivity by field workers doing reassessment visits. This ~~final~~ *flexible* payment will not be any more than \$12 per parcel and there will be a report by the Assessor at the next meeting as to the success of this program ~~to determine~~ *or the* need for additional funding.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Gage, Lee, Minaudo and Morford

NAYS: Birchmeier and Martinson

MOTION CARRIED

- F. Motion to have the Flushing Township Board of Trustees charge their water customers only the amount necessary to pay Detroit for the water used by each household – Trustee Martinson

TRUSTEE MARTINSON MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to have the Flushing Township Board of Trustees charge their water customers only the amount necessary to pay Detroit for the water used by each household.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson

NAYS: Gage, Lee, Matzke, Minaudo, Birchmeier and Morford

MOTION FAILED

- G. Motion to have the Chief of Police, with the assistance of our township attorney, begin revising the ordinance that dictates the procedure necessary to have neglected residential property maintained in a manner that would keep each Flushing Township neighborhood a beautiful place to live, learn, work and play – Trustee Martinson

TRUSTEE MARTINSON MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to have the Chief of Police, with the assistance of our township attorney, begin revising the ordinance that dictates the procedure necessary to have neglected residential property maintained in a manner that would keep each Flushing Township neighborhood a beautiful place to live, learn, work and play.

ACTION ON THE MOTION
ROLL CALL VOTE:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- H. Motion to approve a contract with the Genesee County Road Commission for ditching and hydro seeding between 5036 Dillon Road and Coldwater Road for the sum of \$5,572.81 after we deduct our 50/50 money of \$5,572.81 from the total cost of \$11,145.62.

TREASURER LEE MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to approve a contract with the Genesee County Road Commission for ditching and hydro seeding between 5036 Dillon Road and Coldwater Road for the sum of \$5,572.81 after we deduct our 50/50 money of \$5,572.81 from the total cost of \$11,145.62.

ACTION ON THE MOTION
ROLL CALL VOTE:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I. Motion for appointment of Robert Gardner to the Flushing Area Senior Center for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

CLERK MORFORD MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to appoint Robert Gardner to the Flushing Area Senior Center for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ACTION ON THE MOTION
ROLL CALL VOTE:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- J. Closed Session – Motion to go into Closed Session according to Sub-Section 8C of the Open Meetings Act to consider negotiations and strategies in regards to collective bargaining agreements:
Consideration of the Negotiation of the Pending Contract with Chief Brian Fairchild

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to go into Closed Session according to Sub-Section 8C of the Open Meetings Act to consider negotiations and strategies in regards to collective bargaining agreements:

Consideration of the Negotiation of the Pending Contract with Chief Brian Fairchild

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:18 P.M.

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Trustee Gage to **return to Regular Session at 9:10 P.M.**

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Treasurer Lee to tentatively approve a three year contract with Chief Brian Fairchild along with terms discussed in closed session and approval tentative pending upon completion of the contract which Township Attorney and the Chief will get finalized in the next few days.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Morford, Minaudo, Matzke, Gage and Lee

NAYS: Birchmeier and Martinson

MOTION CARRIED

K. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2016 Board Meeting

TRUSTEE MARTINSON MOVED, supported by Trustee Minaudo to approve the May 12, 2016 Board Minutes with the following changes:

Page 2 at the bottom of the page where Trustee Martinson rescinded her motion it read:

~~**TRUSTEE MARTINSON RESCINDED** her motion after a brief discussion.~~ It should read: *With the recommendation of Attorney Moulton to allow new board members to consider this motion and after a brief discussion, **TRUSTEE MARTINSON RESCINDED** her motion.*

Also, on page 5 under Public Comments it should state *individual* instead of ~~individuals~~.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Payment of Bills

TRUSTEE MINAUDO MOVED, supported by Trustee Matzke to approve payment of bills.

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

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – No report given
2. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief Fairchild
3. Flushing Fire Department – No report given
4. Flushing Area Senior Center – Clerk Morford
5. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent/Treasurer Lee

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

1. Genesee County MTA Report – Trustee Martinson

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

9:29 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

One individual gave comments

9:30 P.M. CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX. BOARD COMMENTS:

Comments were heard from Trustee Gage, Clerk Morford, Trustee Martinson, Trustee Minaudo and Treasurer Lee.

X. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

JOYCE A. WILSON, Deputy Clerk

RIAN R. BIRCHMEIER, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

06/09/2016 Regular Min