

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: AUGUST 15TH, 2024 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Frederick R. Thorsby

CLERK: Wendy D. Meinburg

TREASURER: Terry A. Peck

TRUSTEES

William Bain

Linda Minarik

Joshua Upleger

Sharilynn K. Willette

I. DATE AGENDA POSTED: AUGUST 12TH, 2024

II. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M. by SUPERVISOR THORSBY followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Willette, Thorsby, Peck, Upleger, Minarik and Meinburg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bain

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Ten (10) others present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 15TH, 2024.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve August 15th, 2024 agenda.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES for July 11thTH, 2024.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Upleger to approve July 11th, 2024 minutes as presented.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS LISTED.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Upleger to approve the payment of bills as presented.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Minarik, Upleger, Thorsby, Peck, Meinburg and Willette

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:02 P.M.

Resident – Asked about tax increase.

Supervisor Thorsby – We will go over that later in the meeting.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT at 7:03 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible motion on Second Reading for *CHAPTER 36 ZONING ORDINANCE SEC 36-419 FARM ANIMALS AND HORSE ORDINANCE*

Supervisor Thorsby - briefly went over minimum of 2 acres for one horse.

TREASURER PECK MOTIONED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve Second reading of *CHAPTER 36 ZONING ORDINANCE SEC 36-419 FARM ANIMALS AND HORSE ORDINANCE*.

After some discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Thorsby, Willette, Minarik, Upleger, Peck and Meinburg

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR THORSBY – Opened the floor to Chief VanAlstine to introduce New Officer Palmreuter

Chief – Welcomed Officer Palmreuter and introduced him as experienced and settling in very well.

Officer Palmreuter – Expressed how thankful he was to be here in Flushing Township.

2. Discussion and possible motion on Second Reading for *ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 HARDSHIP DEFERMENTS AN ORDINANCE WHICH, ONCE PROPERLY ADOPTED BY THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSOR TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ANNUAL PAYMENTS UP TO 20 YEARS. THIS ORDINANCE IS CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.C.L. 41.729A*

CLERK MEINBURG MOTIONED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve Second Reading for *ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 HARDSHIP DEFERMENTS AN ORDINANCE WHICH, ONCE PROPERLY ADOPTED BY THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSOR TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT*

ANNUAL PAYMENTS UP TO 20 YEARS. THIS ORDINANCE IS CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.C.L. 41.729A

After no discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Willette, Minarik, Meinburg, Thorsby, Upleger and Peck

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARING for NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TRUTH IN TAXATION MILLAGE CALCULATIONS AND RETURN MILLAGE RATES TO PREROLLED BACK RATES

After a brief explanation from Supervisor Thorsby.

PUBLIC HEARING was opened at 7:15 P.M.

No Comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING was closed at 7:16 P.M.

4. Discussion and possible motion on RESOLUTION 24-13, A RESOLUTION REGARDING MILLAGE LEVY (TRUTH IN TAXATION) FOR 2023 better known as the “Flushing Township 2024 Millage Levy Authorization” adopted pursuant to MCL 211.24e(3)

CLERK MEINBURG MOTIONED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve RESOLUTION 24-13, A RESOLUTION REGARDING MILLAGE LEVY (TRUTH IN TAXATION) FOR 2023 better known as the “Flushing Township 2024 Millage Levy Authorization” adopted pursuant to MCL 211.24e(3)

After little discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Upleger, Thorsby, Willette, Meinburg, Minarik and Peck

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC HEARING on CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 2024-02 COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS: ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 4 SITE REGULATIONS TO ADD SEC. 36-423, ARTICLE 7 DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTION 36-702 ZONING DISTRICT USES CHART AND ARTICLE 18 SPECIAL USE PERMITS SEC. 36-1804 (PP).

Supervisor Thorsby – Asked everyone on the Board of Trustees if they had any conflict of interest. All Board of Trustees denied any conflict of interest.

Supervisor Thorsby – Explained our current Ordinance specifies decisions will be made case by case and how this will not work now.

Supervisor Thorsby and Zoning Commissioner Czyzio – went over proposed Ordinance.

Approvals came from Planning Commission, Charter Township of Flushing’s Attorney and Rowe Engineering as well.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:32 P.M.

Resident (Frank) – Asked about landing strips on adjacent property.

Zoning Commission Czyzio – 300-foot letters will be sent as well. FAA would need to ok everything at that point. It all depends on how the landing strip is set up.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:35 P.M.

6. Discussion and possible motion on First Reading of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 2024-02 COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS: ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 4 SITE REGULATIONS TO ADD SEC. 36-423, ARTICLE 7 DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTION 36-702 ZONING DISTRICT USES CHART AND ARTICLE 18 SPECIAL USE PERMITS SEC. 36-1804 (PP).

CLERK MEINBURG MOTIONED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve First Reading of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 2024-02 COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS: ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 4 SITE REGULATIONS TO ADD SEC. 36-423, ARTICLE 7 DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTION 36-702 ZONING DISTRICT USES CHART AND ARTICLE 18 SPECIAL USE PERMITS SEC. 36-1804 (PP).

After no discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Peck, Meinburg, Thorsby, Upleger, Minarik and Willette

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Discussion and Possible Motion on the amended 2024 FLUSHING TOWNSHIP GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING POVERTY TAX EXEMPTION

CLERK MEINBURG MOTIONED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the amended 2024 FLUSHING TOWNSHIP GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING POVERTY TAX EXEMPTION

After little discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Meinburg, Willette, Peck, Minarik, Upleger and Thorsby

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion and possible motion on P.E.C. ELECTRIC INC. proposal for installations at Charter Township of Flushing.

Supervisor Thorsby – Read over proposal and explained this will also allow extra lines for future use.

CLERK MEINBURG MOTIONED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the P.E.C. ELECTRIC INC. proposal for installations at Charter Township of Flushing.

After some discussion about not having enough quotes. And how hard it was to find companies with proper equipment the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Peck, Thorsby and Meinburg

NAYS: Minarik, Willette and Upleger

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION NOT CARRIED.

9. Discussion and possible motion on RESOLUTION 24-14 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO CHANGES IN LIGHTING SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN FLUSHING CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY BY ADDING A STREET LIGHT AT 8300 MAURICE LN.

Supervisor Thorsby explained that this light is going to be paid for by the Township and the private drive association will pay the township back.

CLERK MEINBURG MOTIONED, supported by Trustee Minarik to approve RESOLUTION 24-14 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO CHANGES IN LIGHTING SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN FLUSHING CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY BY ADDING A STREET LIGHT AT 8300 MAURICE LN.

After no discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Meinburg, Minarik, Willette, Upleger, Thorsby and Peck

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bain

THE MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor
Monthly Building Report
FANG Activity Report

Supervisor Thorsby

- Had no extra comments. Monthly Building and FANG Reports are in packet and website.

2. Clerk's Report – Clerk

Clerk Meinburg

- August Election update. Had approximately 25% of our voter's vote, more than half of that were absentee votes. During 9 days of early voting, we had 103 votes which cost \$66.85 per vote.
- Dennis and Chris helped Norm with set up and tear down. This worked out wonderful.
- Thanked the Chief and police officers that helped, we needed extra this election due to construction.
- First election we participated in early processing of absentee ballots. Worked out great. We were able to finish early due to this process.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer
Financial Report March 2024
Water Report

Treasurer Peck

- Thanked Wendy and all the staff that helped with elections. He expressed how exciting it is to see everyone working together and he emphasized that it was really neat to see how many other clerks and communities call to ask Wendy her advice.
- Went over accumulated interest made on other funds.

4. Zoning Administrator
Zoning and Code Enforcement Report

Zoning Administrator Czyzio

- Briefly went over all projects that are in progress

5. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief

Chief VanAlstine

- Went over Police Report.
- Informed that we are down another police car. But would like to wait until next year to ask for more money for another new vehicle.
- Mentioned new Officer Palmreuter a 7-year veteran. Very lucky to have him.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Opened for public comment at 8:03P.M.

Closed for public comment at 8:03 P.M.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Opened for board comments at 8:04 P.M.

Some discussion was made on GOVMIC and blacktop holes in parking lot.

Closed for board comments at 8:09 P.M.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

X. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE UPLEGER MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

APPROVED DATE

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor