

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008**

Supervisor Zurawski called a Regular meeting of the Charter Township of York Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 8, 2008 at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Road, Milan, MI. He then led in the American Flag Pledge.

Roll Call of Board Members Present: John Bulmer, Jane Kartje, Sally Donahue, Joe Zurawski, Helen Neill, Wayne Meier, Mike Kipley. Absent: None.

Others present: One, *(list on file)*

Short Public Comments: Corporal Kevin Deacons introduced and welcomed Deputy Joe Crova, new in York for 2008. He has been with the department for 17 years.

Presentation of written petitions: None.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Moved by Neill, Seconded by Meier to adopt the Consent Agenda as distributed and amended. Discussion: Strike C7, C9, reports not available; Add C13. Voice Vote: Aye: 7; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried 7-0-0

- C 1 Approval, Board meeting minutes: Regular, December 11, 2007.
- C 2 Approve Disbursements from Clerk: Dec. 12, 2007-Jan. 8, 2008, as presented.
- C 3 Recognize reports from Clerk: December 2007 Revenue/Expenditures; quarterly Balance Sheet through December 31, 2007.
- C 4 Recognize correspondence received.
- C 5 Recognize Treasurer's report, December 2007.
- C 6 Recognize written report, Building Official, December 2007.
- ~~C 7 Recognize written report, Zoning Inspector, December 2007.~~
- C 8 Recognize written report, Assessor, December 2007.
- ~~C 9 Recognize written report, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Dept., month of December 2007.~~
- C10 Approve appointments to the Charter Township of York Parks & Recreation Committee: Paul Staley, Paolo Visoni & Paul Fairchild; 3-year terms to expire January 31, 2011.
- C11 Approve appointment to the Charter Township of York Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee: Joan Black; 3-year term to expire January 31, 2011.
- C12 Recognize written report, Saline Sustainability Circle December 2007 meeting, Trustee Kartje.
- C13 Recognize written report, Trustee Bulmer.**

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Kipley, Seconded by Meier to approve the Regular Agenda as distributed and amended. Discussion: delete "excused" from Zoning Inspector report. Voice Vote: Aye: 7; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried 7-0-0

VERBAL REPORTS

Sheriff's Dept. Corporal Deacons reported 103 complaints in York for the month of December including 30 accidents, six alarms.

Building Official. Reported on Toyota's progress.

Assessor (excused). Written report on file.

Zoning Inspector. Reported progress on various violations.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Bulmer. Reviewed written report; regular Parks meeting rescheduled to Thursday due to Frank Stukenborg being honored in Lansing by the Michigan Parks & Recreation Assoc. this week.

Trustee Kartje. Election Commission meetings included conducting Public Accuracy Test for upcoming January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary Election.

Treasurer Donahue. Collection of taxes slower than usual; commented on new trash service.

Clerk Neill. Presidential Primary Election next Tuesday; expressed appreciation to Jane & Mike for a job well done conducting the testing having two sets of test ballots for each precinct this time.

Trustee Kipley. Election Commission meeting as stated above; thanks to Clerk's office for excellent preparation; reminder to have new poll booth available to examine prior to purchasing.

Trustee Meier. Milan Area Fire Dept. meeting coming up on January 17th.

Supervisor Zurawski. Urban County Task Force meeting; Received quit claim deed for 6.5+ acres donated by Toyota, south side of Willis Rd.; attending Michigan Townships Association Education Conference this week.

PENDING BUSINESS

SNOWPLOWING, RICHARDSON
Supervisor be
PARK LOT

MOVED BY BULMER to accept the bid from Finch Sand & Gravel, LLC dated December 12, 2007 at \$53.00 per push and that the designated as responsible party to contact them when necessary to plow.
SECONDED BY KIPLEY. Discussion: will need no more than about six times; a small parking area for 3 vehicles will be plowed as well as turn-around for school buses.
VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

REGIONAL POLICING
FEASIBILITY
STUDY DISCUSSION

Supervisor provided the Board with copies of the draft final report of Washtenaw County Police Authority Study. Board will review to discuss the lengthy document and make a decision at the February Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RIVER RAISIN
WATERSHED
COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP

MOVED BY DONAHUE to approve membership renewal of the River Raisin Watershed Council at the cost of \$1,108.80; paid from the Environmental Protection Fund.
SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: most beneficial to York Township; fee based on population.
VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

PUBLIC SAFETY
MILLAGE
BALLOT
PROPOSAL

MOVED BY BULMER to draft ballot proposal language for ½ mill for a period of two (2) years to coincide with expiration of current 1 millage; to be placed on the May 6, 2008 Election ballot for Public Safety.
SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: current one mill was approved for five years to expire after 2009 tax season so has two more years to run, but

with rising costs for Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputies, that will not be enough to continue contracting for three deputies; realistically, can't afford a full staff of six deputies and ask residents for several more mills in these tough economic times; might be better to overlap expirations.

AMENDMENT BY ZURAWSKI to change to five (5) year duration to end in 2012.

SECONDED BY NEILL. Discussion: increased leverage with both millages expiring together; ½ mill would not even cover the cost of one Fire Department, let alone the Sheriff's Deputies.

VOICE VOTE ON AMENDMENT: AYE: 5; NAY: 2; ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED 5-2-0

Discussion on amended motion: makes sense for residents in terms of giving future Boards more options, not a strong detractor; to expire simultaneously would give a bigger unknown; ½ mill will do very little for three years.

VOICE VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION, ½ MILL FOR 5 YEARS: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

ORDINANCE,
MAP
AMENDMENT,
MAVD,
1st READING

MOVED BY DONAHUE to accept introduction and approve first reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of York Zoning Map as petitioned by MAV Development/G4York, LLC for a 1.60 acre parcel part of Parcel #19-11-100-009, as presented; prepared by Township Attorney; to be published by posting as required by law.

SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: favorable recommendation received from the Charter Township of York Planning Commission; this Ordinance also addresses the amendment to their approved area plan, as needed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: MEIER, AYE; KIPLEY, AYE; NEILL, AYE; ZURAWSKI, AYE; DONAHUE, AYE; KARTJE, AYE; BULMER, AYE; NAY: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

ESTABLISH
CAPITAL
PROJECTS-
BUILDINGS
FUND, 414

MOVED BY DONAHUE to establish a Capital Projects-Buildings Fund using Fund #414 from the State of Michigan Chart of Accounts; to be funded at a later date.

SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: to set money aside for the next Hall expansion, senior center, police or fire sub-station in the future.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

2008/2009
PROPOSED
BUDGET
DISCUSSION

Discussion focused on the General Fund Revenues and all the departments of Expenditures in the proposed 2008/2009 budget. Supervisor will make the needed adjustments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (*five minutes or less*)
None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Zurawski adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Helen Neill, Clerk

Joseph Zurawski, Supervisor

Approved: _____ Synopsis published: _____, 2007

Next 3 regularly scheduled meetings: Feb. 12, March 11 & April 8, 2008 (7:30 p.m. start time)

TOWN HALL MEETING/INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 20, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

YORK TOWNSHIP HALL

Come voice your concerns, give us your input on public safety and other issues in York Township!
York Charter Township's newspapers of record: *The Milan News-Leader* and *The Saline Reporter*