

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC**  
**Minutes for Township Board Committee-of-the Whole Meeting**  
**Held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room A at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hoffman.

Board Present: Supervisor Marilyn Hoffman, Clerk Cathy Lane, Treasurer Earl Guzak [arrived at 6:12 p.m.], and Trustees: Larry Anderson, Paul Bush, and Ryan Thompson.

Board Absent: Trustee Clevenger.

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, Assessor Peggy Nolde, Building /DPW Director Kirk Richardson, Finance Director Debra Barriger, Planner Michael Deem.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Clerk Lane, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

**002-2010 – Public Comment**

- **Charles Attia, 6955 Omar Court, Troy**, owner of Grand Blanc Woods Condominiums [southeast corner at Maple Avenue and Belsay Roads], explained he has forty-two (42) vacant lots. Seventeen (17) lots were mowed under the Township's Noxious Weeds Ordinance at a cost of \$165 each; he paid a contractor \$450 for the same service. The International Maintenance Code reference includes the term "premises." Because there were no structures on the lots, he believes they should only be treated as vacant land. He has spoken with Attorney Lattie and Building Official Kirk Richardson and was asking the Board for relief from the charges in these tough economic times.
- **Glenn Cottrell, 10218 Edgewood Drive**, was upset because the street in front of his home has been flooding, which has not been addressed and adds to the mosquito problem, and the twenty-four (24) vacant lots in his area. He has had difficulty with the DPW and the Police Department.

**003-2010 Department Action Items on January 14, 2010, Meeting**

- **Assessor Peggy Nolde** reported Magna Electronics has been in the Township under different names for over ten (10) years. Over the next five (5) years, she anticipates they will bring in 500+ new jobs. At this time, they are requesting \$20 million in tax abatements within their two (2) buildings, which will provide 170 new jobs. Based on the Township's guidelines, Magna qualifies for a ten-year (10) abatement because of the amount of their investment and the new jobs to be created. After her presentation on Thursday, Fred Erwin of Magna will make a power-point presentation, comments will be received from the public, and the Board will consider adopting the separate resolution for each parcel of property.
- Treasurer Guzak stated he is requesting an amendment to the Investment Policy and approval of the final payment to Ed Birkmeier Well Drilling for the Emergency Water Supply System Project, more commonly referred to as the Knollwood and Stockbridge Common wells. Treasurer Guzak reviewed the history of this project: (1) the original bid was \$835,627; (2) Changes Orders totaling \$70,000 were approved by the

previous Board; (3) additional Change Orders totaling \$78,995.34 were approved by a Department Head in accordance with the old policy because they were less than 10 percent of the total project; (4) Change Order No. 8 is a credit of \$2,600; (5) the final payment will be \$32,400 bringing the Total Final Cost to \$987,222.34. Kirk Richardson stated, for the last year, the drilling company has been unsuccessful in seeding the sites; therefore, the Township will retain the \$2,600 and hire a local landscaping company to complete the work.

- Supervisor Hoffman reviewed the Agenda for Thursday, January 14, 2010, and stated will e-mail her monthly report.

#### **004-2010 – Presentation for Future Consideration**

- **Building Official/DPW Director Kirk Richardson** stated he was requesting authorization to seek bids for a Skid Steer [Bobcat], for an estimated cost of \$50,000.00, based on the new Purchasing Policy. Demo equipment from various suppliers is being evaluated by the DPW. Evans Equipment is evaluating our current bobcat to determine the cost to have it repaired and its resale value. The bobcat is used to move snow in the parking lot, lift salt and heavy equipment into the trucks, and bring equipment and parts from the truck to the work sites, especially in confined residential areas. Mr. Richardson will submit the ad and bid specifications to Attorney Lattie and Clerk Lane for review and publication in the newspaper and on the web site. The Township owns a trailer to transport the bobcat to a site. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with seeking bids.
- **Rowe Professional Services Company report** indicated the Board needs to retain Bond Counsel and Financial Counsel to obtain bonds for the Surface Water Quality Initiative Fund [SWQIF] and Drinking Water Revolving Fund [DWRP] projects. Attorney Lattie reported he will discuss these projects with Roger Swets of Clark Hill PLC, our Bond Counsel for the Deerfield Subdivision Road Repair. Treasurer Guzak felt more banks would submit a proposal for these projects because of the larger amounts.

#### **005-2010 – Management Reports**

- **Township Manager Richard Dunnill** will e-mail his monthly report. Monthly staff meetings will resume on a regular basis the Monday following the Board's Thursday meeting.
- **Township Attorney David Lattie** requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
- **Supervisor Hoffman** will e-mail her monthly report.
- **Department Heads Written Monthly Reports** were received from: Assessor Peggy Nolde; Building Department / DPW Kirk Richardson; Engineer Roger Buell; Finance Director Debi Barriger; Fire Chief James Harmes; GIS Robbie Beller; Planner Michael Deem; Police Chief David Stamm; and Consultants – Rowe Professional Services Company – Jeff Markstrom

#### **006-2010 – Executive Session on Pending Litigation with Grand Blanc Schools**

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Clerk Lane, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with the Grand Blanc Schools at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Guzak, Thompson, Bush, Anderson, Lane, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to return to the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. and no action is necessary. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion carried.

There was general discussion of the operation of the Township, the responsibilities of the Township Manager, the full-time Board members, and the Board's desire to work with staff in the New Year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

**Board Approved: February 11, 2010**