

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC
Minutes for Township Board Regular Meeting
Held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Auditorium by Supervisor Hoffman.

Board Present: Supervisor Marilyn Hoffman, Clerk Cathy Lane, Treasurer Earl Guzak, and Trustees: Larry Alexander, Paul Bush, and Ryan Thompson.

Board Absent: Trustee Ben Clevenger.

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, GIS Coordinator Robbie Beller, IT Technician Darren Raymond, Planner Michael Deem,

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson, to approve the Agenda with the addition under New Business of an announcement from Assessor Nolde. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger].

020-2010 – Public Comment

- **Verlyn Gank, Baldwin Road, 4421 E. Baldwin Road**, thanked the Board for their service and commitment to the community. There is a large open parcel of land at I-75 and Baldwin Road with lakes and grade changes that has been for sale; hopefully, the Board would try to get grants to purchase it, as there are archeological digs and artifacts on the site. Mrs. Gank suggested the Board consider cutting the administrative fees or cutting back on the number of Planning Commission members.
- **William Duso, 5434 Mancelona**, introduced himself and presented his Letter of Interest to serve as Trustee.
- **Craig Banasiak, 2469 Greenacres**, was concerned about the DPW purchasing new equipment in these economic times. Agreed with the Board eliminating a position. Thanked the Board for their service and fiscal responsibility.
- **Ed Erdt, 7212 Porter Road**, concerned about the Skid Steer bids. We need to keep the present equipment rather than buying something bigger with all the extra equipment. We need to stop spending. Department Heads should come to the Board and explain why they need a piece of equipment.

021-2010 – Fire Chief Discussion of Act 57

Fire Chief Jim Harmes asked, since the Joint Meeting on January 6, 2010, are there any questions from the Board members about Act 57. Under Act 57, the operation of the Fire Department will remain the same. It would allow the Fire Commission to own property; apply directly for grants, i.e., for the new fire station; and they are considering a millage to operate the department to build financial stability and plan for the future. Board members had no questions at this time; Chief Harmes agreed to meet individually with Board members to address their concerns prior to the next meeting.

022-2010 – Assessor Peggy Nolde Leaving

Assessor Peggy Nolde informed the Board she is retiring to accept the position of Genesee County Equalization Director. Assessor Nolde recommended Anthony Ortiz, a member of her staff, be promoted to fill her position. Mrs. Nolde conveyed her confidence in the Assessing Department staff and their abilities to meet the needs of the Township. Township Manager Dunnill reported Mrs. Nolde has developed the qualifications for a Level 2

Appraiser to fill the vacancy; all the changes would result in a savings to the Township. Township Manager Dunnill and every Board member complimented Assessor Nolde's professionalism, her attainment of Level 4 Assessor and Certified Assessor Evaluator Certification [only 16 in the State of Michigan], the career opportunity she was accepting, and wished her well in her new endeavors.

023-2010 – GIS Department ONSSI Maintenance Agreement

Robbie Beller, GIS Coordinator, informed the Board, while staff was reviewing the locations of internal security cameras, he was unable to receive assistance from ONSSI because the Maintenance Agreement had not been renewed since the Police Department building was completed. Of the three quotes from Teoma Systems, our current system provider, Mr. Beller recommended the ONSSI equipment proposal for \$11,308.50 to update our licensing and software maintenance. This proposal provided additional credits toward upgrading the system that will not be available later in the year. When asked how many times maintenance has been required over the last two years, Darren Raymond, Information System Technician, reported he has been able to handle everything until it was decided to relocate cameras and purchase some new cameras.

The Board will consider GIS Department request to accept Teoma Systems proposal of \$11,308.50 for ONSSI equipment to update our camera licensing and software maintenance.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to authorize the purchase of the Teoma Systems proposal of \$11,308.50 for ONSSI equipment to update our security camera system. Voice vote. Ayes: Lane, Guzak, Hoffman. Nays: Bush, Anderson, Thompson. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion failed.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Thompson, to table discussion of the ONSSI equipment until the next Township Board meeting on February 11, 2010. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

024-2010 – Retirement of Sgt. Rick Whitham

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to acknowledge the 25 years of service with the Police Department of Sgt. Rick Witham, accept his letter of retirement effective February 1, 2010, and wish him well. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

025-2010 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Medical Marihuana

Planner Michael Deem reported, in November 2008, the voters of Michigan approved caregivers growing marijuana to assist people for medical purposes. To be proactive, Chief Stamm and the Planning Commission have defined Medical Marihuana Dispensaries, their location in the Health Care District as a Special Land Use, which requires meeting both general and specific standards of our Zoning Ordinance, and a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission. The amendment is consistent and compatible with state law. After lengthy discussion, the setback requirements were reduced from 1,000 feet to 500 feet from lot lines. On a 7 to 2 vote, the amendment was recommended for approval. One concern is the federal government does not allow it; therefore, we should not regulate it.

Attorney Lattie stated communities throughout the country are considering how to deal with the issue of medical marihuana. We have reviewed the state law and are at the forefront of dealing with the issue. Because we are fortunate to have the Health Care District, we have an appropriate location, which will help us avoid the misuse and abuse. As we deal with this issue, we can amend the Zoning Ordinance.

Treasurer Guzak asked how many sites can be built in the Health Care District; Planner Deem stated the number of sites depends on the size of the building and its location in the district. The Board preferred to be proactive in this issue.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Medical Marihuana [a/k/a Marijuana], as recommended by the Planning Commission. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

026-2010 – Employment Status of Police Officer

Attorney Lattie stated this may be a matter for Closed Session and suggested Management Reports be heard.

027-2010 – Management Reports

- **Township Manager Richard Dunnill**

Township Manager Dunnill provided the Board with his recommendations for staff re-organization and an organizational chart. The Board was asked to review the information for discussion at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting and call him if there are any questions.

- **Township Attorney David Lattie**

Attorney Lattie had no report; he requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Attorney Lattie asked Chief Stamm if the police officer had requested an Open or Closed Session. Chief Stamm stated the officer provided a written request for a Closed Session; but, stated he would not attend. Attorney Lattie informed the public that action may be taken at the end of the Closed Session.

028-2010 – Executive Session for Pending Litigation and Status of Police Officer

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Clerk Lane, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and the employment status of a Police Officer at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bush, Lane, Guzak, Anderson, Thompson, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to return to the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Thompson, to accept the recommendation of Police Chief Stamm and terminate Police Officer John Curtis. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger]. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

Board Approved: February 11, 2010