

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC
Minutes for Township Board Regular Meeting
To be Held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. called to order by Supervisor Hoffman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board Absent: Trustee Ben Clevenger [Resignation effective January 31, 2010].

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, DPW Kirk Richardson, and Planner Michael Deem.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to approve the Agenda with the following amendments: New Business, Item A, Agreement with Genesee County Drain Commission and Mundy Township for "2010 Baldwin Road Watermain Agreement DPW Director Richardson asked to be tabled for legal review; and Items H and J – discussion of Assessing Department staffing – removed by the Board for further review. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: Clevenger [resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

037-2010 – Public Comment

- **Brian Rivet, 5279 Crestwood**, stated he is interested in filling the Trustee vacancy.
- **Ronald Goldie, 5515 Woodfield Court**, introduced himself. Supervisor Hoffman was recommending him for an appointment to the Planning Commission. He was a civil engineer with three children in Grand Blanc schools.
- **Verlyn Gank, 4421 Baldwin Road**, the Planning Commission is talking about rezoning land - she recommended they look at the land before they rezone it to be sure the use fits. It can look good on paper but not when you look at the land. She supports the Board and commends them for taking time to serve the community.
- **Craig Banasiak, 2469 Greenacres**, thanked the Board for their service. Thought the election results would have been different had voters known the Board was going to raise the millage and separate the Fire Department from the City. Assessor Nolde should have explained the connection with the Genesee County Equalization Director and the person she recommended to replace her at the Township. Be transparent and careful to avoid appearance of conflict of interest.
- **Ed Erdt, 7212 Porter Road**, asked for an update of the bike path through Bicentennial Park, north through SPO property to Hill Road and if it would go in this year. [*Township has not been able to obtain easements from Consumers Energy and General Motors.*]

038-2010 – Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2010 – [Joint Meeting with Fire Commission and Grand Blanc City Council]; January 12, 2010 [Committee of the Whole Meeting]; January 14, 2010 [Regular Meeting]; and January 26, 2010 [Regular Meeting], as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

039-2010 – Treasurer Report

Motion by Treasurer Guzak, supported by Clerk Lane, to approve the Accounts Payable, as presented: General Fund \$775,585.01; DPW Fund \$316,262.60; Solid Waste \$109,456.85 for a Total of \$1,201,304.46. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

040-2010– ONSSI Security Camera Maintenance Agreement

Discussion of the ONSSI Security Camera Maintenance Agreement was tabled at the January 26, 2010, to allow the Board to investigate the matter further. GIS Coordinator Robbie Beller reported the maintenance agreement has been allowed to lapse when the Police Department building was finished; however, to relocate cameras, add cameras, and obtain additional licenses for our software it needs to be brought up to date. Trustee Anderson stated he met with the GIS Department and has a better understanding of the system.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to authorize the Maintenance Agreement with Teoma Systems for our ONSSI security camera system in the amount of \$11,308.50, as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

041-2010 – Transfer of Liquor License for Grand Blanc Sweet Water, Inc.

Attorney Kelly Allan, representing Kimberly Nannoshi of 7305 Silverbee, West Bloomfield, Michigan, informed the Board each municipality receives a quota of Class C licenses based on their population – one (1) license for every 1,500 people. Sweet Water Grill is requesting to Transfer Ownership of 2009 Tavern Licensed Business, located in Escrow at 8474 W. Mt. Morris Road, Flushing, MI 48433, Flushing Township, Genesee County, from Joseph L. Iaquinto & Mary L. Iaquinto to Grand Blanc Sweet Water, Inc.; Transfer Location Governmental Unit under MCL 436.1531(1) to 3015 East Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. This was a tavern license in Flushing Township, which was upgraded to a Class C license, which will be charged to Flushing Township and NOT Grand Blanc Township's quota. They have withdrawn their request for an SDM License, because Food Castle has an SDM License and is located in the same strip mall.

Attorney Allan reported Sweet Water will be located at the northwest corner of Grand Blanc Road and Dort Highway in the Food Castle strip mall. Until recently the area was utilized by an upscale clothing consignment shop at the southern end of the mall. Mrs. Nannoshi applied to the Planning Commission and was granted a Special Land Use for 100+ patrons and outside seating. It has come to their attention the Fire Code requires a business with 100+ patrons to install a sprinkler system. At this time, the cost to install a sprinkler system is prohibitive because of the increased startup costs. They have decided to limit the number of patrons to ninety-nine (99) and defer the installation of a sprinkler system until the business is expanded.

Attorney Lattie emphasized that state law requires establishments with 100+ occupants to have a proper sprinkler system. Should the establishment ever serve 100 or more patrons, there would be significant penalties from the Liquor Control Commission, which could include the loss of their liquor license.

Clerk Lane explained, if the request to transfer the license from Flushing Township were recommended for approval at this meeting, it would not receive approval from the State until the business had been inspected by our Building Department and been given an Occupancy Permit for that site.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission the approval of the transfer of Ownership of 2009 Tavern Licensed Business, located in Escrow at 8474 W. Mt. Morris Road, Flushing, Michigan 48433, Flushing Township Genesee County from Joseph L. Iaquinto & Mary L.

laquinto to Grand Blanc Sweet Water, Inc.; transfer location Governmental Unit under MCL436.1531(1) to 3015 East Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County; transfer Classification to Class C. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

042-2010 – Resignation/Appointment to Planning Commission

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson, to accept with regrets the resignation of Planning Commissioner Jim Wilson effective immediately, as he has accepted a position out of state. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Bush, to accept the Supervisor’s recommendation and appoint Ronald Goldie, II, 5515 Woodfield Court, to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jim Wilson until July 31, 2010. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

043-2010 – 2010 Baldwin Road Watermain Agreement

The Board tabled this matter for legal review at the request of DPW Director Kirk Richardson. The Board was to consider entering into an Agreement with the Genesee County Drain Commissioner and the Charter Township of Mundy to be designated as “2010 Baldwin Road Watermain Agreement” authorizing the acquisition and design of a new water main along Fenton Road and Baldwin Road east of Fenton Road. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$824,952.24 of which Grand Blanc and Mundy Townships will each pay \$387,486.12. When the Agenda was amended, this matter was tabled by the Board at the request of DPW Director Richardson for legal review.

044-2010 – ETNA Supply Company Fire Hydrants

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to award the 2010 bid for seventy-five (75) fire hydrants for the CIP Program to ETNA Supply Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for \$135,809.20. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

045-2010 – Oakwood Cemetery Fence

The Board considered the expenditure of \$5,527.10 from Michigan Fence Company of Flint, Michigan, to erect a four-foot high black vinyl fence, posts, and gate at Oakwood Cemetery. The Board requested DPW Director Kirk Richardson obtain the cost of commercial chain link fencing before making a decision.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson, to table the request for fencing for the Oakwood Cemetery to obtain the cost of commercial chain link fencing vs. the black vinyl fencing. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

046-2010 – Generator Inspections for 2010

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to enter into an Inspection Agreement for Calendar Year 2010 with GenPower Products, Inc., of Wixom, Michigan, for the maintenance and inspection of six (6) generators in the amount of \$4,245.50. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

047-2010 – Assessing Department Staffing

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Board agreed to table discussion of the Assessing Department staffing for further review and to investigate their options.

048-2010 – Part-time IT Technician

Township Manager Dunnill reported the GIS Department is requesting a part-time person to work twenty-four (24) hours or less per week to assist IT Technician Raymond, to perform some of the less technical upgrades while Mr. Raymond concentrates on security for the Township's operations, while will reduce overtime costs.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Clerk Lane, to authorize the hiring of a part-time IT Technician, at the request of Township Manager, to reduce overtime costs. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

049-2010 – Township Board Reports

- **Supervisor Marilyn Hoffman – report will be on the Web Site**
- **Trustee Larry Anderson – No meeting of Board of Appeals in February, due to lack of agenda items.**
- **Trustee Paul Bush – Fire Commission and Metro Alliance**

New fire truck has arrived and is in service. In January, there were forty (40) fire runs; this month there have been five (5). Mr. Bandurski sent another excellent report on Metro Alliance to the Board.

- **Trustee Ben Clevenger [resignation effective January 31, 2010] – Parks and Recreation Commission**
- **Trustee Ryan Thompson – Planning Commission**

On February 4, the Planning commission discussed the Master Plan and residents requested they reevaluate the Holly/Baldwin Roads area and the area at Dort Highway and Reid Road.

050-2010 – Skid Steer Bid

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to amend the Agenda at the request of DPW Director Kirk Richardson to accept the skid steer bid. Voice vote. Yeas: 4 [Anderson, Guzak, Lane, Hoffman]. Nays: 2 [Thompson, Bush]. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

DPW Director Richardson reported the DPW sought bids for a skid steer. Several demos were provided from various manufactures with all the bells and whistles for the DPW try out. He requested the Board approve the bid received from Evans Equipment for with a \$5,000 trade-in offer for our current skid steer, which is extremely rusted and was never able to lift heavier items. Most of the attachments could be utilized on the new skid steer. The equipment is utilized on a daily basis from clearing the parking lots, loading and unloading equipment from trucks, clearing areas of trees and brush. Trustee Thompson asked if we could delay the purchase; delaying the purchase would require rebidding and additional advertising costs.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to accept the skid steer bid from Evans Equipment for \$34,995.00 less the trade-in allowance of \$5,000.00 plus the following accessories: Heavy Duty Forks

\$825.00, Tree Shear \$7,284.00, Utility Grapple Bucket \$4,050.00, Snow Broom \$6,995.00 for a Total of \$49,149.00 from the DPW Fund. Voice vote. Ayes: 5. Nays: 1 [Thompson]. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

051-2010 – Management Reports

- **Township Manager Richard Dunnill**

Provided a written report. Assessor Nolde has scheduled meeting dates for the Board of Review: March 2, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. for Organizational Meeting. Residents can call the Assessing Department to schedule an appointment before the Board of Review on March 8, 9, and 10, 2010. The information is posted on the Web Site.

- **Attorney David Lattie**

The Township was granted injunctive relief in the lawsuit with Simple Time Farms. They must comply with our Zoning Ordinance and cannot live in the cabin until it is deemed habitable. The Grand Blanc Schools lawsuit against the Township and Genesee County Drain Commissioner was dismissed. If the Grand Blanc Schools drop the Township from the lawsuit, the Township is prepared to refund some monies based on the Schools participation in our voluntary program, which installs meters for two years and is evaluated to determine their actual use, which would also reduce their monthly water bills. Board members were informed they could discuss with School Board members dropping the Township from the appeal in order to receive these funds.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, Attorney Lattie send a letter to the Schools' attorney informing the Grand Blanc Community Schools the Board is willing to refund the appropriate monies based on the evaluation of the meter program and reduce the schools monthly water bills if they drop the Township from the lawsuit. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger-resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

The Board has been provided a draft contract with DPW Director Kirk Richardson. They may go into Executive Session If they want to discuss it.

052-2010 – Executive Session on Labor Contract

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to move into Executive Session to discuss Kirk Richardson's Labor Contract at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Thompson, Anderson, Guzak, Bush, Lane, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, supported by Trustee Anderson, to return to the regular meeting and adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

Board Approved: March 11, 2010