

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

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

Board Present: Supervisor Marilyn Hoffman, Clerk Cathy Lane, Treasurer Earl Guzak, and Trustees: Larry Anderson, Paul Bush, and Ryan Thompson. *Hans Rodgers [joined the table at the end of the meeting after taking his Oath of Office.]

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

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, Finance Director Debi Barriger, and Planner Michael Deem.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to approve the Agenda, as amended, with the person appointed Trustee taking the Oath of Office just before we adjourn. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010].

070-2010 – Appoint Trustee

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Bush, to appoint Hans Rodgers to fill the vacated position of Trustee Ben Clevenger until the November 2, 2010, General Election results are certified. Roll call vote. Ayes: Thompson, Bush, Anderson, Guzak, Lane, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

071-2010 – Public Comment

- **Ken Porzondek, 5380 Northwood**, informed the Board, the Michigan Sex Register has listed a registered sex offender from Texas living with a relative in Meadowwalk Subdivision. The subdivision residents have been notified. Any future misconduct will be dealt with strongly.
- **Craig Banasiak, 2469 Greenacres**, stated more candidates applied for the position of Trustee than anyone anticipated. Residents will get to vote in a few months. With our assessments going lower each year, nobody in the Township is untouchable. He will support the Board as they balance the budget without raising taxes because they have tough decisions to make and layoffs will be necessary.
- **Ed Erdt, 7212 Porter Road**, knows people are talking doom and gloom. Let's look on the other side – there is 14% unemployment – we still have 86% employed.

072-2010 – Approval of Minutes

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to approve the Minutes for: February 9, 2010 – Committee of the Whole Meeting; February 11, 2010 – Regular Meeting; February 23, 2010 – Regular Meeting; February 25, 2010 – Special Meeting to Reduce Applicants for Trustee Position to Interview; and March 4, 2010 – Special Meeting to Interview Applicants for Trustee Position. Voice vote.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

073-2010 – Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Treasurer Guzak, supported by Clerk Lane, to approve the Accounts Payable [General Fund \$950,494.00; DPW Fund \$1,432,325.72; Solid Waste \$109,441.13 for a Total of \$2,492,260.85. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Treasurer Guzak provided the public with an overview of the highlights of his Fourth Quarter Report for 2009 and copies were available at the door.

Motion by Treasurer Guzak, supported by Trustee Anderson, to accept the Treasurer’s Fourth Quarter Report for 2009, as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

74-2010 – Oakwood Cemetery Fence

Clerk Lane reported the DPW removed the dilapidated fencing and gates at Oakwood Cemetery several weeks ago. The Board has been considering installing either commercial chain link or black vinyl fencing and gates. The Peterman family, whose property surrounds the cemetery on three (3) sides and who maintained the cemetery for over forty (40) years, sent a letter stating they appreciated the removal of the old fencing; but, did not feel it was necessary to erect new fencing and gates. Family members still visit on a regular basis and it would limit their access. Therefore, Clerk Lane recommended the Board save the money. If a problem were to occur, the Peterman family would notify the Township.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, NOT to expend monies for fencing and gates at Oakwood Cemetery. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

075-2010 – General Fund Budget Amendments for 2009

Finance Director Barriger provided the Board with a Resolution to amend the 2009 General Fund Budget, as recommended by the auditors, for reporting the Deerfield Subdivision Road Improvements Special Assessments. Finance Director Barriger reviewed this matter with the auditors, because this is the first Township Special Assessment for road improvements, which was funded by bonds issued by the Township.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to adopt the Resolution for 2009 General Fund Budget Amendments for reporting the Deerfield Subdivision Special Assessments. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

076-2010 – Resolution for Nonprofit Organization “Continuing the Legacy”

Jeffrey Grayer of “Continuing the Legacy,” 4243 Redding Circle, explained it is a 501c(3) non-profit organization located in Grand Blanc Township. The Michigan Lottery requires the Township Board to approve the “Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses” in order for the organization to hold fund raisers. The organization is comprised of former Flint Athletes, who have participated in professional sports and have decided to give back to their community by encouraging children to participate in sports and then emphasize the importance of academics. They will be funding a Better Education Mentoring Program to connect students with positive adult role models in the Flint/Genesee County area for the purposes of building a lasting mentoring relationship where the students can explore various careers and educational opportunities, recreational events, cultural activities, relationship building and character development. Their office is located in Grand Blanc.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to recommend to the Michigan Lottery approval of the “Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for “Continuing the Legacy” and recognize its value to the development of the youth in Flint and Genesee County. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bush, Thompson, Anderson, Guzak, Lane, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

077-2010 – Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Festival for 2010

Attorney John Pavlis, representing Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, explained the Greek Festival was held annually at their former church on Ballenger Road near McLaren Hospital. They are completing construction of their new Church at 2245 Baldwin Road and have submitted the Application for an Outdoor Gathering Permit to hold their first festival in the Township from June 25 to June 27, 2010. This is a family event with food, dancing, and music. Former Township Police Captain Gary Hagler is working with Police Chief Stamm and other Department Heads to insure everything is in compliance Township ordinances. Supervisor Hoffman stated several members of the Board are familiar with the Greek Festivals and we welcome them to Grand Blanc.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to approve the request of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church for an Outdoor Gathering Permit for their Greek Festival to be held from June 25 to June 27, 2010, at their new Church at 2245 Baldwin Road. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

078-2010 – Retirement of Assessor Peggy Nolde

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson, to accept with regret the letter of retirement presented by Assessor Peggy Nolde effective March 31, 2010. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Supervisor Hoffman read a Resolution acknowledging Assessor Nolde’s Retirement, presented her with a clock, and informed the residents Mrs. Nolde has accepted the position of Genesee County Equalization Director effective May 1, 2010. Supervisor Hoffman called for a fifteen (15) minute recess to enjoy punch and cake to honor Mrs. Nolde.

079-2010 – Metropolitan Alliance Appointment

Motion by, Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to appoint Laura Allen-Besser, 7517 Porter Road, as our Citizen Representative to the Metropolitan Alliance until December 31, 2012, to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Vince Bandurski who was appointed to the Planning Commission. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Mrs. Besser thanked the Board for their support and stated she would work hard to meet the high standards established by Mr. Bandurski.

080-2010 – Mowing Services for 2010

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Thompson, to extend the Contract for mowing services, including the cemeteries, with Alpine Facility Services, LLC, for the 2010 Season with no increase in fees. The 2009 Mowing Contract was awarded to Ace Outdoor Services, which has reorganized their business under this new name. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

081-2010 – LiquiForce Contract with DPW

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to extend the Contract with LiquiForce ending April 30, 2010, for one (1) year at its present rates to complete sewer repairs and rehabilitation. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

082-2010 – Resignation of Contingent Dispatcher/Clerk Lewis

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Bush, to accept the resignation of Contingent Dispatch/Clerk Suzanne Lewis effective February 13, 2010, as she moved out of state. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

083-2010 – Genesee County Road Commission Agreement 50/50 Monies for Reid Road

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to enter into an Agreement with Genesee County Road Commission for 50/50 monies to be spent for engineering, inspections, and chip seal of .54 miles of Reid Road between Dort Highway and Porter Road for the total cost of \$15,059.98, which will be shared equally by the Township and GCRC. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

084-2010 – Dort Highway Sidewalk

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to authorize Rowe Professional Services Company to develop the design and construction of .4 mile of sidewalk on the west side of Dort Highway from Gibson Drive north to Edward Street at a cost of \$13,300 utilizing the 2010

Transportation Improvement Program [TIP] funds – no General Fund monies will be utilized. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

085-2010 – Holly Springs Subdivision Storm Sewers

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to authorize Rowe Professional Services Company to prepare construction documents for the installation of a storm sewer in front of the properties for an outlet for sump pump and footing drains within Holly Springs Subdivision Phase II – Non Road Commission Portion for \$8,700.00 from DPW Funds. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Trustee Anderson informed the residents, if this work was not performed, there would be substantial penalties imposed by Genesee County Drain Commission for excess storm water infiltrating the sanitary sewers.

086-2010 – Assessing Department Staffing

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to authorize the Township Manager to seek proposals to contract with a Certified Level 4 Assessor. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson to table creation of the Assessment Administrator position until there is a meeting with the Union Representatives. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, the Board agrees not to pursue a Level 2 Assessor. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

087-2010 – Update of Township Master Plan

Motion by Trustee Thompson, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to authorize the distribution of the Township DRAFT Master Plan to the Genesee County Planning Commission and abutting municipalities for their review and comments. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Clevenger – resignation effective January 31, 2010]. Motion approved.

088-2010 – Township Board Reports

- **Supervisor Marilyn Hoffman** – her monthly report will be on the Web Site tomorrow and e-mailed to the Board.
- **Trustee Larry Anderson – Board of Appeals** meeting in February was cancelled due to lack of Agenda items. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2010.

- **Trustee Paul Bush – Metro Alliance** was unable to attend the Metro Alliance. He will attend the March meeting with Vince Bandurski and Laura Allen-Besser. The **Fire Commission** is working on a draft of the Act 57 Proposal and Fire Chief Jim Harmes’ Contract.
- **Trustee Ben Clevenger – Parks and Recreation Commission** [Resignation effective January 31, 2010]. No report.
- **Trustee Ryan Thompson – Planning Commission** did not meet in March due to lack of Agenda items. The next meeting will be April 1, 2010.

089-2010 – Management Reports

- **Township Manager Richard Dunnill** – the Manager’s Report is on the Web Site and was distributed today to the Board by e-mail.
- **Township Attorney David Lattie** – No report.

090-2010 – Swearing In of Trustee Hans Rodgers

Clerk Lane issued the Oath of Office to new Trustee Hans Rodgers, who was asked to join the Board on the dais.

Motion by Trustee Rodgers, supported by Trustee Bush, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Voice vote.
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

Board Approved: April 8, 2010