

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC
Minutes for Township Board Regular Meeting
Held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, Hans Rodgers, and Ryan Thompson.

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, DPW Director Kirk Richardson, Finance Director Debi Barriger, Planner Michael Deem, Jeff Markstrom of Rowe Professional Services Company.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to approve the Agenda with the following amendments: Presentation by Laurie Mitchell of Grand Blanc Your Ride to explain the Mass Transportation Millage Renewal; deletion of the Treasurer's report which will be presented at our June 10, 2010, meeting; the First Reading of the Water Rate Ordinance; and formation of a Police Committee. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

144-2010 – Mass Transportation Authority Millage Renewal on August 3, 2010, Ballot

Laurie Mitchell, the Grand Blanc Your Ride Service Center Manager, presented an overview of the services offered by the Mass Transportation Authority millage and requested support of the community for its renewal on the August 3, 2010, Election Ballot. This millage is a renewal – not a new tax – and provides many individuals with their only means of transportation.

Ms. Mitchell has been at the Grand Blanc Center located at the southeast corner of Dort Highway and Center Road since it opened about five (5) years ago. This location handles the "simulator" for training new drivers. Your Ride provides transportation for individuals not located on a fixed route, mothers with small children, and persons with special needs. Your Ride has vans equipped with lifts and ambulatory vans with trained personnel able to handle residents with physical disabilities and wheelchairs. In 2009, Grand Blanc residents utilized 50,000 one-way trips. The County MTA system provides rides for 6,000,000 passengers a year. Their service area includes Flint, Genesee, Shiawassee, Livingston, and Oakland Counties. Dialysis patients have increased substantially and the initial four locations have grown to fourteen (14) units throughout the County; these patients require transportation three (3) times a week for care. General Motors workers can board a bus at Genesys and be driven to GM offices in Oakland County.

Like everyone, the MTA is facing financial deficits and renewing the millage in August will maintain these essential services to groups of individuals without any means of transportation. Ms. Mitchell urged the Board to support the millage renewal in the community.

145-2010 – Public Comment

- **Verlyn Gank, 4421 E. Baldwin Road**, thanked the Township for repairing her driveway, which was damaged during construction of the Baldwin Road water line. Supports the Township Mosquito Control Program utilizing larvicide – it has a positive effect in the community and the wetlands on her property. Complimented the Township's involvement in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the West High School. Asked the Board to view the unsightly appearance of the Consumers' Energy right-of-way along Dort Highway across from Heritage Park. Asked the Board to make sure they can afford to snow plow the

subdivisions – it may be a service we can no longer afford. The Planning Commission meeting on May 6, 2010, was a waste of taxpayers' money – there was nothing of value on the Agenda. Encouraged the Board to work jointly with the City on the Fire millage. There are a number of large trees in Grand Reserve that are in standing water – the drainage problem needs to be corrected or they will die. Mrs. Gank asked if the water rate increase will affect people who only have sewers – No, the rate increase is for water customers.

146-2010 – Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Guzak stated the motion for Crack Sealing in the April 27, 2010, Minutes, Item 131-2010 Crack Sealing, needs to be amended; he recalled the purchase of the crack seal material was tabled to allow Trustee Anderson time to inspect the roads that were cracked sealed in 2009.

Motion by Treasurer Guzak, supported by Trustee Bush, to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2010 [Regular Meeting] with the following amendment to Item 131-2010 – Crack Sealing for 2010 to read: “Motion by Trustee Rodgers, supported by Trustee Anderson, to table the purchase of six (6) 2,500 lbs. pallets of Crack Sealing for a total cost of \$13,200 from Davison Township, as requested by DPW Director Richardson, to allow Trustee Anderson to inspect the roads that were crack sealed in 2009. Voice vote Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 [Lane]. Motion approved.” Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2010 [Committee of the Whole Meeting] and April 8, 2010 [Regular Meeting], as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

147-2010 – Treasurer's Report

Motion by Treasurer Guzak, supported by Clerk Lane, to approve the Accounts Payable, as provided, General Fund \$1,113,309.66; DPW Fund \$950,412.84; and Solid Waste Fund \$111,095.92 for a Total of \$2,174,818.42, as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

Treasurer Guzak reported he had difficulty obtaining the background information for his First Quarter Report and prefers to present the Financial Report for the First Quarter of 2010 on June 10, 2010, when more people are in attendance.

148-2010 – First Reading of the Water Rate Ordinance

DPW Director Kirk Richardson reported, in the Board packet was the February memo from the Drain Commissioner on proposed Detroit Water Board water rate increases of \$1.53 per 1,000 cubic feet effective July 1, 2010, an average increase of \$22 per year. Today, we received the Drain Commissioner's memo dated May 12, 2010, stating the Detroit Water Board approved a rate change. The City of Flint, Genesee County, and Grand Blanc Township passed through Detroit's increase; they did not increase their rates. Attorney Lattie provided General Ordinance No. 004 for a First Reading on the water rates adopted by Detroit in order to have it approved as close as possible to the effective date of the rate increase. To become effective, a Second Reading and publication in the newspaper are required.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to adopt the First Reading of General Ordinance No. 004 for increases to the Water Rates as approved by the Detroit Water Board with no additional charges from the City of Flint, Genesee County, or Grand Blanc Township. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

149-2010 – Crack Sealing Program for 2010

DPW Kirk Richardson reported the crack seal materials arrived earlier than anticipated and have been delivered to the Genesee County Road Commission Atlas Township Garage. The first year of the program was 2009; the GCRC and DPW worked together for three days and crack sealed Braemoor Phase III, Shadybrook Lane, and part of Grand Wailea Subdivision. The crack seal held up over the winter, was not damaged by snow plowing, and protected the roads. DPW Director Kirk Richardson recommended the Board purchase the materials and GCRC and the DPW would spend six (6) days this year completing Grand Wailea Subdivision, Meadowwalk Drive, Creekside Village, and Kimberly Drive north from Hill Road until the material runs out. Trustee Anderson reported he inspected the roads with Mr. Richardson; this is a different product and a better process than commercial contractors utilized in the parking lot where he works. Crack sealing will extend the life of a road.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Bush, to purchase six (6) 2,500 lb. pallets of Crack Sealing at a total cost of \$13,200.00 from the General Fund and complete the roads in Grand Wailea Subdivision, Meadowwalk Drive, Creekside Village, and Kimberly Drive north from Hill Road. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

150-2010 – Retirement of Sergeant Dennis Chase

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to accept with deep regret the retirement of Sgt. Dennis Chase effective May 31, 2010, and acknowledge his 29 years of dedicated service to the community and the Grand Blanc Township Police Department. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

151-2010 – AT&T Easement for Cell Tower in Bicentennial Park

Attorney Lattie reported he reviewed the AT&T Easement, Director of Parks and Recreation Kae Eidson and DPW Director Kirk Richardson walked the site to insure the easement would not negatively affect any utilities or future plans for the park. AT&T will pay \$1,5000.00 for the easement.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Rodgers, to authorize the AT&T Easement Agreement through Creasey Bicentennial Park to the Cell Tower and receipt of \$1,500.00 for the easement from AT&T. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

152-2010 – Policy on Use of Township Facilities

The Board received a Policy on the Use of Township Facilities drafted by Township Attorney Lattie and Township Manager Dunnill addressing the use of the meeting rooms in the Township Hall and the Police Department.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Clerk Lane, to adopt the Policy on the Use of Township Facilities as presented by Attorney Latte. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 [Rodgers]. Motion approved.

153-2010 – Establish Police Committee

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Rodgers, to re-establish a Police Committee to include the Chief of Police, Township Manager, Supervisor Hoffman, and Trustees Anderson and Rodgers. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

154-2010 – Township Board Reports

- **Supervisor Marilyn Hoffman** – reported she put her report on the Web Site today.

- **Trustee Larry Anderson – Board of Appeals**

The Board met on April 20, 2010, and approved three (3) signs variances and variances for Auto Mart.

- **Trustee Paul Bush – Fire Commission and Metro Alliance**

Because of a prior commitment, he was unable to attend the Metro Alliance meeting; but, Citizen Representative Laura Allen-Besser sent her notes to the Board. Funding of the Fire Department is ongoing with the Subcommittee, the City, and the Township.

- **Trustee Hans Rodgers – Parks and Recreation Commission**

Parks and Recreation met on April 15, 2010. Brief discussion on change orders related to soccer fields at Bicentennial Park. Time of future meetings changed to 5:30 p.m. Evaluating budget to try and provide additional chloride treatment.

- **Trustee Ryan Thompson – Planning Commission**

On May 6, there was extensive discussion with Pulte Homes' representatives about The Grand Reserve located at the northwest corner of Baldwin and Vassar Roads. They want to amend their Site Plan to be allowed to build single-family homes on slabs. Pulte representatives will review their proposal based on their discussion with the residents and Planning Commission. There was some discussion on housing for the elderly, which is an Agenda item for the June 3, 2010, meeting.

155-2010 – Management Reports

- **Township Manager Richard Dunnill**

Township Manager Dunnill stated he e-mailed the Board his report on May 10, 2010. The McFarlen Library is smoke free. The Library Board is requesting their entire parcel of land be declared a non-smoking area.

- **Township Attorney David Lattie**

Attorney Lattie explained he will expand the Policy on Use of Township Facilities to include both outdoor and indoor facilities. When the outdoor facilities policy is drafted, there will be extended rules for indoor facilities.

Supervisor Hoffman stated the Executive Session has been postponed. It will be discussed at our next meeting. The attorney and union were unable to resolve the language on Assessing Department staffing.

Motion by Trustee Rodgers, supported by Trustee Bush, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Voice vote.
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

Board Approved: June 10, 2010