

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC**  
**Minutes for Township Board Regular Meeting**  
**Held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, and Hans Rodgers.

Board Absent: Trustee Ryan Thompson

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, and Finance Director Debi Barriger, GIS Coordinator Robbie Beller, and Jeff Markstrom of Rowe Professional Services Company.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson, to approve the Agenda for May 25, 2010, as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 2 [Guzak,Thompson]. Motion approved.

**157-2010 – Public Comment**

- **Ernestine Tune, 5176 Cortland**, speaking as the Natural Resources Chairperson for the League of Women Voters of Genesee County, stated the group is nonpartisan but advocates for issues they have studied. The League of Women Voters is opposed to the Township's Ballot Proposal for Mosquito Control because it uses aerial spraying. Ms. Tune reported their studies indicate it is a health hazard, has caused difficulty for some persons with reduced immune systems, and is not effective. The spraying is done to reduce the nuisance of mosquitoes – not to eliminate disease.
- **Susan Hudson, 1068 West Judd Road**, of the League of Women Voters, concerned about the health risks from the use of pesticides and spraying. Their studies show it causes health risks and has resulted in health problems with children. Ms. Hudson was also concerned about the liability exposure of the Township if a resident becomes ill from the spray.
- **Bobbie Walton of Davison**, a member of the National Organization for Women Genesee County Chapter, reported pregnant women, children, and families are at risk from aerial spraying. She knows homeowners can opt out of spraying; but, was concerned about its affect on the water shed. Ms. Walton indicated pesticides have been linked to cancer and hipper activity. A better way to treatment for mosquitoes is to kill the larvae. The League is opposed to the Township's August ballot question; she would prefer the Township hold off until they find better ways to treat for mosquitoes.
- **Laurie Tata of Clio**, a member of the Sierra Club Nepessing Group covering Genesee, Lapeer, and northern Oakland Counties, opposes the use of pesticides because of the harm they have on the environment.

\*Treasurer Guzak arrived at 6:19 p.m.

### **158-2010 – Software Maintenance Contract**

GIS Coordinator Robbie Beller requested approval of the Annual Service Contract for Azteca Cityworks including all software upgrades. It is primarily utilized by the DPW for creating work orders, which track the amount of time and cost for repairs, i.e., equipment, employees, parts and materials; it also maintains an accurate inventory of parts associated with a work order and our inventory stock. Mr. Beller stated the plan is to expand the utilization of this software to other department functions including fleet maintenance.

Motion by, Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Bush, to approve the renewal of the Azteca Cityworks Software Annual Maintenance Contract for \$11,930.00 to be paid by the DPW Fund. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Thompson]. Motion approved.

### **159-2010 – GM Easement for Bike Path across SPO Property**

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to approve the request of Michael Hilfinger of GM Worldwide Real Estate for \$2,000.00 to reimburse General Motors for legal expenses to prepare the easement for the bike path across General Motors SPO property to Hill Road. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Thompson]. Motion approved.

Jeff Markstrom of Rowe Professional Services explained the bike path is a \$1 million Enhancement Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation with 70/30 participation from the Township. The project has been granted a one-year extension to obtain the easements. The easements have been approved and insurance requirements have been met. Consumers Energy review of the plans should be completed in two weeks. With these approvals, it is anticipated the final plans will be submitted to the Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation, who will seek bids, work would begin this Fall and be completed in the Summer of 2011.

### **160-2010 – Management Reports**

- Township Manager Richard Dunnill – no report.
- Township Attorney David Lattie

Attorney Lattie stated there are two items to report:

1. About sixty (60) days ago, the Board approved a Quota Class C Liquor License for Ghassan Saab under the name SGT, Ltd. I, the owner of The Silverton Collection, for the Ichiban Grill, a tenant. Today, the Clerk received a letter from Attorney Roger Isaac requesting the Board to approve the Liquor License for Ichiban. He will review the documentation and report to the Board in June. Clerk Lane reported the request for the license came from SGT, Ltd. I, and the review predicated on Mr. Saab, the property owner holding the license.
2. The soccer fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park were constructed because of a \$150,000.00 50/50 State grant with the Township paying \$75,000.00. Spicer Engineering provided the plans and the bid was awarded to Dean Holmes Excavating. During construction, it was determined by the contractor that additional grading was necessary. Dean Holmes Excavating has submitted a bill of \$45,000.00 for the additional grading. A meeting was held with DPW Director Kirk Richardson, Attorney Lattie, Holmes Excavating, and Spicer. If there were errors, it was not the Township. Attorney Lattie had suggested he would be willing to act as facilitator; but, because this was not a Township project, the Board informed Attorney Lattie he was not to

act as a facilitator. Spicer and Holmes need to resolve their differences. Township Manager Dunnill reported there is minor debris to be picked up and the grass has to be satisfactorily established.

**161-2010 – Executive Session on Labor Agreement for Assessing Staff**

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Rodgers, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Labor Agreement for the Assessing Staff at 6:35 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bush, Anderson, Guzak, Rodgers, Lane, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Thompson]. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Bush, supported by Trustee Anderson, to return to the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. and take no action. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Thompson]. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

**Board Approved: June 10, 2010**