

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND BLANC
Minutes for Township Board Regular Meeting
Held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 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, *Hans Rodgers, and Ryan Thompson.

Board Absent: Trustee Paul Bush.

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Dunnill, Township Attorney David Lattie, Finance Director Debra Barriger, Deputy Assessor Rebecca Salvati, Consultants Jack Wheatley and Jeff Markstrom of Rowe Professional Services Company.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Voice vote. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 2 [Bush, Rodgers]. Motion approved.

187-2010-Public Comment

- **Ernestine Tune, 5176 Cortland Drive, representing League of Women Voters,** The League does take positions on issues and is opposed to renewal of the mosquito millage because of pesticides, aerial spraying, and health issues. So far this season, there have been two (2) sprayings compared with 29 sprayings in 2009, and 41 sprayings in 2006. They intend to defeat the proposal in August. We should use only larviciding.
- **Ms. Bobby Walton, 8412 Mapleview Drive, Davison, Michigan, representing League of Women Voters,** stated she has studied the environmental policies and laws of the 1960s and 1970s, and the National Environmental Policy of 1969 approved by President Nixon, who established the Environmental Protection Agency. Because the Township's program is not federally funded, the Township is not required to do an Environmental Impact Statement and take public comments; she recommends the Board take public comments. Ms. Walton is opposed to this program because of the impact of pesticides on individuals, suggested the Township look at other ways to eradicate mosquitoes, and educate the public on how to avoid getting bitten, i.e., sprays, clothing, and removing standing water. She was willing to provide copies of the various reports.
- **William Cross, 5262 Mill Wheel,** is unable to park his 22-foot camper along the side or rear of his home. He has received several letters from the Township to remove the trailer and has to take it to Lapeer for storage and bring it back to get ready for camping. Mr. Cross suggested the Board amend the ordinance to provide a temporary permit for a fee so homeowners who cannot meet the ordinance requirements can park their trailers in the driveway during summer months – May through September.
- **Laura Allen-Besser, 7517 Porter Road,** reported traffic along Porter Road has reduced significantly with the end of the school year at Woodland Park Academy. Currently, bulldozers are working on the property. She asked the Board for any names or State departments neighbors could contact to explain their concerns about this school to the proper authorities. Township Manager Dunnill recommended the neighbors contact State Representative Paul Scott, who has been working on this issue.

- **Roger Buell, 519 Charing Cross**, County Commissioner Candidate, was concerned about the increased cost for the Bicentennial Pathway since the time it was approved in 2005 and asked for an explanation of the increased costs.
- **Ed Erdt, 7212 Porter Road**, stated he spoke to State Representative Paul Scott about Woodland Park Academy's driveway onto Porter Road. He was glad to see the Board is looking at cost savings for cleaning its two (2) buildings.
- **Trustee Larry Anderson, 5424 Fairview Drive**, stated he appreciates comments from the public; but, it is not up to the Board to make a decision on the mosquito millage – whether we are for or against is irrelevant. Voters will decide at the August Election what they want done regarding mosquito control.

188-2010 – Overview of Mosquito Control Program by Mike Rogers of Rose Pest Solutions

Mr. Rogers reported the Department of Natural Resources began a new permit program this year, which required approvals from the Township, the County Drain Commissioner, and the Genesee County Road Commission. Because of the State's new requirements, he recommended the permit process begin in January 2011. They have concentrated on treating more wetlands and catch basins with briquettes. Community and Homeowners meetings have given them the opportunity to treat areas they were unaware of in the past. In areas like Saginaw, residents are complaining about the mosquitoes. They are dedicated to reducing the use of pesticides. They tested for West Nile on June 18 and will be testing again next week.

*Trustee Hans Rodgers arrived at 6:30 p.m.

189-2010 – General Ordinance No. 005 Elimination of Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Programs

Attorney Lattie noted the County has agreed to return these programs to the Township when requested.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Anderson, to adopt the Second Reading of General Ordinance No. 005, the Amendment which will repeal General Ordinance 08-02, and return the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Programs to the Genesee County Drain Commissioner. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

190-2010 - Retirement of Detective Scott Rust

Motion Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Thompson, to accept the request of Detective Scott Rust to retire effective June 30, 2010, and thank him for 25 years of dedicated service with our Police Department. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

191-2010 – Consumers Energy Easement for Bicentennial Park Multi-Use Pathway

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Rodgers, to enter into the License Agreement with Consumers Energy for the 14-foot wide Easement across their property for the Bicentennial Park Multi-use Pathway and the perpetual One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollar Annual Payment to Consumers Energy for this Easement. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

192-2010 – Genesee County Road Commission Agreement for the Bicentennial Park Multi-Use Pathway

Consultant Jack Wheatley of Rowe Professional Services Company explained the prior Board applied for the 70/30 Federal Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Act Program. It was approved in 2006 for \$989,000.00 for the Multi-purpose Pathway as part of the Township's overall Non-motorized Pathway Program. The project is a 10-foot wide, 2.75 mile non-motorized pathway starting at Grand Blanc Road, north through Creasey Bicentennial Park, along Reid Road, across the West Middle School, Consumers Energy, and General Motors SPO properties and ending at Hill Road. Enhancement Grants are now limited to 70 percent (70%) of the cost to a maximum of \$692,000.00. The Township received two extensions for this project because of the difficulty obtaining easements from Consumers Energy and General Motors, which is part of the reason for the projected increased costs. The Board will enter into the Local Road Agreement for the Bicentennial Park Multi-Use Pathway with the Genesee County Road Commission for the revised amount of \$1,098,020.00 with the Township responsible for the entire cost with reimbursement from the Grant for \$692,000.00. Plans are being finalized to be on the September 2010 bid list. When the bids are received, they will be brought back to the Board for evaluation and, if necessary, to reduced the cost and scope of the project. Trustee Rodgers cautioned the Board that before applying for and approving Grants, the Board must be more conscious of the hidden expenses that will increase the total costs for the projects.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to enter into the Agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the Bicentennial Park Multi-Use Pathway in the amount of \$1,098,020.00 with reimbursement from the Federal Enhancements Funds of \$692,114.50 and \$405,905.50 from the Capitol Improvement Funds. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

193-2010 – Genesee County Treasurer Tax Reverted Properties

Deputy Assessor Rebecca Salvati provided the Board with information on each of the 135 parcels of property and a map noting their location in the Township to assist the Board in determining if any should be acquired by the Township. Ms. Salvati identified eight (8) parcels the Board may consider to reduce blight in the neighborhood, i.e., a burned house, abandoned lots with basements, and a condemned house. Attorney Lattie explained Community Development Block Grant Funds have been designated for the purpose of removing blight; if the properties are in foreclosure, CDBG monies can be utilized. Ms. Salvati recommended letting the properties go back to the County. If they are put up for auction, they may be purchased and returned to the Tax Roll. Attorney Lattie noted insurance monies come in slowly to cover the expense of burned out properties; but, he does pursue obtaining funding by putting the costs on the tax role.

Motion by Clerk Lane, supported by Trustee Thompson, to notify the Genesee County Treasurer's Office the Charter Township of Grand Blanc has no interest in purchasing any of the Tax Reverted Properties listed in their Memorandum of June 10, 2010. Voice vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

194-2010 – Cleaning Services for Government Center and Police Department Buildings

Township Manager Dunnill provided proposals from Professionals Choice Cleaning Services for reducing costs for cleaning the Police Department and the Township Government Center five days a week. DPW Director is attending a training session; but, has suggested some of the work can be done in house. The Board and employees were all highly complementary of Professionals Choice Cleaning exemplary service, professionalism, and trustworthiness. Police Chief Stamm provided a statement, because of the special needs of the Department, the service in the Police Building be reduced to four days a week; Professionals Choice has been available 24/7 to handle their needs for years. Chuck and Matt Sanborn, owners of the company, noted they were providing additional savings to the Township because the cost of cleaning supplies was included in their

proposals; they explained additional services, i.e., window washing, carpet cleaning, stripping and waxing floors, and on-call needs would be billed separately when requested by the Township. The Board agreed and felt it was reasonable. It is necessary for the Board to reduce budget expenses in this economy.

Motion by Trustee Rodgers, supported by Treasurer Guzak, to enter into a contract with Professionals Cleaning Service effective July 1, 2010, to clean three (3) days a week at the Police Department at \$2,700.00 a month and two (2) days a week at the Government Center for \$1,400.00 a month based on their proposals with additional services and on-call services to be billed separately. Voice vote. Ayes: 4. Nays: 2 [Lane, Hoffman]. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

195-2010 – Management Reports

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

196-2010 – Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Rodgers, supported by Trustee Anderson, to go into Executive Session to discuss a Labor Agreement for Assessing, Update on Pending Tax Tribunal Cases, and the Superintendent's Evaluation at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Rodgers, Thompson, Anderson, Guzak, Lane, Hoffman. Nays: 0. Absent: 1 [Bush]. Motion approved.

*Trustee Bush arrived in time for the Executive Session.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, supported by Trustee Bush, to return to the Regular Meeting and adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk Cathy Lane

Board Approved: July 15, 2010