

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**PRESENT:   ROBERT J. CANNON       SUPERVISOR**  
**KIM MELTZER               CLERK**  
**PAUL GIELEGHEM TREASURER**

**JOE A. ARAGONA         TRUSTEE**  
**MIKE KEYS                 TRUSTEE**  
**KENNETH PEARL         TRUSTEE**  
**JENIFER WEST            TRUSTEE**

**ABSENT:    NONE**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Also in attendance was Mr. Jack Dolan, Township Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Meltzer stated there are five deletions from tonight's agenda:

4. Proposed Rezoning: OS-1 Office/Service (Low-Rise) to RML Multiple-Family Residential (Low-Density): 1.638 acres of vacant land N/Canal, E/Hayes (Section 7)
6. Adopt Resolution #4 - Special Assessment Project P-2007 Thornton Street Paving: Schedule Public Hearing #2 on the Assessment Roll
7. Adopt Resolution #4 - Special Assessment Project P-2015 Lakewood Street Paving: Schedule Public Hearing #2 on the Assessment Roll
8. Adopt Resolution #4 - Special Assessment Project P-2018 Abela Street Paving: Schedule Public Hearing #2 on the Assessment Roll
9. Adopt Resolution #4 - Special Assessment Project P-2019 Picton Court Paving: Schedule Public Hearing #2 on the Assessment Roll

Mrs. Meltzer stated there are five additions to tonight's agenda:

16. Request Approval for Pay Increase for Election Temporary Workers
17. Approval of Placement of Gate on Existing Posts for Residential Property - 21355 Dunham
18. Request Approval for Placement of Temporary Structure at Northeast Lot of the Mall at Partridge Creek
19. Extension of Planning Services Contract with Carlsisle Wortman
20. Final Approval of Nicholson Nature Center Park Agreement

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona to approve tonight's agenda with the deletion of Items #4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and the addition of Items #16 through #19. Roll Call: Ayes - Pearl, Aragona, West, Keys, Cannon, Gielegthem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

Mr. Cannon gave a public service announcement regarding misinformation being circulated regarding the Police, Fire and Road millages. The Township does not receive funds for roads and the police and fire millages are renewals, not increases. He asked that anyone needing further clarification call his office or visit the Township website.

### **1. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER CITY EXCHANGE WITH YASU SHIGA JAPAN**

Mr. Cannon thanked the volunteers that take in our visitors.

Mrs. Meltzer is hosting a student and feels it's a rewarding experience.

Mr. Aragona was in Japan last year and echoed Mrs. Meltzer's comments.

Mr. Gielegthem was a host in the past. He feels that this is very educational for hosts with children.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mrs. Meltzer to receive and file the resolution recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City Exchange with Yasu Shiga Japan. Roll Call: Ayes - Pearl, Meltzer, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegthem. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

### **2. INTRODUCTION OF APPOINTMENT APPLICANTS TO THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Kate Brown introduced herself. She currently works in the library and is on their Cultural Diversity Committee. She would like to see the two committees work collaboratively.

Mrs. Meltzer talked about the events taking place Wednesday on the Civic Center grounds at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Lisa Valerio-Nowc introduced herself. She also has been a librarian for 25 years and is the daughter of immigrant parents.

Mrs. West said there will be another opening on the committee due to a resignation.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mrs. West to receive and file the letter dated June 27, 2018 from the Administrative Aide, and the introduction of appointment

applicants to the Cultural Diversity Committee. Roll Call: Ayes - Keys, West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**3. SPECIAL LAND USE FOR A CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN THE R-5 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BOND OF PEACE MINISTRIES/PRECIOUS ANGELS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (FKA ST. MARY'S SCHOOL): 4.06 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED N/ST. FRANCIS, E/ORMSBY, ADDRESSED AS 24475 ST. FRANCIS (SECTION 13)**

Maurice Marshall, 42610 Colorado Drive, stated they already have a daycare in Chesterfield but they have grown, so they needed a larger facility. They are not far behind from starting the ministry. The daycare is currently running for profit and are leasing space from the church. They run a Christian curriculum. The children they take in are ages 2 and up.

Mr. Pearl stated the daycare has to be considered as part of the church and can't be a separate entity.

Mr. Miller asked if they followed up with the State of Michigan since they are taking in students Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He also let him know that they will need to follow up with the Building Department.

Mr. Marshall said that he did contact the State of Michigan for their requirements and will be working with our Building Department.

Motion by Mrs. West, supported by Mr. Pearl to receive and file the letter dated July 3, 2018 from the Planning Commission Secretary and approve the request for special land use for a church and school in the R-5 one-family residential district and site development plan for Bond of Peach Ministries/Precious Angels Christian Academy (fka St. Mary's School) being 4.06 acres of land located N/St. Francis, E/Ormsby, addressed as 24475 St. Francis (Section 13). Roll Call: Ayes - West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays - Keys. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**4. SIGN LOCATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING TO RENEW POLICE AND FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MILLAGE FOR 2018**

Mr. Cannon explained that this is the annual renewal which was established in 1985 on real property, not personal property.

Mr. Bob Hogan, 36755 Barr, asked if this was part of the millages being voted on in August.

Mr. Cannon clarified that it was not.

Mr. Gielegem explained that this is the basis of the police and fire departments and is a Board approved millage to help in covering revenue losses.

Mr. Dolan stated this is a special assessment. The millages before the voters in August are actually taxes.

Mr. Hogan asked how many officers are doing 12 hours shifts.

Captain Wade explained that the road patrol does 12 hour shifts and is rotated. Each officer works 84 hours during a two week period. They have found this is a much more efficient way to operate. The officers have multiple devices to log into before getting on the road.

Mr. Pearl said it was explained to him that the longer shifts would help in continuing investigations that were started during the shift.

Mr. Hogan feels we need more officers.

Mr. Dolan said we would keep the public hearing open throughout the meeting and periodically check to see if there are any comments.

**6. ADOPT RESOLUTION #4 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2007 THORNTON STREET PAVING: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #2 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

**7. ADOPT RESOLUTION #4 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2015 LAKEWOOD STREET PAVING: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #2 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

**8. ADOPT RESOLUTION #4 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2018 ABELA STREET PAVING: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #2 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

**9. ADOPT RESOLUTION #4 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2019 PICTON COURT PAVING: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #2 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

**10. REQUEST TO INCREASE THE "COMPUTER COSTS" LINE ITEM (206-336-732.000) BY \$35,000**

Mr. Gielegghem mentioned the Board felt county dispatch would save us money. He understands this is a necessary expense but thinks there are more capital expenditures coming our way. He would like the county to come and present on the progress and costs annually as they have in the past.

Mr. Keys says the county is investing more money to get qualified candidates.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Cannon to receive and file the letter from the Township Fire Chief, and approve the request to increase the "Computer Costs" line item (206-336-732.000) by \$35,000 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes - Pearl, Cannon, West, Keys, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Mrs. Meltzer to request the County COMTEC officials come to a future Board meeting to give a presentation regarding the dispatch system. Roll Call: Ayes - Gielegghem, Meltzer, West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**11. BID APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF 13 AED DEVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CIVIC CENTER**

Motion by Mrs. West, supported by Mr. Keys to receive and file the letter dated June 28, 2018 from the Township Fire Chief, and award the bid to Rescue One Training for Life, Inc. for the purchase of 13 AED devices for the Fire Department and Civic Center with the budgeted cost being \$15,405.00. Roll Call: Ayes - West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE, AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE AND CLOSE SALE OF PROPERTY**

Mr. Dolan said this is a formality for the title company. They would like to have a resolution in place for the St. Louis property.

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Mr. Pearl to approve the resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor to execute the agreement for purchase and sale, amendment to purchase agreement and any required documents to complete and close the sale of the property. Roll Call: Ayes - Gielegghem, Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**13. RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES HAS CREATED A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CRISIS FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**

Mr. Gielegghem said that he had contacted a law firm regarding this litigation and the growing epidemic.

Mrs. Meltzer stated that Mr. Gielegghem contacted the firm that one of his allies is associated with and couldn't believe the that cronyism that was involved in selecting this law firm.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona to receive, file and concur with the letter dated June 21, 2018 from the Township Attorney and adopt the resolution declaring that the unlawful distribution of prescription controlled substances has created a public nuisance and a serious public health and safety crisis for the citizens of the Charter Township of Clinton. Roll Call: Ayes - Pearl, Aragona, West, Keys, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Aragona to authorize the supervisor to execute the agreement with Sommers Schwartz Goodman Acker as recommended by the Township Attorney. Roll Call: Ayes - Cannon, Aragona, West, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**14. DISHONORED PAYMENT SOLUTION UPDATE**

Mr. Cannon suggested postponing this item until we come up with a long term solution.

Mr. Gielegghem agreed with the postponement. He then explained the payment options for tax and water bills.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Gielegghem to receive, file and concur with the letter dated July 3, 2018 from the Township Treasurer and postpone action until a long term solution can be made. Roll Call: Ayes - Cannon, Gielegghem, West, Keys, Pearl, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**15. REQUEST CLOSED SESSION - EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE**

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mrs. West to schedule a Closed Session immediately following the last item on tonight's agenda to discuss employee discipline. Roll Call: Ayes - Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**16. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR PAY INCREASE FOR ELECTION TEMPORARY WORKERS**

Mrs. Meltzer explained that Clinton Township is currently not competitive in paying the election temporary help. She gave examples of pay scales from other communities.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mrs. West to receive, file and concur with the letter dated July 6, 2018 from the Township Clerk and approve the pay increase for election temporary workers being \$12 per hour for the first election worked and any election thereafter being \$15 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes - Keys, West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**17. APPROVAL OF PLACEMENT OF GATE ON EXISTING POSTS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY - 21355 DUNHAM**

Mr. Paul Kowalski, 21355 Dunham, would like approval to put a gate at his paved drive as many people are turning on the private drive. Has a 1 acre pond on his property and has had people come and fish on his property. He feels a gate at the end of the property will deter access by the public.

Mr. Miller approves of this request.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Aragona to receive and file the letter from Mr. Paul Kowalski and approve the request to place a gate on existing posts for residential property located at 21355 Dunham. Roll Call: Ayes - Cannon, Aragona, West, Keys, Pearl, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

**18. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURE AT NORTHEAST LOT OF THE MALL AT PARTRIDGE CREEK**

Ms. Christina Bachmann explained this is a free, fun, family event that focuses on large trucks.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Gielegem to receive and file the letter dated June 29, 2018 from Christina Bachmann, Marketing Director for Starwood

Retail Partners/The Mall at Partridge Creek and approve the request to place a temporary structure at the northeast lot of the Mall at Partridge Creek for the event being held on August 4, 2018; further the structure will be set up August 3, 2018 and removed August 6, 2018. . Roll Call: Ayes - Meltzer, Keys, West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

#### **19. EXTENSION OF PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CARLSISLE WORTMAN**

Mr. Cannon said that Mr. Smith, Human Resources Director, expects to have a Planning Director in place by November

Motion by Mrs. West, supported by Mr. Aragona to approve the extension of the planning services contract with Carlsisle Wortman through November 9, 2018. Roll Call: Ayes - West, Aragona, Keys, Pearl Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

Motion by Keys, supported by Pearl to receive and file the letter dated June 26, 2018 from the Township Assessor and close the public hearing to renew the Police and Fire Special Assessment Millage for 2018 and adopt it as presented. Roll Call: Ayes - West, Gielegghem, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

#### **20. FINAL APPROVAL OF NICHOLSON NATURE CENTER PARK AGREEMENT**

Mrs. Bednar stated that the wording changed to “Memorandum of Understanding” as opposed to “Agreement”.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mrs. West to receive and file the Nicholson Nature Center Park Memorandum of Understanding. Roll Call: Ayes - Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2018 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Gielegghem asked that a change on page 26 be made as follows:

**Previous:** “Mr. Gielegghem pointed out he was facing 14 counts of indictment for which he was convicted.”

**Change to:** “Mr. Gielegghem pointed out Mr. Reynolds was facing 14 counts of indictment for which he was convicted.”

Discussion took place regarding motions involving item #21. Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Dolan to review the tape and clarify the appropriate motion.



Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Keys to postpone approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2018 Regular Township Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes - Cannon, Keys, West, Pearl, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion by Mrs. West, supported by Mrs. Meltzer to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes - West, Meltzer, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Robert Campbell, 41380 Kentvale, commented on the mailings being sent regarding road taxes. He feels the language in the literature can be deceiving. He reiterated that the Township does not receive funds to fix the roads. He said he sat on the Road Committee that recommended this millage. He also mentioned that 34 other townships in Michigan have passed millages for their roads.

Mrs. Catherine Campbell, 41830 Kentvale, echoed Mr. Campbell's comments. She feels her street is a "war zone". She would like to see a proposal from the people writing the literature on their plan to fix roads, if not through a millage.

Mr. Bob Hogan, 36755 Barr, disagrees with the Campbell's. He feels the road millage is a "scam". He mentioned he received literature from Fred Miller's campaign so he visited his office to get a copy of the ethics policy he said he wrote. None of Mr. Miller's employees knew of the policy or if it existed.

### **ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mrs. West to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes - Keys, West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent - None. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON