

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 4, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Rick Hamill, Supervisor
Tami Flowers, Clerk
Jenny Frederick, Treasurer
Judy Cooper, Trustee – Absent (death in the family)
Brian Howe, Trustee, Trustee
Beth Lewis, Trustee
Joseph Salvia, Trustee
Also Present: Ken Chapman, Fire Chief
Gary Dovre, Township Attorney
Matt Snyder, Lieutenant OCSO
Visitors: 6

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Salvia moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a) December 7, 2020 Board of Trustees Minutes
- b) List of Bills dated 12/28/20 plus additions
- c) Fire Fighter/Paramedic Positions

Mr. Salvia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Receive and File:

- Activity Council Minutes – November 11, 2020
- Activity Center Director's Report – November 2020
- Building Department Report – November 2020
- Financial Report – October 2020
- Fire Department Report – November 2020
- Library Director's Report – December 2020
- Library Board Minutes – November 3, 2020
- Ordinance Enforcements – November 2020
- Ordinance Inspections – November 2020
- Treasurer's Report – November 2020
- 2021 Dental Renewal Summary

Announcements and Information Inquiry:

a) Township offices will be closed Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Rick Hamill has completed some of the advance work at the Community Sharing site. The passing of Phil Rashid and Bill Bullard was announced.

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

a) Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes Special Assessment District

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:42 p.m. and closed at 6:46 p.m.

Mr. Hamill moved to set the final Public Hearing for the Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes Special Assessment District for the next Board Meeting scheduled on February 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Mr. Hamill moved to amend the motion to specify the Public Hearing is for confirmation of the special assessment roll that is to be prepared by the Supervisor and filed by the time required by statute, and the Board at this meeting is approving the cost estimates, plans and specifications. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

b) Highland Township Parks and Recreation Plan

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:53 p.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Chris Nordstrom from Carlise Wortman reviewed the Plan.

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the Highland Township Parks and Recreation Plan as presented in draft dated 12-14-2020. Mrs. Frederick supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

New Business:

a) Hire Steve Davies as Part Time Building Inspector

Mr. Hamill moved to hire Steve Davies as Part Time Building Inspector at a rate of \$30.00 per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week with a start date after January 18, 2021. Mrs. Frederick supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

b) Annual Fire Fighter Physicals thru Bio Care

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Bio Care to perform the annual Fire Fighter physicals at a cost not to exceed \$9,000. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

c) Budget Amendment – Fire Fund Capital

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the Fire Fund Capital Budget Amendment as presented. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the Fire Expenses Budget Amendment as presented. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

e) WOTA Second Inter-Local Agreement for Transportation Services

Mr. Hamill moved to adopt a Resolution approving the City of Walled Lake as a voting and contributing member of WOTA and authorize the Supervisor to sign a Second Amended Inter-Local Agreement for Transportation Services to provide for that. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Kim Viener was complimented on the good work she has done as the WOTA Director.

Closed Session:

Possible closed session requested by Fire Chief regarding strategy connected with negotiation of collective bargaining agreement with Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Union (POC Paid on Call)

No Closed Session

f) Agreement between Charter Township of Highland and Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Union

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the Agreement between Charter Township of Highland and Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Union (POW Paid on Call) as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

The attorney credited Chief Chapman for his efforts in negotiating the contract. It went a lot smoother because the guys respect the Chief.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Hamill adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Tami Flowers, MiPMC
Highland Township Clerk



Rick A. Hamill
Highland Township Supervisor