

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 1, 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
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: 29

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a) Board of Trustees Minutes 01-04-21
- b) List of Bills dated 01-27-21 plus additions

Receive and File:

Activity Council Board Minutes – December 9, 2020
Building Department – December 2020 and Year-End 2020
Financial Report – November and Pre-Audit December 2020
Fire Department – December 2020 and Year End 2020
Fire Department – 2020 Training Report
Library Board Minutes – December 2020
Library Director’s Report – January 2021
Ordinance Department Enforcement – December 2020
Ordinance Department Inspections – December 2020
Ordinance Department Report – Year-End 2020
Treasurer’s Report – December 2020

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

Announcements and Information Inquiry:

- a) Highland Township Offices will be closed on 02-15-21 in observance of President's Day

Public Comment:

Mr. Hamill moved to add a second public comment item prior to New Business Item M. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

A comment was made in support of Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes Special Assessment District. A question was raised regarding contributions of other communities toward the Community Sharing facility. Clarification was requested regarding marijuana discussion and identification of Board members when voting on zoom. A commenter advised public of black history month and inquired about the Township's efforts to celebrate black Americans and denounce racism.

Public Hearing:

- a) **Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes Special Assessment District for the Control of Weeds in Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes and Related Services**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:53 p.m. and closed at 6:54 p.m. There was one comment stating there was strong support for the Special Assessment District.

Pending Business:

- a) **Resolution 21-02 to Proceed with the Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes Special Assessment District for the Control of Weeds in Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes and Related Services Pursuant to 1954 P.A. 188, as Amended**

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution 21-02 to Proceed with the Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes Special Assessment District for the Control of Weeds in Dunleavy and Leonard Lakes and Related Services Pursuant to 1954 P.A. 188, as amended with revisions as recommended by the township attorney to conform with the township board's prior resolutions on lake special assessments. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

- b) **Resolution 21-03 to Adopt the Charter Township of Highland Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025**

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution 21-03 to Adopt the Charter Township of Highland Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2021-2025. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

New Business:

a) Restaurant Relief Program Inter-Local Agreement

Mrs. Frederick moved to approve the Restaurant Relief Program Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County and authorize the Supervisor to sign that agreement once it has been completed in accordance with the outline at tonight's meeting and the award that is given by the County. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

b) Resolution 21-04 Regarding Temporary Restaurant Uses and Structures During COVID-19 Epidemic

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution 21-04 Regarding Temporary Restaurant Uses and Structures During COVID-19 Epidemic as presented. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

c) Resolution 21-05 Regarding 2021 Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution 21-05 Regarding 2021 Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

d) Rehire Ann Jenkins as Substitute Crossing Guard

Mr. Howe moved to rehire Ann Jenkins as substitute crossing guard at a pay rate of \$16.31. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

e) License Agreement for Use and Maintenance of Hickory Ridge Soccer Fields

Mr. Hamill moved to approve License Agreement for Use, Scheduling, Operation, and Maintenance of Hickory Ridge Pines Park Soccer Fields with changes recommended by the township attorney. Mrs. Frederick supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

f) Purchase of Stryker Stretcher and Power Load System for New Fire Department Ambulance

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the purchase of Stryker Stretcher and Power Load System in an amount not to exceed \$53,500.00 for new Fire Department ambulance. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

g) Purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera for Fire Department

Mr. Howe moved to replace the Thermal Imaging Camera from Douglas Safety Systems in an amount not to exceed \$4,749.17. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

h) Low Voltage Consulting Agreement – Fire Station 1

Mr. Salvia moved to approve Low Voltage Consulting Agreement with Buechel Independent Telecom in the amount of \$4,500.00. Mr. Hamill supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

i) Budget Amendment – 2021 Fire Capital Construction in Progress

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Budget Amendment – 2021 Fire Capital Construction in Progress as presented. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

j) Budget Amendment – 2021 Fire Capital Vehicle

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Budget Amendment – 2021 Fire Capital Vehicle as presented. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

k) Budget Amendment – Building Department

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

l) Community Sharing Site Plan, Building Design and Land Lease

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the building conceptual drawings for the Community Sharing building as presented being satisfied that the building and improvements could be used by the township in the future for public purposes. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

m) Discussion of Opt-In Marijuana Facilities in Highland

Mr. Hamill moved to postpone further discussion to a future meeting date set by the Supervisor. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

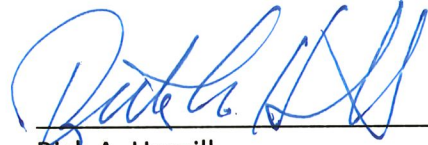
The township will initiate a public awareness campaign requesting information and feedback from the community. Any questions, information or data can be directed to the Clerk's office.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Hamill adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.



Tami Flowers, MiPMC
Highland Township Clerk



Rick A. Hamill
Highland Township Supervisor