

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 4, 2022 - 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
Jennifer Frederick, Treasurer
Judy Cooper, Trustee
Brian Howe, Trustee
Beth Lewis, Trustee
Joseph Salvia, Trustee

Also Present: Ken Chapman, Fire Chief
Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney
Matt Snyder, Lieutenant OCSO

Visitors: 15

Approval of Agenda:

Mrs. Cooper 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, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a) March 21, 2022 Special Board of Trustees Minutes
- b) List of Bills dated April 7, 2022 plus additions
- c) Oakland County West Nile Virus Reimbursement Program Grant
- d) Appoint Jennifer Frederick as Activity Center Advisory Council Member

Receive and File:

Building Department Report – January 2022
Financial Report – January 2022
Fire Department Report – January 2022
Library Board Minutes – January 4, 2022
Library Director's Report – January and February 2022
Ordinance Enforcement and Inspections – January and February 2022
Sheriff Department Report – 2021 Year-End and January 2022
Treasurer's Report – January 2022

Mrs. Cooper 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, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Announcements and Information Inquiry:

Mrs. Flowers announced the re-launch of the Community Round Table – it is posted as an open meeting so all Board members will be able to attend if interested. First meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 9:30 a.m. at Highland Fire Hall. Cemetery Programs – Walk and Talk at West Highland Cemetery April 23rd at 2:00 p.m. led by Diane Needham, local historian. On May 7th Headstone Restoration Program at West Highland Cemetery cost is \$10.00. You may sign up thru the library website.

- a) Highland Township Offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 15, 2022
- b) Highland Community Prayer Breakfast, May 5, 2022, Thrive Church, doors open at 8:00 a.m.
- c) Founders Day Parade and Festivities on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Eileen Kowall introduced herself and explained because of redistricting she will be running for County Commissioner representing three precincts in Highland Township. Complaint regarding the number of signs located on M-59. Concerns raised regarding the Mantua Rezoning and comment from property owner.

Pending Business:

- a) Proposed Board Ordinance No. 471, Gas Franchise Ordinance granting to Grantee Energy Company, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the Charter Township of Highland, Oakland County, Michigan for a period of thirty years.

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve Proposed Board Ordinance No. 471 Gas Franchise Ordinance as presented. 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.

- b) Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-027 to rezone Parcel 11-8-400-004 (vacant Middle Road 122.5 acres) from ARR, Agricultural and Rural Residential Zoning District to R-3, Single Family Residential Zoning District. The designation for the property is Small to Medium Single Family Residential (Open Space). Owner: Mantua Properties.

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the Proposed Zoning Amendment Z-027 to rezone Parcel 11-8-400-004 (vacant Middle Road 122.5 acres) from ARR, Agricultural and Rural Residential Zoning District to R-3, Single Family Residential Zoning District. 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) Resolution # 22-06 Oakland County West Nile Virus Reimbursement Program

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution # 22-06 Oakland County West Nile Virus Reimbursement Program 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.

b) Resolution #22-07 to Authorize Road Closure for Founders Day Parade and Events

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution #22-07 to Authorize Road Closure for Founders Day Parade and Events 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 #22-08 to Authorize the Placement of Signage on M-59 Median for Founders Day Celebration

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Resolution #22-08 to Authorize the Placement of Signage on M-59 Median for Founders Day Celebrations presented. 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.

d) Freedom Work Opportunities 2022 Lawn Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Hamill moved to approve the renewal of the Freedom Work Opportunities mowing agreement April 1, 2022 through November 30 2022 at a rate of \$2,927.00 per month. 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.

Mr. Hamill moved to waive the Highland Township Purchasing Policy and to approve Freedom Works Opportunities' proposal to mow the four ball fields in the amount of \$690.00 per month for a total of \$5,520.00 per year. Ms. 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.

e) Approval of Purchase Agreement for Property at 146 John St., Highland

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve the Supervisor to sign the Purchase Agreement for Property at 146 John St., Highland, Michigan. Mr. Howe supported the motion. After discussion Mrs. Cooper moved to amend the motion to include the changes to the Purchase Agreement for property at 146 John St. as discussed and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Mr. Hamill supported, and the motion to amend carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes. After the amendment was approved, the amended motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

f) Budget Amendment for Purchase of Property

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve the Budget Amendment for Purchase of Property as presented. 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.

g) Fire Millage Renewal

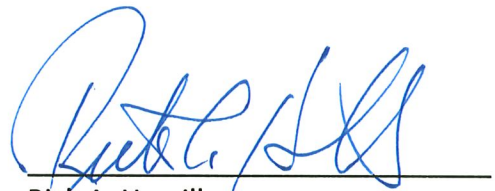
Mrs. Flowers moved to authorize our attorney to develop ballot language for one question requesting a 1.85 fire millage that will run from 2023 to 2026 for fire services. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Hamill adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



Tami Flowers, MiPMC
Highland Township Clerk



Rick A. Hamill
Highland Township Supervisor