

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2007**

**PRESENT:**           **Jan P. Jorgensen, CMC, Clerk**  
                          **Darrin S. York, Treasurer**  
                          **Sharon Eineman, Trustee**  
                          **Robert I. Garvin, Trustee**  
                          **Michael H. Rice, Trustee**

**EXCUSED:**           **Anthony G. Forlini, Supervisor**  
                          **James A. Ulinski, Trustee**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **Robert Huth, Township Attorney**  
                          **Bill Kinney, Water & Sewer Superintendent**  
                          **Carole Ryan, Assessor**  
                          **Vijay Parakh, Building Official**  
                          **Adam Wit, Deputy Supervisor**  
                          **John Gabor, Deputy Treasurer**

**The Clerk opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.**

**Motion by Mrs. Eineman, and seconded by Mr. York to appoint Mr. Garvin as Acting Chairperson for the Special Board Meeting of May 24, 2007. MOTION CARRIED.**

The Chairperson stated that the purpose for the special meeting is to discuss the Joy Road clear cutting issue.

Mr. Garvin and Mrs. Eineman stated that the special meeting was called to learn what was discussed in a meeting attended by Mr. Rice, Mr. York, Mr. Ulinski, the Building Official and union representation, regarding the citing process in the Joy Road Clear Cutting issue. Mrs. Eineman stated that the May 21, 2007 meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m to discuss the Joy Road Clear Cutting issue should not have been cancelled, because the township business should be discussed with all board members and not a select few. She also stated that she should have been a part of the process in determining if the meeting would be cancelled since she partnered in calling for the meeting. Mrs. Eineman & Mr. Garvin stated that they had learned that the Supervisor had directed the Building Official not to do anything regarding the tree issue and there is a need to investigate if that is true. Mr. York responds stating he and two other board members spoke to the Building Official and found that statement to be untrue. Mr. Garvin and Mrs. Eineman stated that they are concerned that nothing had been done with regards to the tree cutting until now, when Mr. Rice announced at a recent board meeting that the tree cutting was going on. Mr. Garvin stated that the paperwork from the building department shows that the township was aware of the tree cutting back in November of 2006 but no Township action was taken. He stated that he would like to know why and what has changed since, the Township is

now taking action to the tree cutting.

On behalf of the Building Official, ASFCME Local #1917.44 Harrison Township Supervisory Employees Union representative read a prepared statement respectfully requesting that the issue involving their membership be tabled until a representative from AFSCME Council 25 is available to attend and provide guidance to their member. The Chair acknowledged that each board member received a hard copy of the prepared statement and confirmed that the employee had an opportunity to request this meeting to be in Closed Session. Mrs. Eineman and Mr. Garvin stated that they were here today for fact finding, and stated that they want to know what failed in the system regarding the process.

It was suggested that a committee be established with Mr. Garvin and Mrs. Eineman and one other board member to investigate the occurrences relating to the internal process in addressing the tree cutting issue. In clarifying the motion made at the last meeting, relative to this issue, Board members discussed that the Macomb County Prosecutor's office will be directed to investigate if any environmental issues were violated with regards to the regulations of wetlands in the cutting down of trees on the property at the end of Joy Blvd.

**Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to establish a committee made up of Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Eineman, and Mrs. Jorgensen to sit down and conclude that the occurrences relating to the internal process in addressing the tree cutting issue, were proper.**

Residents offered their comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Rice to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.**

Residents offered comments.

**Prepared and Submitted by,**

**Approved by,**

**Jan P. Jorgensen, CMC, Clerk  
Charter Township of Harrison**

**Anthony G. Forlini, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Harrison**