

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2007**

PRESENT: Anthony G. Forlini, Supervisor
Jan P. Jorgensen, CMC, Clerk
Darrin S. York, Treasurer
Sharon Eineman, Trustee
Michael H. Rice, Trustee
James A. Ulinski, Trustee

EXCUSED: Robert I. Garvin, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Huth Jr., Township Attorney
Bill Kinney, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Vijay Parakh, Building Official
Dave Nummer, Township Engineer
John Gabor, Deputy Treasurer

BOARD FORUM

Board Members addressed individual resident concerns.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the consent agenda as presented with the Bills in the amount of 669,881.01. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 05/29/07 & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 05/24/07

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 5/29/07 and Special Meeting Minutes of 05/24/07 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$669,881.01

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Bills in the amount of \$669,881.01 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,432.00

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve to pay the Michigan Township Association Annual Dues for the period of 07/01/07 through 06/30/08 in the amount of \$5,432.00 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Forlini to approve the Regular Agenda with the addendum request from the Assessor for approval to fill the vacancy on Board of Review.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Forlini
 Nays: Eineman, Rice, Ulinski, York
 Excused: Garvin
 MOTION FAILS.**

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. York to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

A resident offered his comment regarding the Board of Review appointment.

SUPERVISOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the summer shuttle is being used servicing residents and visitors to Metro Beach, restaurants, and churches. The Relay for Life event was a success with the Township & Mt. Clemens together rising over \$3,000.00. A special thanks was offered to three businesses that collected for the Relay for Life; Luigi, Pier III, and Benvenuto, and to the Parks & Recreations Committee for participating in the event and supplying hot dogs and water to those in attendance. The Parks & Recreation Annual Fishing Derby event was also a success with great weather and a good turn out. Over 250 individuals attended, with 113 kids participating in the fishing derby. The following businesses are recognized for their donations: Bass Pro Shop, Better Made Potato Chips, Care House, Frosty Boy, Gino’s Surf, IGFA, Macomb County Sheriff’s Dept., McDonald’s, Metro Party Store, Pro Fishing & Archery Center, Plano, and West Marine. The following volunteers are recognized, Mike Foy, Dena Moonen, Paul Oxie, Pam Dambach, Cody Louton and friend, Madison Herbart, Nicole Dambach, Dana Camphous Peterson, Matt Eineman, Zach Eineman, Chief Seitz, Firefighter Syoen, Firefighter Smith, Jim Senstock, Jim Ulinski, and the Clerk’s and Supervisor’s Offices. The winners of the 2007 Harrison Township Park’s & Recreation Fishing Derby are; for biggest fish: Bryan Houge, Evan Haggerty, Theresa Arnold, and Kathryn Zepp. Most fish; John Dailey, Ardis Brown, Trent Fowler, Theresa Arnold, and Austin Winchester. Smallest fish; Nick Heal, Ryan Fleury and Austin Winchester. Grand Prize Winner is Tony Grier.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. Rice to receive and file the Supervisor and Board Announcements as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

APPROVE TO EXPEND \$24,920.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN 800 MHz RADIO

SYSTEM

The Water & Sewer Superintendent requests approval to purchase 14 Motorola and associated hardware, supported by the 800 MHz radio system. The Water & Sewer Department radio system is currently operating on 424 MHz, and as more agencies move to the new 800 MHz system, there is less support for the 400 MHz system. The new 800 MHz radio system will come with channels that will allow direct communication between the Water Department and the Fire Department, as the Fire Department is switching over to the 800 MHz radio system, and communicating on the same type of equipment will be helpful. Motorola has submitted a quote for the purchase of 14 portable radios and associated hardware in the amount of \$24,920.00. The pricing conforms to the State of Michigan contract. This is the same contract that the Fire Department recently purchased their new radio system under. This is a budgeted item in the 2007 Water and Sewer Budget. There will be programming and annual user fees in the amount of \$3,150.00, of that \$350.00 is a one time programming fee, and \$2,800.00 will be the annual user fee, which the State of Michigan uses to fund to maintain the repeater system that the State owns. The \$3,150.00 will be funded from the W&S contingency line item. Board Members inquired to the user fee, payable to the State of Michigan and if there were grant monies available to purchase the radios. Residents offered their comments.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to authorize the expenditure of \$24,920.00 to Motorola for the purchase of 14 portable 800 MHz radios and associated hardware from line item 592-851.000 and \$3,150 to the State of Michigan for programming and the annual user fee from line item 592-956.000 as recommended by the Water & Sewer Superintendent. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE UPDATE**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – ACCEPT BENCH DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700.00**

James Keehn, Beautification Committee Chairperson, announced that Mrs. Debbie Holmes would like to donate to the Township, two benches as a memorial to her Mother and Brother. The benches will be located on the bike/hike path between S. Shoreline and Prentiss Ave on the north side of the path. The contribution is valued at \$1,700.00 with no costs to be incurred by the Township.

Motion by Mrs. Eineman, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to accept the donation on behalf of the Beautification Committee, of two benches from the Holmes family to be placed along the Harrison Township bike/hike path between S. Shoreline and Prentiss Ave., on the North side, valued at \$1,700.00 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Keehn requested Board approval to accept donations of plants and authorize him to plant them as needed on properties owned by the Township. He stated many plants that are donated are being rescued and need to be planted immediately. The Board also discussed the need to consider placing two, to every one tree removed on Metropolitan Beach Highway by HCMA, and will look into this matter in the fall.

Motion by Mrs. Eineman, and seconded by Mr. Rice to authorize the Beautification Committee to accept donation of plants and to allow the Beautification Committee to plant them as they deem necessary in areas of the Township. MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

REQUEST TO FILL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN BUILDING DEPARTMENT DUE TO RETIREMENT OF D. JOLLY

The Supervisor stated that the original request is to back fill and post for the Administrative Assistant Position in the Building Department, however in conversation it was thought to advertise and hire for a temporary full time employee not to exceed 1200 hours at a rate of pay \$12.00 - \$15.00 per hour for the Administrative Assistant position. A resident offered his comment.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve to hire a temporary full time employee to fill the Administrative Assistant position not to exceed 1200 hours at a rate of pay \$12.00 - \$15.00 per hour. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE 1 (GENERAL) AND ARTICLE II (COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL)

It was stated that a meeting was held on April 3, 2007 with the waste haulers in the Township relative to amendments being proposed to the Township's Solid Waste Ordinance. During that meeting the proposed changes were offered as well as increases in license fees were announced. The waste haulers had no objection in the changes that were proposed and stated that the proposed changes would not cause a increase in cost to the customers that they service in the Township. Amendments were offered regarding bonding requirements, license fee amounts, requiring equipment/truck inspections, requiring a higher liability coverage, recycling, and anti litter. A resident offered his comment.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to Receive and File the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance and bring back the Solid Waste Ordinance as amended to be Introduced at the next regular board meeting of June 25, 2007. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR OFFICE

APPROVE SMART MUNICIPAL CREDIT AND COMMUNITY CREDIT CONTRACT FOR YEAR 2008

The Supervisor spoke to the SMART Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for FY 2008 between SMART and the Charter Township of Harrison. These credits help to fund the Township's Dial-a-Ride, shopping shuttle services, and summer shuttle services. To receive the Township's credits the Board must adopt a resolution approving the signing of the contract. For

fiscal year 2008, the Township will receive \$22,989.00 in Municipal Credits, maintaining the same funding level, and \$69,054.00 in Community Credits which includes the money for the Township’s summer shuttle program, an increase over the \$32,579.00 we received last year. The Board also recognizes that Harrison Township is a donor community with regards to the SMART millage, where by Harrison Township residents pay around \$700,000.00 into the SMART millage. The Board discussed ways to improve the benefits received by the residents relative to their SMART funding, such as by looking into increasing the number of bus routes in and out of the Township.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE
THE MUNICIPAL CREDIT AND
COMMUNITY CREDIT CONTRACT
FOR YEAR 2008**

WHEREAS, the Dial-a-Ride and Shopping Shuttle are important services that provide a large benefit to the township; and

WHEREAS, the board of Trustees deems that the services provided by the Municipal and Community Credits are an important element in aiding the senior citizens and handicapped residents of the community;

WHEREAS, the Summer Shuttle program has helped to expand our service offering to service Harrison Township and our businesses on the weekends while promoting the use of public transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Harrison Board of Trustees approves the execution of the Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for Year 2008.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to execute the Smart Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for FY2008 in the amount of \$92,043.00 to help fund our township’s dial-a-ride service as presented.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Ulinski, Eineman, Rice, York, Forlini
 Nays: None
 Excused: Garvin
 RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

APPROVE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A TUCKER SENIOR CENTER SIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00

Currently the Tucker Senior Center does not have a sign along the roadway to alert residents that it is there. It is the recommendation of the Supervisor’s Office to contract with the Black Forest Building Company not to exceed \$3,000.00 to construct and install a sign on Ballard St. in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. York to contract with the Black Forest Building Company to manufacture and install a sign for the Tucker Senior Center at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE TO HIRE MR. YEAGLEY AND MR. PEARDON TO FILL THE TWO SEASONAL PART TIME POSITIONS

At a prior meeting, to help with some tasks during the summer, the Board approved to advertise for two seasonal employees. These individuals will be responsible for opening and closing Waterfront Park, opening and closing the restrooms at Tucker Park, removing graffiti, trimming trees and shrubs on Township property including the bike path and other tasks. It is the recommendation of the Supervisor's Office to hire Mr. Robert Yeagley and Mr. Matthew Peardon as seasonal employees each at \$8.49 per hour. Funding for the positions will come from line item 101-265.000-707.000 Part Time Salaries. Mr. Yeagley and Mr. Peardon will work from June through Labor Day. A resident offered his comment.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. York to approve to hire Mr. Robert Yeagley and Mr. Matthew Peardon as seasonal employees, at \$8.49 each per hour, starting immediately, and through Labor Day. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE WEST NILE VIRUS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TO CONTRACT WITH ROSE PEST SOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,811.90

The Supervisor stated that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners has approved funding for the West Nile Virus Community Assistance Program to our community in the amount of \$7,555.95. The first \$300.00 of this grant is unmatched and the remaining \$7,255.95 must be matched one for one. The source of funding for the Township match is 101-444.000-810.000 Road Maintenance – Outside Services which has \$20,000 budgeted for this and other projects. Five firms, Tri-County Pest Control, Rose Pest Solutions, and Advance Pest Management, ABC Bees, Wasps & Spiders, and Eradico, were contacted to provide quotes to conduct a mosquito control program. The Supervisor recommends that the contract be awarded to Rose Pest Control at a cost not to exceed \$14, 811.90, and who conducted the program the last two years. The pricing includes utilizing the boxes of briquettes that the Township purchased last year with our remaining grant funds. An employee will be assigned to over see the application of the briquettes, acting as an inspector, to ensure that the applications are being applied as contracted. A resident offered his comment.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to contract with Rose Pest Control at a cost not to exceed \$14,811.90 and to apply for reimbursement from the Macomb County Health Department for the West Nile Virus Community Assistance Program in the amount of \$7,255.95. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Resident, Ms. Gina Saikin, thanks Harrison Township for participating in the Relay for Life event, she states she is a cancer survivor and knows first hand that the contributions made go for a good cause.
2. Resident, Rich Rapp, provides an update to the law suit that involves three board members and residents of Harrison Township.
3. Resident, Jim Senstock requested that the Board direct the Township Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring owners of ponds to treat them for West Nile Virus. He states that he opposes a County Executive form of government and urges no one to sign the petitions in support of same. He requests that the Township Board take steps to ensure that the 155 acres will not be sold by a future board and that the property is preserved in its natural state.

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Mr. Rice - Announces that he is a proud Grandfather of a 9lb 9oz baby boy, his first Grandbaby. He also offered his suggestions that the 155 acres be used as a camp ground.
2. Mrs. Jorgensen – Sentiments to have a nice evening.
3. Mr. York - Responded to Mr. Rapp’s comments, and provided his side to the law suit that involves three board members and residents of Harrison Township.
4. Mrs. Eineman – Stated that she will not respond to Mr. Rapp’s comments because she did not know the answer to his questions. She stated that would like to protect the 155 acres and work with the school district in using the property as a teaching resource for the students. She also stated that she would like to protect the future use of the property. She wished all Fathers a happy Fathers Day.
5. Mr. Ulinski - Commented to the law suit that involves three board members and residents of Harrison Township. He also stated that he was not able to attend the workshop regarding the use of the 155 acres, and would like to keep it in its natural state, and protect the property from a future sale.
6. Mr. Forlini – Stated that the workshop for the 155 acres was very positive and that the consensus of those that attended is to keep the property as natural as possible with possibly, a camp ground, hike/bike paths, and selling portions of the property along Vandy and Jefferson to create a natural barrier around the property, and that a report is due back from the Planner based on his findings from the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared & Submitted by,

Approved by,

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

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