

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Huth, Township Attorney
Glenn Spencer, Finance Director
Dave Nummer, Township Engineer
Jared Maynard, Deputy Treasurer
**HONORABLE MARY A. CHRZANOWSKI, 16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COURT JUDGE**

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 Mrs. Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the following items to be placed and discussed under the Regular Agenda; Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 9/10/07, the Approval of L'Anse Creuse High School 2007 Homecoming Parade Route Scheduled for October 5, 2007 and Approval of New Gutters for Rosso Hall. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 9/17/07,
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF 09/15/07, CLOSED SESSION SPECIAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF 9/06/07 AND BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF 8/31/07**

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to approve the Closed Session Special Board Meeting Minutes of 9/06/07 and 9/17/07, and Budget Workshop Minutes of 8/31/07 and 9/15/07, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$723,041.90

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to approve the Bills in the amount of \$723,041.90 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2007 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to approve the August 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CUB SCOUT PACK 152 REQUEST THE USE OF THE BEAUFAIT ADDITION AND WAIVER OF FEE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2008

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to waive rental fees for Cub Scout Pack 152 for the use of Rosso Hall/Beaufait Addition for their Blue and Gold Banquet scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 2008 and to refund the cleaning fee if the hall is left in same condition as prior to rental. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL FOR COMCAST CONTRACTS FOR VIDEO AND INTERNET SERVICES

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contracts with Comcast for cable internet and video services as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Regular Agenda with two Closed Session Emergency Addendum Items; To Discussing IAFF 1737 Fire Fighters Negotiations and to Consult with the Township Attorney regarding the Winowski Litigation, to remove Item C.2 Improvements to Old Townhall Building to be brought back at a future board meeting, and to place the Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 9/10/07 as A.1, The Approval of L'Anse Creuse High School 2007 Homecoming Parade Route Scheduled for October 5, 2007 as A.2, and Approval of New Gutters for Rosso Hall as A.3. MOTION CARRIED.

Residents offered their comments.

SUPERVISOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced by **MRS. EINEMAN** that on Saturday, October 6, 2007 the event, Run Like a Mother will begin at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate. There is a need for more sponsors. For additional information, please contact Cindy at 405-7986, and or find information on the Township's website. Registration forms will be available at the Clerk's counter.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 9/10/07

Mrs. Eineman requested that the minutes on page 5 of 7, be corrected to include "without Board approval" regarding Mr. Verkest's service on the 41B District Court Building Committee, and

under Board Comments, page 6 of 7, clarifying that she spoke in opposition to the State's proposed tax hike. Mr. York also requested that his Board Comments be clarified to identify that he was speaking to the public access channels relative to the AT&T cable services. Resident offered their comments.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. York to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes as requested by the Board Members, as follows; Mrs. Eineman request to include on page 5 of 7 "without Board approval", and under her Board Comments page 6 of 7, to include "opposition" and to include under Mr. York's Board Comment on the same page "in relationship to public access channels", as discussed. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL 2007 HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5, 2007

Mr. Rice stated that he would like the Board to approve the L'Anse Creuse High School 2007 Homecoming Parade Route, conditionally that the School District agrees to clean up the paper, popcorn, and other litter/debris after the parade. A resident offered his comment.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to approve the 2007 Homecoming Parade route for L'Anse Creuse High School scheduled for October 5, 2007 as presented, and direct the L'Anse Creuse School District to clean up the parade route of litter after the Parade. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF NEW GUTTERS FOR ROSSO HALL

Mr. Ulinski had questions regarding if clean up was part of the quote. The Supervisor responded that it was. Mrs. Eineman questioned Mr. Rice if there was a need for gutters, and he responded yes.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice, to authorize to contract with low bidder, All Phase Construction Services in the amount of \$1,446.00 to remove the existing gutters and replace with 6" seamless gutters with the leaf relief gutters cover as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Garvin arrived at 7:42 p.m. and stated that he would like the record to reflect the time he arrived because for the Special Closed Session Meeting of 9/17/07, he had contacted the Supervisor's Office to be excused but was not recognized as excused for that meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION HONORING LAWRENCE MISLINSKI

**Charter Township of Harrison
Board of Trustees**

Resolution

At a regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Harrison, on Monday, September 24, 2007, the following Resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Lawrence Mislinski, has given valuable service to Harrison Township, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Mislinski, volunteered his time to serve the Township, and has served as a member of the 41-B District Court Building Committee, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Mislinski, during his term, was instrumental in securing the property that the new court building was built upon, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Mislinski, has shown himself to be a dedicated representative of the local community through his commitment and service on the 41-B District Court Building Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Harrison Township, the Board of Trustees wishes to thank Lawrence Mislinski on his service to the community and to wish him long life and happiness.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski, to adopt the above and foregoing resolution honoring Lawrence Mislinski for his service as a member of the 41-B District Court Building Committee as presented.

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

RESOLUTION HONORING KEN VERKEST

**Charter Township of Harrison
Board of Trustees
Resolution**

At a regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Harrison, on Monday, September 24, 2007, the following Resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Ken Verkest, has given valuable service to Harrison Township, and

WHEREAS, Ken Verkest, volunteered his time to serve the Township, and has served as a member of the 41-B District Court Building Committee, and

WHEREAS, Ken Verkest, during his term, was an active member who strove to ensure that the interests of the community were protected, and

WHEREAS, Ken Verkest, has shown himself to be a dedicated representative of the local community through his commitment and service on the 41-B District Court Building Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Harrison Township, the Board of Trustees wishes to thank Ken Verkest on his service to the community and to wish him long life and happiness.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Garvin, to adopt the above and foregoing resolution honoring Ken Verkest for his service as a member of the 41-B District Court Building Committee, as presented.

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

SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE

ESTABLISH 2008 MILLAGE RATE

The Supervisor stated as a result of a smaller than expected rollback factor, the Township has the ability to levy up to 6.6838 mills, yet the Board has held firm that the millage rate will not exceed 6.6700 and the budget that the board has been reviewing was built using the 6.6700 number. He stated that based on our budget workshops, our Finance Director feels that, despite the increased costs such as the payment for the Parkway Parcel and the uncertainties surrounding pending union negotiation, the Township can operate within the 6.6700 mills, and recommends setting the operation millage rate at 6.6700 mills. One Board member questioned whether the proposed rate of 6.67 would be sufficient while another member stated that she would like the millage rate to be something less than 6.67. Residents shared their comments.

Motion by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Rice to set the millage rate for Y2008 at 6.6700 mills.

**Roll Call: Ayes: York, Rice, Jorgensen, Forlini
Nays: Eineman, Garvin, Ulinski
Excused: None
MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATEWIDE TRAILWAYS PLAN

Board members offered comments supporting and opposing the resolution as presented. Residents offered their comments.

**Resolution of Endorsement for the
Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan**

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Harrison has long recognized the many benefits of multi-use trailways, not the least of which is improving health, economic benefits, alternative transportation, access to the environment and natural areas, recreational opportunities, tourism and was the leader in Macomb County with the creation of the Freedom Trail and there is now general recognition statewide of the benefits of multi-jurisdictional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the “Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan” released on May 15, 2007 is a comprehensive set of recommendations for completing an interconnected statewide system of trailways in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the plan is the result of the year-long work of over 100 task force members, working on the following 10 topics: Funding for acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation; Developing a statewide GIS trailway database and website; Property issues: easements and titles; Trailways usage: programming and promotions; On-road connections: linking the trailways; Building trailways support: education and advocacy; Overcoming boundaries: gaining cooperation; Coordinating Resources: technical assistance for funding, planning, design; Multi-Use Trails & Design: guidelines and information; and Envisioning a Statewide Trailways Network: opportunities and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the task force members included official participation from the National Park Service, Michigan Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, Community Health, the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports, and Travel Michigan, Michigan Recreation and Park Association, various regional representatives from health, transportation, economic development agencies and regional trail groups and local representatives from county, municipal, and township jurisdictions, as well as individual trail advocates and statewide and local nonprofit groups; and

WHEREAS, the “Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan” contains 39 goals on the previously identified topics and 109 action steps that will be acted upon over the next several years by a number of involved partners who have agreed to continue to collaborate; and

WHEREAS, the “Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan” works in conjunction with the recently released state trails initiative, “Michigan Trails at the Crossroads: A Vision for Connecting Michigan”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Harrison Board of Trustees, attest to our endorsement of the Connecting Michigan Vision to complete an interconnected statewide trail system, and commit to participating with each other and our many partners in a collaborative effort to carry out the action steps necessary to achieve the Vision.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice, to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution of Endorsement for the Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan as presented.

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

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK INTEREST IN 2007 (SDD) SPECIALLY DESIGNATED DISTRIBUTOR AND (SDM) SPECIALLY DESIGNATED MERCHANT LICENSED BUSINESS LOCATED AT 25450 N. RIVER ROAD, DILLON ANTOIN TRANSFERS 1,000 SHARES TO NEW STOCKHOLDER RAIDA ANTOIN

The Clerk stated that NAFSO Investment, Inc. is requesting to transfer all stock interest in 2007 SDDRES and SDM Licensed Business located at 25450 N. River Road, Harrison Township, doing business as "Captain Party Store" wherein stockholder Dillon Antoin transfers 1,000 shares to new stockholder Raida Antoin. All of the necessary paperwork is in order with regards to the Township's approval process.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen and seconded by Mr. Garvin that the request from: Nafso Investment Inc., requests to transfer all stock interest in 2007 SDD Resort and SDM License Business (Captain's Party Store) located at 25450 N. River Road, Harrison Township, MI 48045, Harrison Township, Macomb County wherein stockholder Dillon Antoin transfer 1,000 shares to new stockholder Raida Antoin be considered for Approval.

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

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ELECTION SIGNAGE

The Clerk, on behalf of the Election Commission presented election related signage recommended for purchase; 12 - 24x36 outdoor tent frame precinct signs, double sided, with precinct number and changeable clerk name with reflective vinyl, 12 - 24x36 outdoor signs double sided with frames that read "VOTE HERE" precinct specific, with reflective vinyl, 12 - 18x24 outdoor signs double sided with frames that read " ELECTION VOTE TODAY" , with reflective vinyl, 12 - 8x11 indoor signs double sided that read "IN" on one side and "OUT" on the opposite side, and 12 - 8x11 indoor signs double sided that have arrows pointing to the left on one side and to the right on the opposite side. A custom 28" x 254" banner with reflective vinyl that will read "VOTE ELECTION DAY" to be affixed to the Welcome to Harrison Township signs that sits at Mariner Pointe was also recommended for purchase. The Clerk stated that the banner will be placed on the welcome sign at every election approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to Election Day. On Election Day

an "ELECTION VOTE TODAY" sign will be placed in front of the banner, noticing voters that today is Election Day---and please be mindful to vote. One quote was received in the amount of \$4,362.22, with another sign company contacted and choosing not to submit a quote. Funds are available in the Election Department budget to cover these expenses, under Operating Supplies, line item number 101-191.000-740.000. All proposed signs meet the Township's sign ordinance and it was requested that the Township waive the application submittal requirement for a sign permit as well as the fees associated with posting the election banner, and that the Township Board should know that the banner will be used in accordance with the township's banner ordinance relative to the posting time frame. The Clerk stated that the signs are a real benefit to the community and to our voters to properly assist, direct and notice residents on Election Day. A couple of Board members stated that the Clerk needed three quotes before they would consider the purchase, and the same Board Members stated that they did not want the Clerk's name on the precinct signs. The Clerk responded that the area for the Clerk's name is important on the precinct sign as a point of contact on Election Day. There was lengthy discussion between board members regarding the area for a Clerk's name on the precinct signs. Residents shared their comments.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to approve to purchase election signage in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, for 12 "Precinct" signs, 12 "Vote Election Day" signs, 12 precinct specific "Vote Here" signs, and 24 inside precinct specific "directional" signs, to be expensed from line item 101-191.000-740.000 as presented.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Garvin, Jorgensen, Forlini
Nays: Eineman, Rice, Ulinski, York
Excused: None
MOTION FAILED.**

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. York to bring back to the board after receiving three quotes.

There was discussion that the Clerk would have to remove the area for the Clerk's name from the precinct signs. Mrs. Jorgensen stated that there is a purpose for the area for the Clerk's name on a precinct sign. She stated it is important for voters to have a point of contact on Election Day. Mr. York withdrew his support.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, to bring back to the board after receiving three quotes. MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

APPROVE TO SELL DISCOUNT HCMA SEASONAL PARK STICKERS TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Clerk announced that Huron Clinton Metro Park Authority is offering a discounted rate on their 2008 season park stickers to Harrison Township residents under the following condition, which requires that Harrison Township first must purchase a lump sum of season park stickers and then the Township can re-sell them to Township residents. The discount for the \$20.00 season park stickers will be \$4.00 if the Township purchases between 50-1,000 season stickers and a \$7.00 discount if the Township purchases more than 1,000 season stickers. The season stickers are good

for all 13 HCMA parks. It is the Clerk's recommendation that the Board purchases 1,001, 2008 season park stickers from Huron Clinton Metro Park Authority totaling \$13,013.00 from the General Fund's Fund Balance and allocate the funding to line item 101.999.000.730.000 (Park Pass Expense), and that the payment received from the resident will be applied to 101.000.000.651.000 (Park Pass Sales) to offset the Township's initial investment to purchase the season park stickers, and in time, making the original expense to purchase the discounted tickets, a wash. It is also the Clerk's recommendation that the discount be passed on to the residents, charging a Harrison Township resident the discounted rate of \$13.00 for a HCMA season park sticker, only after the resident proves Harrison Township residency. The Clerk also suggests that the Township notice on cable and on the Township's website that 2008 Huron Clinton Metro Park Authority season park stickers are available for purchase through the Treasurer's office at a discount rate of \$13.00, to Harrison Township residents, and stating that proof of Harrison Township residency is required to receive the discounted rate. Different suggestions were offered with regard to promoting the sale of the season park tickets. Residents offered their comments.

Motion to Mr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Rice to purchase 1,001, 2008 season park stickers from Huron Clinton Metro Park Authority totaling \$13,013.00 from the General Fund's Fund Balance and allocate the funding to line item 101.999.000.730.000 (Park Pass Expense). That the discount be passed on to the Harrison Township resident, and charging the discounted rate of \$13.00 for a HCMA season park sticker, only after the resident proves Harrison Township residency.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Garvin, Rice, Ulinski, Jorgensen, Forlini
 Nays: Eineman, York
 Excused: None
 MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Resident, Sam Buschell, spoke to what he recognizes as a double standard with regard to ordinance enforcement issues between residential and commercial business.
2. Linda Karczewski, requested answers to her questions regarding the dirt dumped on the lot next to the Tucker Park, such as why is it there, and has the soil been tested.
3. Resident, Susan Rapp addressed the board regarding board behavior, and reminded board members that it is the duty of the residents to question, and challenge them as board members and reminded them that they serve the public.
4. Resident, Jim Senstock, thanked the board for appealing the rezoning decision regarding the property on Jefferson and S. River Rd. He also spoke to boat storage issues and mini marinas.
5. Resident, Barbara Urban thanked the board for bringing back employee, S. Mutter, starting October 1, 2007.

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Mr. Rice, wished everyone a good evening.

2. Mr. Garvin, responded to Mrs. Rapp's comments, spoke to another arbitration case before the Township and that the Fishman Group should pay if they lose an arbitration case, announced that to date there are \$30,000.00 of Fishman Group bills that the township has paid regarding labor relations, that the Township has a \$970,000 deficit this year (re the property purchase) and that he is concerned with making the 6.67 millage rate work.
3. Mrs. Jorgensen, stated that she was disappointed in the failed motion to support new election signs for the community and stated that she will give the board the benefit of the doubt that the decision to not support the election signs was not personal and offered an apology to the residents for the board's failure to recognize the real benefit to the community and to voters that the signs would properly assist, direct and notice residents on election day.
4. Mr. York, responded to resident comments and addressed a resident in the audience, and offered an apology to anyone if he offended them.
5. Mrs. Eineman, also responded to a resident comment and responded to the audience that **FAMILIES OF BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALSO BEING UNDULY ATTACKED WHICH IS WRONG AND THAT IT WAS THIS** board started allowing residents to comment **ON AGENDA ITEMS AT THE END OF THE MEETING, THAT BOARD MEMBERS ARE HUMAN AND** during the meetings and she too offered an apology to anyone she may have offended.
6. Mr. Ulinski, commented to board harassment, and the alleged altercation that occurred in the parking lot in front of Rosso Hall after a board meeting between three board members and three residents, and blamed the Supervisor for setting the board members up.
7. Mr. Forlini, responded to Mr. Ulinski's allegations.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. Rice to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ulinski, Rice,
 Nays: Eineman, Garvin, York, Jorgensen, Forlini
 Excused: None
 MOTION FAILED.**

CLOSED SESSION

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM - CLOSED SESSION ITEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING IAFF 1737 NEGOTIATIONS AND TO CONSULT WITH THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY REGARDING THE WINOWSKI LITIGATION

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to enter into Closed Session regarding IAFF 1737 Negotiations, and to Consult with the Township Attorney regarding the Winowski Litigation at 10:10 p.m.

A resident offered his comment.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to enter into Open Session at 10:55 p.m.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Garvin, Ulinski, Eineman, Rice, York, Jorgensen, Forlini
 Nays: None
 Excused: None
 MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to direct the Township Attorney to move forward as discussed in Closed Session with regard to the Winowski Litigation.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Garvin, Ulinski, Rice, York, Forlini
 Nays: Eineman
 Excused: None
 MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 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**