

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – January 10, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 10, 2006 at the Township Hall. The agenda is attached Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Tom Paige, Supervisor at 7:00 p.m. Present: Paige (Supervisor), Hoverman (Treasurer), Charney (Clerk), Plant (Trustee), Putt (Trustee), Schrott (Trustee) and Wasek (Trustee).

Others present are indicated on the sign in sheet, attached Exhibit B.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said in unison.

III. Open to the Public

Norm Adams commented that Beverly Milner's front yard has not been properly restored after the waterline on Salzburg Road was completed. T. Paige is aware of the problem and her yard will be taken care of as soon as the weather improves.

Vaughn Begick, 3rd District County Commissioner, was present to observe the meeting and answer questions from those present.

IV. Changes to Agenda

T. Paige advised the Board that the special assessments appearing on the bills list were for the Kindell Drain payoff for Outlot A of Carter Ridge Subdivision.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the December 28, 2005 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
3. Receive the December 2005 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
4. Receive the December 2005 Revenue Report and Expense Report as presented.
5. Receive the Supervisor's Update of Projects and Issues as presented.
6. Receive the List of Committee Reports, attached Exhibit C.
7. Approve the payment of expenses for appropriate township personnel to attend workshops within Michigan, listed in attached Exhibit D.
8. Receive the Miscellaneous Correspondence and Communication List, attached Exhibits E and F, respectively.

A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Wasek to approve all items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

VI. Regular Agenda

1. Building Department Report for 2005

Bob Klemish was present to review the building department report and answer questions regarding construction permits issued for the township and city of Auburn during 2005.

2. Assessor's Report

Paul Arnold, Township Assessor, provided his annual assessor's report. The Consumers Price Index of 3.3% will be applied to the 2005 taxable values on all classes of property to create the 2006 taxable values.

3. Flajole Road Traffic Study

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Safety and Traffic Division is doing a review of Traffic Control Orders (TCO's) that are at least 10 years old. They can be reviewed every 10 years in case traffic conditions change.

Flajole Road, from Fisher Road to Wilder Road, is a road being reviewed by the MSP. TCO #S-09-357-64 set the speed limit at 40 MPH. This TCO was reviewed periodically, with a review in November of 1995 stating that a change in the posted speed limit, 40 MPH, was not warranted.

However, the speed limit was changed to 25 MPH in September of 1996, along with 4 Way Stop Signs being installed at the intersection of Flajole Road and North Union Road. This change was made due to this area being a residential district. A resident petition request was a driving force in this change. In October of 1996, another resident petition was submitted protesting the 25 MPH speed limit as being unfair. No action was taken on the 2nd petition at that time.

During the MSP's recent review (November 2005), they observed 25 MPH speed limit signs posted on Flajole Road. The MSP's position appears to be that they needed to approve a rescission of the 40 MPH TCO for the 25 MPH speed limit to become effective. The MSP does not appear inclined to rescind the 40 MPH TCO.

Jim Lillo and T. Paige are researching this matter further for clarification. Initial indications are that the BCRC certainly has the authority to post speed limits of 25 MPH in residential districts without the need for an engineering and traffic investigation (MCL257.628 (4) & MCL 257.627 (2)(a). Residential districts appear to be defined as a "county highway of not less than 1 mile with residential lots with road frontage of 300 feet or less along either side of the highway for the length of that part of the highway that is under review..." (MCL257.628 (4)).

More information will follow as it becomes available.

4. 2006/2007 Health Insurance Rates

Received 2006/2007 Health Insurance renewal rates from Municipal Benefit Services.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

1. Carter Ridge Subdivision Connector Roadway

The Neuenfeldt vs Williams Township litigation has been dismissed with prejudice due to the acceptance of the settlement agreement. Outlot A has been deeded to the township and all other components of the settlement have been executed. The next step is to complete the connecting roadway between Carter Ridge Subdivision and Pear Grove Estates Subdivision and connect the waterline between both subdivisions.

The design engineering and construction plans for the connector road and waterline were completed and previously approved with submissions for both of the subdivisions. Civil Engineering Consultants completed the engineering and design for both subdivisions.

Letters should be sent to the Bay County Road Commission and Bay County DWS to assure that previous approvals and construction plans are still current.

An engineering firm will need to be retained for construction observation and related activities and to complete "As Built" drawings for the road and waterline. Certifications will be needed for the improvements to be accepted as public improvements. John Billette, Civil Engineering Consultants prepared a project cost estimate in September, 2005 and engineering was estimated at \$4,000 for preparation of bid documents, project set up, construction stake out, observation and contract administration. Preliminary estimates indicate construction costs somewhere between \$38,600 and \$44,000.

01-06-003-C/E/F/P/R/W A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Wasek to
===== authorize the Supervisor to contact Civil Engineering
Consultants to pursue an engineering contract consistent with the estimated engineering
costs for completion of the connecting roadway and waterline between Carter Ridge
Subdivision and Pear Grove Estates Subdivision.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

It is hopeful that the project can be awarded at the March 14, 2006 Township Board meeting with construction to follow as soon as weather conditions permit.

2. Dow Chemical Announcement

An application has been submitted by Dow Chemical to the Midland Planning Commission for rezoning of a 20 acre parcel adjacent to the Dow Chemical 47 Building near downtown.

T. Paige was contacted by Garrett Geer, Dow Chemical, and invited to attend an "Announcement with Regional Implications" at Valley Plaza on Thursday January 12th at 3:00 p.m.

It is expected that the announcement will include plans to build a minor league baseball stadium on the 20 acre site targeted for rezoning.

3. Proposed Midland County Jail Site

The Midland Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on this date at 7:00 p.m. on the rezoning of the proposed jail site.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Wasek and seconded by Plant to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

Williams Charter Township

Amy Charney, Clerk

Tom Paige, Supervisor