

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING – December 12, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday December 12, 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**

No one present wished to address the Board at this time. Ron Nartker and Machelie George will answer questions during discussion of Dow Corning IFT applications.

**IV. Changes to Agenda**

Road payments, the Building & Site Fund transfer, and the Townline Road water line payment to Beaver Township were briefly discussed as were several items of correspondence.

**V. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the November 8, 2006 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
3. Receive the November 2006 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
4. Receive the November 2006 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 E.
7. Approve the payment of expenses for appropriate township personnel to attend workshops within Michigan, listed in attached Exhibit F.
8. Receive the Miscellaneous Correspondence and Communication List, attached Exhibits G and H, respectively.

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**1. Dow Corning IFT Request, (\$1,180,000)**

Received from Dow Corning Corporation, two applications for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates for their site on Salzburg Road in Section 29 of the township. The total project cost of one application is \$1,180,000 and a twelve-year exemption is being applied for. The IFT is for design and renovation of the second floor of the DC-1 Building. Included in the renovation are real property improvements of \$91,500 and personal property improvements of \$1,089,000 consisting of furniture for 145 offices and furniture for 7 conference rooms. There was a total increase of 36 offices.

The second application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate is also for their site on Salzburg Road in Section 29 of the township. The total project cost is \$3,316,000 and a twelve-year exemption is being applied for. The IFT is for design and renovation of the second floor and third floor of the DC-2 Building. Included in the renovation are real property improvements of \$1,788,400 and personal property improvements of \$1,527,600. The renovations resulted in expanded office capacity and conference rooms to accommodate the number of additional employees in the building. Furnishings for 254 offices, silk flowers, artwork, window treatments and carpet were included in the project.

Reimbursement Agreements have been signed for both applications.

The public hearing for both IFT applications began at 7:17 p.m.

Ron Nartker and Machel George were present from Dow Corning to explain each project, the applications, and answer questions from members of the board.

No members of the public had questions or comments on the renovations or the requested IFT Certificates.

The public hearing concluded at 7:29 p.m.

**12-06-090-D/I/P/T** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Wasek to approve  
===== the application of Dow Corning Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) for the total project cost of \$1,180,000 for 12 years, effective December 31, 2006 for the 2007 tax year on part of tax parcel 09-140-029-200-010-00, and to authorize the Clerk to sign the resolution, attached Exhibit C.

Ayes: Paige, Plant, Hoverman, Charney, Wasek, Putt, and Schrott.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**2. Dow Corning IFT Request, (\$3,316,000)**

**12-06-091-D/I/P/T** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to approve the application of Dow Corning Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) for the total project cost of \$3,316,000 for 12 years, effective December 31, 2006 for the 2007 tax year on part of tax parcel 09-140-029-200-010-00, and to authorize the Clerk to sign the resolution, attached Exhibit D.

Ayes: Plant, Hoverman, Charney, Wasek, Putt, Schrott, and Paige.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**3. Planning Commission Appointments**

Three appointments must be made by the township to the Planning Commission prior to December 31, 2006. All terms shall be for three years beginning January 1, 2007 and will end December 31, 2009.

T. Paige has contacted William Steward, Jamie Hurt, and Chad Adams, the three members currently serving as township appointees, and all would like to be reappointed.

**12-06-092-A/P** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Wasek to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint William Steward as a member of the township Planning Commission for a three year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**12-06-093-A/P** A motion was made by Schrott and seconded by Wasek to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Jamie Hurt as a member of the township Planning Commission for a three year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**12-06-094-A/P** A motion was made by Hoverman and seconded by Schrott to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Chad Adams as a member of the township Planning Commission for a three year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**4. Board of Review Appointments**

Williams Township Board of Review members are appointed to two year terms, with the term beginning on January 1 of odd numbered years. The terms of current Board of Review members expire on December 31, 2006. The current members are Jerry Andrus, Jackie Gay, and John Babich, and all have served the residents of Williams Township well. Jackie Gay has asked to not be reappointed due to work scheduling conflicts; however, Jerry and John have indicated they would like to be reappointed.

Norm Adams, a regular attendee at Township Board Meetings, has indicated a willingness to serve as a member of the Williams Township Board of Review. He will understand the role and responsibilities of the Board of Review members, have a willingness to learn, and has a good sense of logic and common sense.

Public Act 143 of 2006 authorizes a township board to appoint not more than two alternate members for the same term as regular members of the board of review. An alternate member may be called to perform the duties of a regular member of the board of review in the absence of a regular member. An alternate member may also be called to perform the duties of a regular member of the board of review for the purpose of reaching a decision in issues protested in which a regular member has abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. Jackie Gay has indicated a willingness to serve as an alternate.

**12-06-095-A/B**            A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to accept  
=====            the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Jerry Andrus as a  
member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January 1, 2007  
and ending December 31, 2008. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township  
board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays    Motion carried.

**12-06-096-A/B**            A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Wasek to accept  
=====            the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint John Babich as a  
member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January 1, 2007  
and ending December 31, 2008. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township  
board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays    Motion carried.

**12-06-097-A/B**            A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to accept  
=====            the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Norm Adams as a  
member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January 1, 2007  
and ending December 31, 2008. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township  
board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays    Motion carried.

**12-06-098-A/B**            A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Wasek to accept  
=====            the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Jackie Gay as an  
alternate member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January  
1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2008. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the  
township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays    Motion carried.

**5. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments**

The Township Supervisor with Township Board approval appoints Williams Township Zoning Board of Appeals members, normally to three year terms. With the recent decision to expand the ZBA from three to five members, three appointments need to be made, one each for initial terms of one, two, and three years. Future appointments will be for a three year term when the initial terms expire.

The term of current ZBA member Henry Kolm expires on December 31, 2006. Henry has indicated that he would accept a reappointment to the ZBA. Mike Parker, 4820 Monica, and Gene Talaga, 4720 S. 11 Mile Road, have also indicated a desire to serve as ZBA members.

T. Paige recommended the appointment Henry Kolm to the Williams Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the three year term, Gene Talaga for the two year term, and Mike Parker to the one year term, with all terms beginning January 1, 2007.

**12-06-099-A/Z** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Schrott to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Henry Kolm as a member of the township Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**12-06-100-A/Z** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Wasek to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Gene Talaga as a member of the township Zoning Board of Appeals for a two year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2008. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**12-06-101-A/Z** A motion was made by Wasek and seconded by Schrott to accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Mike Parker as a member of the township Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the township board.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**6. Midland Road Speed Limit Review**

Sgt. Kellee Robinson, Michigan State Police (MSP) Traffic Services Unit, recently reviewed the Traffic Control Order (TCO) for Midland Road in Williams, Monitor, and Bangor Townships. A meeting was held at the Bay County Road Commission to review Sgt. Robinson's findings on November 14, 2006 with the three Township Supervisors present.

The current Midland Road speed limit in Williams Township is 50 MPH, except a 40 MPH zone from Garfield Road west 1000 feet, approximately to the Fire Station, and a 40 MPH zone beginning west of Flajole Road to the Midland City Limit on top of the overpass. Midland has posted a 45 MPH speed limit from the overpass westerly (it had been previously posted 40 MPH). This arrangement currently posts an unusual configuration with a short 40 MPH zone at the west end of Williams Township with a 50 MPH zone to the east, and a 45 MPH zone to the west.

In Williams Township, Sgt. Robinson's report calls for changing the current 40 MPH zone at the west end of the township to 50 MPH. All other posted speed limits on Midland Road in Williams Township would remain unchanged.

**12-06-102-B/M/M/T** A motion was made by Wasek and seconded by Hoverman  
===== to accept the recommendation of the Michigan State Police and authorize the Township Supervisor to endorse a traffic control order changing the current 40 MPH zone on Midland Road at the west end of the township to 50 MPH.  
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**7. Special Consideration, Hall**

Correspondence was received from Mat Shea, Lead Pastor of the New Heart Church of the Nazarene, requesting use of the township hall, for a reduced rental rate, on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. They normally use Freeland High School for their services but are unable to use the school facilities on those dates and would like to use our hall for their church service. Our building is available on both dates and D. Dell is willing to open and close for them.

Possible rental rates were briefly discussed.

**12-06-103-H** A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Plant to rent the  
===== township hall to the New Heart Church of the Nazarene on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> for their church services. The rental fee for each date shall be \$175.00 with a breakage deposit of \$50.00.  
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**8. Assessor's Report**

Paul Arnold, Township Assessor, provided his annual assessor's report. The Consumers Price Index of 3.7% will be applied to the 2006 taxable values on all classes of property to create the 2007 taxable values.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

Trustee Wasek gave a synopsis of the December Planning Commission meeting.

The office Christmas potluck scheduled for Friday December 22, 2006 was briefly discussed. It was agreed that it would be all right to close at lunch time for the remainder of the day in order to avoid interruptions during the early afternoon gathering.

The next BCTOA quarterly meeting is on Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at Fraser Township Hall. Those planning on attending need to notify the clerk's office prior to January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**Williams Charter Township**

Amy Charney, Clerk

Tom Paige, Supervisor