

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday August 12, 2014 at the Township Hall. The agenda is attached Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

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

A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Hoverman to appoint Jim Plant as temporary acting Chairperson for the August 12, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting.
4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Open to the Public

Bob Douponce, 4682 Myra Lee, was again present to further discuss the standing water drainage problems on the west side of Myra Lee. An estimate to replace the 4 inch perforated drain tile with 6 inch solid tile was obtained from J. M. Hollenbeck Excavating. The cost to purchase and install 156 feet of tile is \$1200.00. The cost will increase if the driveway is disturbed.

He further indicated that affected homeowners have each contributed \$100.00 towards the cost to replace the tile for a total amount of \$900.00. He asked if the township would pay for the remainder.

A short discussion followed. All agreed that no more than \$300.00 should be paid by the township.

08-14-030-D/M A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Charney to
===== contribute a maximum of \$300.00 towards drainage
improvements on Myra Lee. Residents shall pay all remaining costs.
4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

IV. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the July 8, 2014 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted and to authorize payment of monthly health insurance bill.
3. Receive the July 2014 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
4. Receive the July 2014 Revenue Expenditure 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 Hoverman and seconded by Putt to approve all items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

VI. Regular Agenda

1. Brush Chipping Policy

Brush chipping continues to be a service offered by Williams Township at no cost to property owners. Possible revisions have been previously discussed but the policy has not been amended or changed.

Numerous ash trees and blue spruce trees are dying due to the emerald ash borer and other diseases and employees continue to keep up with requests for the chipping machine. According to the adopted policy, residents receive 30 minutes of chipping per month. Additional chipping is offered at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.

The Bandit Chipper was purchased in 1999 and has over 3000 hours of use. The truck to pull the chipper currently has an odometer reading of 135,000. This does not include engine idle time while chipping.

A short discussion followed.

08-14-031-C/F/P

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A motion was made by Hoverman and seconded by Charney to keep the Roadside Brush Chipping Policy as adopted with the hourly fee to remain the same after 30 minutes of complimentary chipping each month per resident. Employees will pick up brush as directed by the township Supervisor, perhaps two days per week.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

2. Resolution Opposing Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository

Correspondence was received from State Senator Phil Pavlov and State Senator Mike Green asking that local units of government adopt a resolution opposing construction of a deep nuclear waste repository by Ontario Power Generation. The long term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste is approximately 1 kilometer inland from Lake Huron and about 400 meters below the lake level, located at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station.

08-14-032-G/O/N A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Charney to adopt the
===== Resolution as proposed by Senator Mike Green opposing the construction of a nuclear waste repository by Ontario Power Generation in the Great Lakes Basin, attached Exhibit C.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

A. Charney will forward a completed copy of the adopted resolution to Senator Green.

3. Capital Service Charge, Dow Corning Auburn Site

Dow Corning Auburn Site recently made a second connection to the Eleven Mile Road water line. They originally installed a 6 inch meter at their south entrance for daily water usage, and paid the water tap fee. They have now added a 10 inch meter and a 12 inch water line at the north entrance to the facility, specifically for additional fire protection capabilities. There is no tap fee for the 10 inch meter but a quarterly capital service charge will be assessed on the quarterly water billing statement.

The township does not have an established tap fee for meters larger than 6 inches in size and there are no quarterly capital service charges in the water rate ordinance for 10 inch or larger meters.

In January 2013 a quarterly Capital Service Charge was adopted for 8 inch meters as Dow Corning Corporate Site installed an 8 inch meter to be used specifically for additional fire protection.

Discussion followed. The Quarterly Capital Service Charge for 8 inch meters (adopted in January 2013) is \$6672.00/per quarter. A Meter Service Charge that may change as recommended by DWS, but currently is established in the Water Rate Ordinance at \$9.89/quarter is also included in water billings. C. Hoverman provided a detailed written calculation of how all previous fees were established and the proposed fees for a 10 inch and a 12 inch meter, based on the previously adopted fees.

Since this is an unusual situation, it is suggested that the fee be determined and established by Resolution and on a case by case basis, rather than by amending the Water Rate Ordinance.

08-14-033-B/F/W A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Hoverman to
===== authorize Bay County Department of Water and Sewer (DWS) to
bill any Williams Township water customer a quarterly Capital Service Charge of
\$9840.00 and a quarterly Meter Service Charge for 10 inch water meters that are installed
primarily for additional fire protection capabilities. Bay County DWS is also authorized
to bill any Williams Township water customer a quarterly Capital Service Charge of
\$13608.00 and a quarterly Meter Service Charge for 12 inch water meters that are also
installed primarily for additional fire protection capabilities. Any metered water usage
shall also be included on each quarterly billing.

Ayes: Hoverman, Charney, Putt, and Plant.
Nays: None.
Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

4. 2014 Property Tax Resolution

A township millage rate of 4.40 mills was levied in 2013. It is the same millage rate that
has been levied for numerous years.

A brief discussion followed. Members of the board agreed that the millage rate should
remain at 4.40 mills for the December 2014 tax billing.

08-14-034-B/M/P/T A motion was made by Hoverman and seconded by Putt to adopt
===== the resolution to levy a 2014 township property tax rate of 4.40
mills, attached Exhibit D.

Ayes: Charney, Putt, Plant, and Hoverman.
Nays: None.
Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Other Committee Reports

T. Putt provided a report from the most recent Fire District Administrative Board
meeting.

J. Plant stated discussions continue in order to construct a pathway between Bay City
and Midland on pipeline property.

The Auburn gun range will be open every Saturday beginning in September and
continuing through mid November.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Hoverman and seconded by Putt to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek, Paige, and Gower. Motion carried.

Williams Charter Township

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor