

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – December 14, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday December 14, 2010 at the Township Hall. The agenda is attached Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Excused: Gower (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

There were no public comments.

IV. Changes to Agenda

Paul Arnold will present the annual assessor's report as agenda item 1.

There were no other changes to the agenda.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the November 9, 2010 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
3. Receive the November 2010 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
4. Receive the November 2010 Revenue Report and November 2010 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 Paige to approve all items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

V. Regular Agenda

1. Assessor's Report

Paul Arnold, Williams Township Assessor, was present to provide his annual assessor's report. The Consumers Price Index of 1.7% will be applied to the 2010 taxable values on all classes of property to create the 2011 taxable values.

He also provided information on Industrial Facility Tax Exemptions, both real and personal, as well as land divisions, home sales, and new home construction.

2. METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension

Correspondence was received from AT&T requesting a three year extension of the existing METRO Act Permit issued by Williams Township to Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2010. The 2010 year to date revenue generated from the METRO Act is \$8,960.02.

12-10-080-A/A/M A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to
===== authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement for a three year extension of the existing METRO Act Permit issued by Williams Township to AT&T for a term to end on December 31, 2013.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

3. Township General Development Plan Amendment

The primary purpose of the proposed amendment to the Williams Township General Development Plan is to change the land use designation of approximately 12.63 acres of land in the northeast quarter of Section 22 from “Low Density Residential” to “High Density Residential”. The property is generally located along the west side of Garfield Road north of the railroad tracks.

The Planning Commission reviewed the final development plan of Chad Kloha for construction of 93 multiple family units and recommended that the Township Board of Trustees pass a resolution authorizing J. Hammond, Township Attorney, to distribute copies of the Township General Development Plan Amendment to all municipalities entitled to notice.

Municipalities have 42 days to review and comment on the amendment. After the 42 days, the Planning Commission holds a public hearing to allow comments on the General Development Plan Amendment and the Planned Unit Development rezoning. If rezoning is recommended, the Township Board will then introduce and subsequently adopt an Ordinance changing the land use designation of the parcel.

12-10-081-A A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Putt to allow Paul
===== Wasek to abstain from voting on distribution of the General Development Plan Amendment.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

12-10-082-A/G/P A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to accept the
===== recommendation of the township planning commission to authorize the township attorney to distribute copies of the township General Development Plan Amendment to municipalities entitled to notice.

5 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Abstention: Wasek. Motion carried.

4. Planning Commission Appointment, Township Board Representative

Tom Paige has served as the township board representative to the planning commission since becoming a township trustee in November 2009. He was re-elected as a trustee in November 2010. He has agreed to continue serving as the township board representative.

12-10-083-A/P

===== A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Charney to re-appoint Tom Paige as the township board representative to the Williams Township Planning Commission, effective immediately and continuing until November 20, 2012.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

5. Waterline Extensions

Civil Engineering Consultants has been asked by P. Wasek to provide engineering estimates for three potential waterline extension projects.

- Salzburg Road 12 inch water main from Eleven Mile Road to Carter Road. Design and bid phase services, lump sum \$13,500.
- Salzburg Road 12 inch water main from Carter Road to the existing 12 inch line on the west side of M-47. Design and bid phase services, lump sum \$11,000.
- Carter Road 8 inch water main from Salzburg Road north to the existing 6 inch main on Fisher Road. This main would require a meter pit because the existing 6 inch main is currently metered at Fisher Road near Eleven Mile Road. Design and bid phase services, lump sum \$11,300.

Preliminary project cost estimates were also provided for each project and range from \$185,000 to \$245,000, and include the above design and bid phase engineering fees.

Discussion followed and it was noted that a waterline extension from Eleven Mile Road west to Carter and continuing west under M-47 on Salzburg Road would create an additional loop to our current water system.

6. Sunday Liquor Sales

Last week, the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) sent out letters to every township, city, and village in the state. The letter described the fact that a new law would allow for the sale of alcohol on Sunday mornings and that the statute allows townships to prohibit all sales of alcohol on Sundays. As townships considered their options, some legislators questioned why locals could not prohibit Sunday morning sales only. Despite law that nowhere delineates this authority, the LCC has decided to honor resolutions that ask to only prohibit Sunday morning sales. Some legislators are talking about amending the new law when the Legislature convenes after the first of the year. Communities that are not concerned about Sunday morning sales are not required to take any action at all.

Those that wish to prohibit all sales on Sunday have unquestioned authority under the current law. Those that wish to prohibit sales on Sunday mornings will have the LCC honoring their request.

A brief discussion followed. All agreed that until the current law is amended, no resolution should be voted upon as all Sunday sales could be prohibited.

7. Special Consideration, Park

Correspondence was received from Patrick Sheehan, Community Representative for the American Cancer Society, regarding use of the township park for the Auburn Relay for Life. They would use of the park for their annual event beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday June 25th and ending at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday June 26th. Set up will begin on Friday June 24th.

12-10-084-P/R A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Hoverman to rent
===== the township park to Patrick Sheehan, Community Representative
for the American Cancer Society, for their annual Auburn Relay for Life. Set up will take
place on Friday June 24th with the Relay for Life events to take place from 9:00 a.m.
Saturday June 25th until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday June 26th. The rental fee shall be \$100.
6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

8. 2010 Audit Correspondence

12-10-085-A/A A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Putt to receive
===== correspondence from William Tucker IV, CPA, Abraham &
Gaffney, P.C., regarding the 2010 township audit in relation to SAS No. 114 (AU 380).
6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

9. 2011 Township Budget

12-10-086-B A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Putt to receive the
===== 2011 Township Budget.
6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Correspondence has been received from the Michigan Municipal League indicating that health insurance rates for the March 2011 renewal are increasing between 9% and 15%.

IX. Other Committee Reports

T. Putt provided an update from the recent Fire District meeting he attended. Chief Snyder announced that he will retire as Chief in April 2011, due to an increased travel commitment with Dow Corning.

T. Paige reported that the township planning commission approved a site plan for Bri Car to build a detached cold storage accessory building, contingent on working out a few details for fire protection with Chief Snyder.

T. Paige also complimented P. Wasek on the great job he has done as our township supervisor.

X. Adjournment

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

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

Williams Charter Township

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor