

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting – January 8, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 8, 2013 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), Gower (Trustee), Paige (Trustee), Plant (Trustee), and Putt (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 was present other than members of the board.

**IV. Changes to Agenda**

There is no financial report for December 2012 or a revenue and expense report. Both will be presented for approval in February 2013. End of year bank statements showing interest amounts on money market accounts have not yet been received.

**V. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the December 27, 2012 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 Supervisor's Update of Projects and Issues as presented.
4. Receive the List of Committee Reports, attached Exhibit C.
5. Approve the payment of expenses for appropriate township personnel to attend workshops within Michigan, listed in attached Exhibit D.
6. Receive the Miscellaneous Correspondence and Communication List, attached Exhibits E and F, respectively.

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**1. 2013/2014 Blue Cross Health/Dental Insurance Rates**

The rates for group health and dental insurance were received from Michigan Municipal League for the year beginning March 1, 2013 and ending February 28, 2014. The health plan is a Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO #3. The dental insurance plan is a Blue Dental PPO Plus.

<b>PLAN TYPE</b>	<b>2012/2013 HEALTH</b>	<b>2012/2013 DENTAL</b>	<b>2013/2014 HEALTH</b>	<b>2013/2014 DENTAL</b>	<b>CHG IN RATE</b>
TWO PERSON	\$1335.84	\$75.88	\$1492.58	\$82.23	\$163.09
2 PER/MEDICARE	\$1108.04	\$63.48	\$1256.72	\$68.74	\$153.92
FAMILY	\$1669.79	\$94.85	\$1865.72	\$102.79	\$203.85

Health Plan

Plan includes \$20.00 office visit co-pay  
 Plan includes \$10.00 generic, \$40.00 formulary brand, \$80.00 non-formulary prescription drug card  
 \$250/\$500 yearly deductible  
 Plan includes \$500 of wellness examinations  
 Employee pays 15% of monthly premium

**2012/2013 TOTALS BY GROUP**

Two Person Plan \$1411.72/month  
 Two Person Medicare Plan \$1171.54/month  
 Family Plan \$1764.66/month

**2013/2014 TOTALS BY GROUP**

Two Person Plan \$1574.81/month  
 Two Person Medicare Plan \$1325.46/month  
 Family Plan \$1968.51/month

A brief discussion followed. Trustee Gower suggested dropping dental insurance coverage to save money. All agreed the cost of health insurance and prescription drug coverage has escalated at an alarming pace.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) begins on renewal dates in 2014; March 1 for our township. There are many unknown aspects of future health care, and John Marcou, the township health/dental insurance agent, has not yet been informed of changes that will affect health insurance coverage's and the potential rates.

**01-13-001-I/P** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to adopt the  
 ===== 2013/2014 Blue Cross Renewal Rates as provided by Michigan

Municipal League.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**2. Water Meter Quarterly Fees**

Dow Corning Corporate Site recently connected to the Salzburg Road 12 inch water line. They have installed a 4 inch meter for daily water usage, and paid the water tap fee. They also added an 8 inch meter specifically for additional fire protection capabilities. There is no tap fee for the 8 inch meter but a quarterly capital service charge will be assessed on the quarterly water billing statement.

They have eliminated their on site waste water facility.

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 8 inch or larger meters.

This topic has been discussed at several previous board meetings, but due to its complexity, a fair and equitable solution has not been determined since they do not plan to use the 8 inch meter for day to day water usage. No other companies are using an 8 inch meter in Bay County so this situation is rather unique.

Quarterly water billing debt charges and quarterly minimum billing fees have been adopted by Fraser Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, and Bangor Township. Dow Corning's meter will show quarterly water usage, if any, and a billing will be generated based on each quarterly meter read.

P. Wasek again contacted Bill Darbee, Darbee, Bosco, and Hammond, P.C. for advice, direction, and perhaps a solution.

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.

Discussion followed. Based on the Quarterly Capital Service Charge for smaller meters, a determination was made to charge \$6672.00/per quarter and a Meter Service Charge that may change as recommended by DWS, but is currently established in the Ordinance at \$9.89/quarter.

**01-13-002-B/F/W** A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Putt to authorize  
===== Bay County Department of Water and Sewer to bill any Williams Township water customer a quarterly Capital Service Charge of \$6672.00 and a quarterly Meter Service Charge for 8 inch water meters that are installed primarily for additional fire protection capabilities. Any metered water usage shall also be included on each quarterly billing.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **VIII. New Business**

January 14<sup>th</sup> is the next court date for Williams Twp v Kamlay.

P. Wasek has scheduled a meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> with representatives from United Financial Credit Union, Independent Bank, and John Billette to provide information and further discuss installation of sidewalks, and decorative street lighting. A special assessment district will be established, if necessary.

The abandonment of Fisher Road between Eleven Mile Road and Carter Road is progressing.

**IX. Other Committee Reports**

T. Paige provided a brief update on construction of the new water filtration plant. The plant will accommodate 17.4 million gallons per day and easily expand to accommodate increased usage. Financing will be accomplished through bonding by Bay County and low interest loans through the drinking water revolving fund. Six million of a twelve million dollar loan is expected to be forgiven if deadlines can be met.

The next Governance Meeting is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at Monitor Township.

Bill Darbee has reviewed the proposed agreement on behalf of Bay County DWS and the townships. The city attorney has also reviewed the agreement on their behalf.

After the agreement is signed, T. Paige will be working on the Saginaw Midland Water Agreement that must be signed by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gower and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**Williams Charter Township**

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor