

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING – July 14, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday July 14, 2009 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), Gower (Trustee), Plant (Trustee), Putt (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**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Changes to Agenda**

Agenda item no. 3 will not be discussed this month as written approvals have not yet been received from all agencies.

**V. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the June 9, 2009 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the June 17, 2009 Board of Trustees Minutes as presented.
3. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
4. Receive the May 2009 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
5. Receive the June 2009 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
6. Receive the June 2009 Revenue Report and June 2009 Expense Report as presented.
7. Receive the Supervisor's Update of Projects and Issues as presented.
8. Receive the List of Committee Reports, attached Exhibit E.
9. Approve the payment of expenses for appropriate township personnel to attend workshops within Michigan, listed in attached Exhibit F.
10. Receive the Miscellaneous Correspondence and Communication List, attached Exhibits G and H, respectively.

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**1. Schmidt P.A. 116 Approval Resolution**

An application was received from Chris Schmidt for enrollment of a parcel of land into PA 116, the State of Michigan's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The parcel is located in section 16 of the township and is 18.68 acres.

An approval letter was received from the Bay County Soil Conservation District. The city of Auburn did not respond and the Bay County Planning Department supports the decision of the local governing body as stated in correspondence submitted by Laura Ogar. Review agencies have 30 days to return comments.

**07-09-049-F/P**

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A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Wasek to accept the recommendation of the Bay County Soil Conservation District to approve the PA 116 application of Chris Schmidt for enrollment of a parcel of land into the State of Michigan's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The resolution is attached Exhibit C.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**2. 2009 Township Millage Rate**

A township millage rate of 4.40 mills was levied in 2008. It is the same millage rate that has been levied for numerous years.

A brief discussion followed. P. Wasek inquired about raising the millage rate 1/10 of a mill. He stated that extra funding is needed to make additional road improvements and to maintain the level of service that our residents are accustomed to.

The remaining board members agreed that with Michigan's tough economic conditions, the millage rate should remain at 4.40 mills for the December 2009 tax billing.

Additional ways to save will need to be discussed at budget time as the township taxable value will decrease \$1,617,353.00 for 2009 and revenue sharing will in all probability be decreased as well.

The bulk water station was briefly discussed. It is subsidized approximately \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 each year. Customers receive 60 gallons for \$.25, whereas in Midland at the Water Treatment Plant, customers receive 125 gallons for \$.25. Usage of the township water station has decreased substantially over time as more waterlines are installed.

**07-09-050-B/M/P/T** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to adopt  
===== the resolution to levy a 2009 township property tax rate of 4.40  
mills, attached Exhibit D.

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

Nays: Wasek.

Motion carried.

### **3. Water Rate Change**

Correspondence was received from Ken Miller, Director of Bay County Department of Water and Sewer, recommending that the township increase the water rates from \$2.70/CCF to \$2.83/CCF to cover the \$.13/CCF cost increase imposed by Bay City. It is recommended that the rate increase take effect with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2009 billing.

Ordinance No. 36-O was then prepared by William Darbee, Township Attorney to reflect the rate increase.

**07-09-051-B/F/W** A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Wasek to waive  
===== reading, introduce, and authorize publication of proposed  
Ordinance No. 36-O, an ordinance to amend the water rates.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

### **4. Township Wide Trash Collection Contract**

The township's current 5 year trash, recycle, and yard waste collection agreement expires on October 31, 2009. Based on discussion at the May 12, 2009 and June 9, 2009 township board meetings, contact was made with Joe Denczek of Waste Management and an amendment that extends the contract through December 31, 2014 was drafted.

If the terms of the amendment are acceptable, the township attorney can then prepare the necessary special assessment resolutions and outline the required procedure to implement the special assessment extension.

Bill Darbee, Township Attorney is recommending that the special assessment district be recreated from scratch and last for 50 years. Two public hearings, two Bay City Democrat publications, and two notices to all residents will be required prior to implementation of the new contract.

**07-09-052-T/T/P/W** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to tentatively  
===== agree to the terms of the First Amendment to the Solid Waste  
Collection Agreement with Waste Management for township wide trash removal,  
recycling, and yard waste collection through 2014, pending creation of the special  
assessment district and creation of the special assessment roll.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**5. Other**

Our custodian, Dan Dell has had some ongoing health problems but is back to work without restrictions

The fire department is in the process of soliciting bids from cleaning companies as they are less than satisfied with the job performance of our custodian.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**IX. Other Committee Reports**

P. Wasek provided a planning commission update. H. Miller needs to submit revised site plan drawings for the proposed car wash to be located on the southwest corner of Garfield Road and Midland Road.

T. Paige provided information on a possible rezoning application that would rezone 123 acres in Section 30 of the township. Paperwork has not yet been submitted.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Charney and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**Williams Charter Township**

Amy Charney, Clerk

Tom Paige, Supervisor