

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING – March 9, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday March 9, 2010 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), Paige (Trustee), Plant (Trustee), and Putt (Trustee).

Excused: Wasek (Supervisor). P. Wasek was in attendance at the Township Board of Review meeting and rejoined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Absent: 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**

No one was present.

A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Hoverman to appoint T. Paige as temporary acting Chairperson for the March 9, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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

**IV. Changes to Agenda**

The summer and winter tax collection reports completed by C. Hoverman are included in the correspondence. 95% of the winter property taxes were collected prior to being turned over to the county treasurer's office.

Journal entries for all payables and receivables attributable to the 2009 calendar year have been completed by A. Charney. This enabled the revenue and expense reports to be printed for December 2009 and for January and February 2010.

**V. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the February 9, 2010 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
3. Receive the February 2010 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
4. Receive the February 2010 Revenue Report and February 2010 Expense Report as presented.
5. Receive the January 2010 Revenue Report and January 2010 Expense Report as presented.
6. Receive the December 2009 Revenue Report and December 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 C.

9. Approve the payment of expenses for appropriate township personnel to attend workshops within Michigan, listed in attached Exhibit D.
10. Receive the Miscellaneous Correspondence and Communication List, attached Exhibits E and F, respectively.

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

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

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**1. Senior Dining Center**

The Bay County Division on Aging rents the bar room and kitchen in the township hall for use as a dining center on Monday through Thursday each week.

Correspondence was received from Becky Carlson Reimann last October indicating that the proposed Bay County budget included a provision to close our township dining center on Fridays beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The utility reimbursement has been pro-rated to \$395.00 per month to reflect the scheduled change.

P. Wasek arrived from the Board of Review meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**03-10-010-B/F/S** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to authorize the  
===== Supervisor to sign the 2010 senior dining center agreement and accept the reimbursement rate as proposed by Bay County Division on Aging.  
6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower Motion carried.

**2. Special Consideration, Hall**

Correspondence was received from Kari Roe, Bay County Wrestling Club, requesting use of the township hall for their annual awards recognition banquet. The organization is asking for a reduced rental rate and use of the hall on April 9, 2010.

**03-10-011-H** A motion was made by Wasek and seconded by Plant to rent the township  
===== hall to the Bay County Wrestling Club on April 9, 2010 for their annual recognition banquet. The rental fee shall be \$100.00 and a breakage deposit of \$100.00 shall be charged.  
6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower Motion carried.

**3. Special Consideration, Hall**

Received request from Dale Dunham, Western Middle School Principal, to rent the township hall for a reduced rental rate for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade step-up dance. They will be using the entire hall, bar room and cooking in the kitchen and would like use of our facilities on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**03-10-012-H** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to rent the township  
===== hall to Western Middle School on June 2, 2010 for their annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
step-up dance. The rental fee shall be \$250.00 and a breakage deposit of \$100.00 shall be  
charged. The Senior Dining Center nutritional program will not be cancelled.  
6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower Motion carried.

**4. Bay County Sheriff Department Proposal**

The city of Auburn has established a three person Police Advisory Committee to study and to ultimately provide a recommendation to the City Commission regarding police protection for their residents. Brian Raab is the Committee Chairperson and he provided P. Wasek with a hypothetical shift rotation schedule using the township afternoon deputy and the city afternoon deputy. The proposed, preliminary schedule could potentially lead towards sharing services with the two municipalities and both deputies would work 12 hour shifts in order to provide the greatest coverage. B. Raab asked P. Wasek to further discuss the proposed scheduling plan with our Board of Trustees and provide the city committee with feedback.

Discussion followed. All agreed sharing services provides both municipalities more coverage with quicker response times, provided that John Miller, Bay County Sheriff, first approves the schedule. P. Wasek will verbally communicate with B. Raab.

**5. Ordinance No. 168**

Dow Corning submitted an application to rezone to IND, Industrial, from RE, Rural Estate, approximately 160 acres of land comprising the southwest ¼ of Section 28. The entire section is owned by Dow Corning and will have the same land use designation, IND, Industrial, if rezoned.

The township planning commission conducted a public hearing during their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and recommended that the township board rezone the parcel. The ordinance was introduced at our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and subsequently published in The Bay City Democrat.

**03-10-013-D/O/Z** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to waive  
===== reading, adopt, and authorize publication of proposed Ordinance  
No. 168 to rezone a parcel of land in Section 28 from RE, Rural Estate to IND, Industrial.  
Ayes: Wasek, Plant, Hoverman, Charney, Paige, and Putt.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Gower.  
Motion carried.

**6. Ordinance No. 169**

Ordinance No. 169 amends Williams Township Ordinance 33, as amended, the Township Zoning Ordinance, by providing definitions and regulations of various types of signs and reader boards.

The proposed ordinance permits static displays with transitions limited to dissolve, fade, scroll, and travel. Animated, flashing, and strobe signs are specifically prohibited.

The township Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendments during their meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and recommended that the township board adopt the amendments.

**03-10-014-O/P/Z** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman to accept  
===== the recommendation of the township planning commission to waive reading, introduce, and authorize publication of Ordinance No. 169, an ordinance to amend Williams Township Ordinance No. 33, as amended, the Township Zoning Ordinance.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Gower.

Motion carried.

#### **7. Property Purchase Discussion**

The bank has foreclosed on the house directly west of the fire department at 1100 W. Midland Road. The parcel size is approximately 1.50 acres and contains a ranch type house and a detached 28 X 40 accessory building with a cement floor and two doors. P. Wasek sent correspondence to the law firm handling the paperwork for the bank that now owns the home. The law firm indicated that three appraisals would be obtained and a price would be determined. The sale of the home would be turned over to a real estate company. The house is now listed through Acres & Homes Realty, Inc. of Saginaw. The listing agent is Anthony Rapp and the property is listed for \$94,900.00. P. Wasek, B. Klemish, and T. Paige have been through the house and agreed it is structurally sound, but has extensive mold and electrical problems.

The close proximity of this parcel is an ideal and practical purchase for possible future township park development as it is contiguous property to the park. It was agreed by all that the house is of no use to the township and would need to be removed from the parcel and the basement would need to be filled.

A lengthy discussion followed.

C. Hoverman stated the taxes are current.

Questions as to what account the funding would come from to purchase the property were asked. It was agreed that road repairs for 2010 would be significantly affected if our bid to obtain the property is successful.

Various beginning offers were discussed. The majority agreed that the township should attempt to purchase the property, even though it may remain vacant for many years to come.

**03-10-015-C** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to authorize the  
===== township supervisor to submit a purchase agreement on 1100 W. Midland  
Rd., parcel no. 09-140-022-200-100-00, as discussed at length by the Board of Trustees.  
6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower Motion carried.

It was agreed that any accepted offer shall be contingent upon review by the township attorney. P. Wasek will attempt to split closing costs 50/50 with the seller. A check for \$1,000.00 will be required as a good will deposit.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

A. Charney stated she has been contacted by three natural gas suppliers in the past week stating how much of a cost savings they can provide if the township changes providers. One person from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. stopped in, and two called and stated they would fax information about their company. No faxes have been received as of this date.

All agreed that no action should be taken at this time to switch natural gas providers.

P. Wasek inquired about everyone's "homework" assignment that was distributed at the last board of trustees meeting.

T. Paige provided information on the Dan Dell unemployment claim. The case is being transferred from the Detroit unemployment hearing officer to the Saginaw hearing officer.

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Hoverman and seconded by Plant to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower Motion carried.

**Williams Charter Township**

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor