

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING – November 12, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Wednesday November 12, 2008 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), Plant (Trustee), Putt (Trustee), and Schrott (Trustee).

Excused: 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**

Barb Doner was present and expressed interest in wind mills, wind farms, and how they may affect Bay County.

**IV. Changes to Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**V. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the October 28, 2008 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
3. Receive the October 2008 Financial (cash) Report as presented.
4. Receive the October 2008 Revenue Report and October 2008 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 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 Plant and seconded by Putt to approve all items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek. Motion carried.

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**1. 2009 Budget Appropriations Resolution**

**11-08-075-A/B**

===== A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman  
to adopt the 2009 Appropriations Resolution, attached Exhibit C.

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Wasek. Motion carried.

**2. Proposed Ordinance No. 165**

Proposed Ordinance No. 165 amends Williams Township Ordinance No. 33, as amended, the Township Zoning Ordinance.

- It adds the definitions of “Wind Farm” and “Wind Turbine”;
- Allows “Wind Turbines” as a special use in the AG and RE zoned districts;
- Allows “Wind Farms” as a special use in the AG zoned district;
- Provides approval standards for “Wind Farms and Wind Turbines”;
- Allows “Asphalt Plants, Concrete Plants, Asphalt Recycling Plants and Concrete Recycling Plants” as special uses in the IND zoned district;
- Provides approval standards for “Asphalt Plants, Concrete Plants, Asphalt Recycling Plants, and Concrete Recycling Plants”; and,
- Creates a Planning Commission under the new *Planning Enabling Act*, which was adopted by the State Legislature earlier this year.

Planning Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed ordinance at their November 3, 2008 regular meeting, and passed a resolution recommending that the township Board of Trustees proceed with adoption of the ordinance.

The two acre minimum parcel size required for a residential wind turbine was briefly discussed. Trustee Plant questioned the requirement for two acres rather than perhaps one acre. Trustee Wasek will be asked to provide additional information prior to adoption of the ordinance.

**11-08-076-O/P/Z**

===== A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to waive  
reading, introduce, and authorize publication of proposed  
Ordinance No. 165, an amendment to Williams Township Ordinance No. 33, as amended.

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Wasek. Motion carried.

**3. BCTOA Christmas Party**

The Bay County Township Officers Association Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> in Pinconning Township. The reservation deadline is December 2, 2008.

**4. Five Year Road Improvement Plan**

T. Paige provided copies and supporting documentation for a revised five year road improvement plan. Significant changes have been made due to increased material costs.

When developing the plan, it was assumed that 1 1/2 mill will be allocated to road improvement projects beginning in 2009, and that township revenues will increase 1% per year. It was also assumed that the Bay County Road Commission Building Better Local Roads Program will continue to provide \$20,000 per year.

A brief discussion followed. Funding for local road improvements has increased significantly over the past several years and all agreed that road improvements should continue to be a budget priority.

**11-08-077-B/B/R** A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to approve the  
===== Five Year Road Improvement Plan as proposed, and submit a copy to the Bay County Road Commission. A copy is also attached as Exhibit D.  
6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek. Motion carried.

**5. Special Consideration, Hall**

Correspondence was received from Michelle Burless, Daisy Girl Scout Troop Leader, requesting use of the township bar room on Thursday December 18, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Approximately 10 girls and their parents will be invited to attend an investiture ceremony and Christmas party. A request was made to waive all rental fees.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the fee cannot be totally waived.

**11-08-078-H** A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Charney to rent the  
===== township hall to Daisy Girl Scout Troop 3622 on December 18, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for a rental fee of \$20.  
6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek. Motion carried.

**6. Other**

Replacement of the Carlin Field sign was discussed as were other improvements to the township park. T. Paige agreed to contact several sign companies to obtain quotations on redoing the sign.

An informational meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2008 at Fraser Township Hall to answer questions from township officials as well as farmland owners regarding the Bay County Property Development Rights Ordinance.

A proposed list of township committee appointments was distributed for review by T. Paige. The appointments will be placed on the December 9, 2008 meeting agenda.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

T. Paige thanked Jerry Schrott for his service as township trustee and noted his hard work and dedication as the township representative to the Auburn Williams Fire District Administrative Board.

**IX. Other Committee Reports**

There were no other committee reports.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Wasek. Motion carried.

**Williams Charter Township**

Amy Charney, Clerk

Tom Paige, Supervisor