

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting – October 11, 2011**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Tuesday October 11, 2011 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

Brandon Krause, 2nd District County Commissioner, provided a brief update on recent County Commission meetings.

IV. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the September 27, 2011 Board of Trustee Minutes as presented.
2. Approve the payment of bills as submitted.
3. Receive the Supervisor's Update of Projects and Issues as presented.
4. Receive the List of Committee Reports, attached Exhibit G.
5. Approve the payment of expenses for appropriate township personnel to attend workshops within Michigan, listed in attached Exhibit H.
6. Receive the Miscellaneous Correspondence and Communication List, attached Exhibits I and J, respectively.

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

VI. Regular Agenda

1. Dow Corning 2009 IFT Amendment

Dow Corning Corporation has completed a project covered by an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate issued by the state of Michigan on August 25, 2009; number 2009-175. The final real property cost of the project exceeds the estimated amount on the original application by more than 10%. The actual real property costs were \$243,523.00; and, the estimated costs \$175,000.00. The state issued Tax Exemption Certificate No. 2009-175 should be amended to allow for the increase in real property costs.

Jim Hammond, Township Attorney, has prepared a resolution to approve Dow Corning's request for approval of the additional cost for real property improvements.

10-11-068-D/I/P/T A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Hoverman to
===== approve the request of Dow Corning Corporation to amend Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate No. 2009-175 dated August 25, 2009, and to authorize the Clerk to sign the resolution, attached Exhibit C.
Ayes: Wasek, Plant, Hoverman, Charney, Paige, Putt, and Gower.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Dow Corning IFT Application, Corporate Site

An application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate was received from Dow Corning Corporation for facility, furniture, fixtures, and/or equipment upgrades to DC1, DC2, and DC30. Analytical Equipment and facility improvements are being made to DC3, DC4, and DC40 buildings, all located at the corporate site, 2200 W. Salzburg Road in Section 29 of the township.

The property is located within an industrial development district created on September 10, 1979.

The total project cost is \$2,603,000.00; \$565,000.00 of real property costs and \$2,038,000.00 of personal property costs. A twelve-year exemption is being applied for.

The application states that the current investment will add capabilities to allow for research and development of new chemistries and applications using silicon and silicones. The changes not only allow new research, they improve the safety of the employees and reduce the energy needs of the site.

The public hearing began at 7:18 p.m.

Ron Nartker was present from Dow Corning to answer questions and provide information on furniture and facility upgrades. A 1000 ton chiller is being installed in DC30.

Jeff Foisel was also present from Dow Corning and provided information on the lab upgrades.

No members of the public were present to ask questions or comment on the requested IFT Certificate.

The public hearing concluded at 7:22 p.m.

10-11-069-D/I/P/T A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Paige to
===== approve the application of Dow Corning Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) for their corporate site, Case No. 11-03 with a total project cost of \$2,603,000.00 for 12 years, effective December 31, 2011 for the 2012 tax year on part of tax parcel 09-140-029-200-010-00, and to authorize the Clerk to sign the resolution, attached Exhibit D. The parties are in agreement that all costs incurred by the township to process the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall be reimbursed by Dow Corning.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried

3. Dow Corning IFT Application, AEM Site

An application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate was received from Dow Corning Corporation for improvements to their Auburn Site on Eleven Mile Road in Section 28 of the township. The total project cost is \$4,367,500.00; all personal property. A twelve-year exemption is being applied for.

The property is located within an industrial development district created on April 22, 1985.

The public hearing began at 7:25 p.m.

Brian Money was present to explain the IFT application and answer questions from those in attendance.

The public hearing concluded at 7:33 p.m.

10-11-070-D/I/P/T A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Putt to approve the
===== application of Dow Corning Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT) for their Advanced Engineering Materials site, Case No. 11-04 with a total project cost of \$4,367,500.00 for 12 years, effective December 31, 2011 for the 2012 tax year on part of tax parcel 09-140-028-200-050-02, and to authorize the Clerk to sign the resolution, attached Exhibit E. The parties are in agreement that all costs incurred by the township to process the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall be reimbursed by Dow Corning.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried

4. Planning Commission Appointments

The Township Board appoints members to the Williams Township Planning Commission for three-year terms. The terms of Shirley Villaire and Doug Behmlander expire on December 31, 2011. Both are willing to be reappointed to a term beginning January 1, 2012 and continuing through December 31, 2014.

10-11-071-A/P A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Hoverman to
===== accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Shirley Villaire
as a member of the township Planning Commission for a three year term to begin January
1, 2012 and continue through December 31, 2014. All appointees shall serve at the
pleasure of the township board.
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

10-11-072-A/P A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to
===== accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Doug
Behmlander as a member of the township Planning Commission for a three year term to
begin January 1, 2012 and continue through December 31, 2014. All appointees shall
serve at the pleasure of the township board.
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

5. Water Filtration Plant Resolution

On September 21, 2011, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Bay County, the designated county agency for Bay County Department of Water and Sewer, adopted a resolution supporting a new membrane water filtration plant utilizing Saginaw Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation (SMMWSC) raw water. Bay City then approved a very similar resolution on September 26, 2011.

The water supply contract between Bay City and Bay County DWS expires in 2015. The Foster Group was retained by Bay County DWS to provide consulting assistance, and recommend whether it appears to be more cost effective to renovate the current water treatment plant or construct a new membrane water filtration plant. Both options would be supplied with raw water from SMMWSC, rather than the current water supply that is obtained from the inner Saginaw Bay. Their most recent report was received on August 23, 2011 and concludes that the most economical approach is to construct a new plant.

Ownership details must be worked out as the plant would provide water to residents of Bay City and 17 other water districts. The out city customers currently use 2/3 of the water supply.

10-11-073-B/B/W A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman to support
===== and endorse the resolution passed by the Bay County Road
Commission on September 21, 2011 that advocates construction of a new membrane
water filtration plant and authorize the Clerk to sign the resolution, attached Exhibit F.
Ayes: Charney, Paige, Putt, Gower, Wasek, Plant, and Hoverman.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Other

P. Wasek provided a letter of recognition for Ryan Moon, area Boy Scout, for design and completion of a POW/MIA memorial in the township park. All members of the board were asked to sign the letter.

Three lettering styles were provided as examples of choices for the water tower graphics. Williams Township will be displayed in black on the blue background at no additional charge. Trustees voted on the lettering style they preferred.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Other Committee Reports

T. Paige provided information on the Perry Creek Townhouse site plan approved by the Planning Commission. The development will be located on North Union Road, west of Oakside Mobile Home Park.

Zoning text amendments are also being discussed. C3 zoning designation uses will be expanded.

The Pathway Committee will meet Wednesday October 19th.

The Gun Range will be open every Saturday through November 12th. They received a \$4,000 grant from Buck's Unlimited for improvements.

Dugouts in the township park were briefly discussed. B. Krause stated that new cement block dugouts were recently added to two ball fields in Beaver Township. They allow advertising on their fences to help defray the cost of maintenance and improvements.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gower and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

Williams Charter Township

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor