

**WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting – September 8, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of Williams Charter Township held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 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).

James Hammond, Darbee Bosco and Hammond, P.C. 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**

Larry Lijewski commented on the recurring standing water problems in the west area of his property after heavy rain events such as September 3, 2015. He again stated that drainage problems should be taken care of prior to sidewalk construction in front of his property.

**IV. Changes to Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**V. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve the August 11, 2015 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. Charney stated that the mail was not delivered on this date until after the office was closed and consequently all the bills were not added to the list for review by the Board. Board members were in agreement that the recurring bills should be added to the list and a new bills listing would be prepared and placed in each Trustee's mailbox.

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**1. Blight Ordinance Violation, 2673 W. Midland Road**

Thomas Webb owns property located in Section 19 of the township with a physical address of 2673 W. Midland Road. A blighted residential structure was removed from the parcel by Mr. Webb. Footings, a partial foundation, and other debris remain on the property.

A letter was sent to Mr. Webb on August 12, 2015 referencing violations of Williams Township Ordinance No. 136, the township Blight Control Ordinance.

Section 7 of the Ordinance states the owner/and or occupant may appeal to the Township Board for a public hearing. Mr. Webb sent correspondence on August 19, 2015, asking for a public hearing as outlined in Section 7 of the Ordinance.

James Hammond, Township Attorney, and Robert Klemish, Williams Township Zoning Administrator, were present as well as Mr. Webb.

J. Hammond advised members of the board that Ordinance No. 136 states in part... following the hearing, the decision of the Township Board as to the violation shall be final. The Board shall decide if the blighted structure has been removed or not? Other Township Ordinances cannot be considered when making the blight determination.

T. Webb agreed that the floor should be removed but wants to leave the masonry block foundation with crawl space in case he decides to use the blocks for another modular type home.

Discussion followed.

**09-15-044-B/B/O** A motion was made by Hoverman and seconded by Plant to affirm  
===== the Township Zoning Administrator's determination that the foundation and footings of the blighted dwelling house must be removed, subject to the condition that no action shall be taken to compel Mr. Webb to remove those structures until after November 7, 2015.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**2. BCTOA Roads Committee**

The Bay County Township Officers Association has had a Roads Committee for numerous years that meets from time to time with one or more members of the Bay County Road

Commission to discuss local road issues and potential funding for local road improvements.

Officers of the Association have recently determined that establishment of the Committee should be detailed in the By Laws of the Organization. Member townships are being encouraged to support a change in the By-Laws to provide for the formation of a Roads Committee.

**09-15-045-B/R** A motion was made by Gower and seconded by Paige to submit a  
===== Resolution of Support to the BCTOA for the formal formation of a  
Roads Committee to assist member townships of the BCTOA in presenting road  
maintenance priorities to the Bay County Road Commission.  
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

### **3. Water Rate Increase**

The Bay Area Water Treatment Plant began transmitting water to Bay County water customers on August 27th. With the new state of the art water plant, the raw water supply now comes from Whitestone Point.

Correspondence was received from Bay County DWS recommending that Williams Township consider increasing water rates charged to water customers of Williams Township. The current rate is \$3.68 per hundred cubic feet (CCF). A CCF in Williams Township is 748 gallons. DWS recommends that the rate be increased by \$.32 per CCF, to \$4.00 per hundred cubic feet (CCF), effective with the 4th quarter 2015 billing. The recommendation was based on review by DWS personnel of financial and budgetary projections for the new water plant and to calculate the cost of water that is produced at the plant.

The cost of water to be invoiced quarterly from the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant will be \$2.82/CCF. The \$0.41/CCF estimated cost of water transmission from Bay City will be a separate transaction; however, it is recommended that that the cost be included in the customer water rate in order to build and reserve sufficient funds in the township water fund.

Williams Township Ordinance 36, as amended, will require an amendment to increase the water rate. Jim Hammond, Township Attorney, will be asked to prepare Williams Township Ordinance No. 36R.

### **VII. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**VIII. New Business**

John Billette, Civil Engineering Consultants, is working on a cost estimate to complete the sidewalk on the west side of Garfield Road (from the end to N. Union Road).

J. Plant asked if we have an estimate to extend the sidewalk on Midland Road to Bianchi Drive. P. Wasek agreed to contact J. Billette.

**IX. Other Committee Reports**

There were no Committee Reports.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gower and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

**Williams Charter Township**

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor