

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Superior Charter Township Board was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:30 p.m. on March 17, 2008, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisor led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL

The members present were William McFarlane, Kay Williams, Brenda McKinney, Lisa Lewis, and David Phillips. Nancy Caviston and Rodrick Green were absent.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Phillips, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2008

It was moved by Williams, supported by McKinney, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 3, 2008, as presented.

The motion carried.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – CHERRY HILL NATURE PRESERVE
GRANT FOR ADA TRAIL & OVERLOOK**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Williams, that the Public Hearing on the application for the Grant from the Michigan Department of Resources for the construction of an ADA compliant trail and overlook at the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve be opened.

The motion carried.

John Copley, Park Steward, and several members of the Park Commission were present to describe the project and answer questions.

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The Superior Charter Township Park Commission has prepared an application for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for an ADA compliant trail and overlook at the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve. The estimated cost of the project is \$95,000.00, of which at least 25% must be matching funds. The Park Commission has letters of intent from the Student Environmental Club of Henry Ford Community College and from the Superior Land Conservancy to provide labor and materials for habitat restoration amounting to approximately \$5,000.00. The notice of a Public Hearing, a requirement of applying for the grant, has been published in the *Ypsilanti Courier*, the newspaper of record for the Township, and on the home page of the Superior Charter Township Website. If the Park Commission is awarded the Grant, the project would be constructed in 2009. In addition, the Commission would construct a new service drive to the east of the current entrance.

Several questions concerning the proposed trail and overlook were answered. No one objected to the project or for applying for the grant; the consensus was that it would be an excellent addition to the Preserve.

It was moved by Lewis, supported by McKinney, that the Public Hearing be closed.

The motion carried.

B. OTHER CITIZEN CONCERNS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

7. REPORTS

A. SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor reported on six items:

1. There was a homicide in the Sycamore Meadows Apartment complex on Sunday. The victim was not a Superior Township resident. McFarlane stated that one reason for the trouble may be that trespass violations have not been issued by the Sheriff deputies to non-residents of the complex when visitors are causing minor troubles. By allowing minor infractions to continue, major incidents will follow, which is exactly what happened.

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2. The management of Sycamore Meadows, which with Danbury Park Manor pays for a COPS deputy, is also concerned about the quality of police service. They do not want to pay for the increased cost of the deputy with the current police service contract with the Sheriff. McFarlane suggested that they enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement as Danbury Park Manor has, but they do not seem interested. McFarlane will continue to work with the Sycamore Meadows management to negotiate an agreement on paying for a police officer for the apartment complexes.
3. Ypsilanti City is interested in offering the Township a contract for police services from the City. McFarlane met with the Police Chief to discuss the proposition. McFarlane said a Public Hearing on the issue would be necessary if the Township were to contract with the City.
4. The Board of Review met last week and homeowners are extremely upset about their assessments in light of the declining values of their homes. The values of homes in Bromley Park and Brookside were lowered this year; the Township lost \$24,000,000 in taxable value.
5. Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program is holding two county-wide clean-ups this spring – one at the Chelsea Fair Grounds on May 2 and the second in Saline on May 17. Details will be posted on the Township Website. The County plans to hold a third county-wide clean-up in the fall and would like to hold it in Superior Township. It would probably be at the Township Hall site.
6. The Fire Fighter Contract negotiations are almost complete and a contract should be ready for the April 7 Board meeting.

B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, ORDINANCE OFFICER, PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

It was moved by Williams, supported by Lewis, that the Fire Department Report for February, 2008, the Building Department Report for February, the Sheriff Department Report dated March 10, 2008, the Ordinance Officer report for February/March, and the Park Commission minutes for the February 11, 2008, meeting be received.

The motion carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ROAD COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting with the Road Commission will be held in conjunction with the regular Board meeting on April 21. The Road Drive-Around will be

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on March 20. McFarlane, McKinney, Ellen Kurath, and David Zelisse will be examining the Township roads with Washtenaw County Road Commission District Forman Eric Long.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Lewis, that the communication from the Road Commission concerning the date of the Annual Meeting be received.

The motion carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CHERRY HILL NATURE PRESERVE GRANT FOR ADA TRAIL AND OVERLOOK

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board adopt the following Resolution:

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MARCH 17, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO
CONSTRUCT AN ADA COMPLIANT TRAIL AND OVERLOOK AT THE CHERRY
HILL NATURE PRESERVE**

WHEREAS the Superior Charter Township Park Commission has prepared an application for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for an ADA compliant trail and overlook at the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS the Superior Charter Township Board has held a duly publicized Public Hearing on the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior Charter Township Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Application for a Grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to construct ADA compliant trail and overlook at the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

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Absent: Caviston, Green

The motion carried.

**B. AMENDMENT TO MERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN FOR
JEFF KUJAWA**

There was a mistake in the hire date in the amendment to the MERS Health Care Savings Plan for Jeff Kujawa that was adopted at the March 3 meeting. In order to correct the mistake, the amendment needs to be readopted.

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Williams, that the Superior Charter Township Board adopt the following Resolution:

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

MARCH 17, 2008

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT CREATED FOR ALL UNION EMPLOYEES
HIRED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2004**

WHEREAS Superior Charter Township employees are permitted to request that the Superior Charter Township Board amend their MERS Health Care Savings Plan Participation Agreement once per calendar year; and

WHEREAS Jeffrey Kujawa has not requested a change this calendar year heretofore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a new MERS Health Care Savings Plan Participation Agreement be created for all Union Employees hired on November 5, 2004, consisting of employee Jeffrey Kujawa with the effective date of March 17, 2008, which shall have the same provisions as his existing MERS Health Care Savings Plan Participation Agreement dated June 20, 2005, other than the following change:

the percentage of the mandatory salary reduction shall be 10% of pay;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be no change in the definition of pay eligible for the mandatory salary reduction which is currently defined as regular and overtime pay, education and longevity pay, and an option to cash 0% to 100% of benefit hours upon separation from service.

Roll call vote:

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Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston, Green

The motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

It was moved by Williams, supported by McKinney, that the Superior Charter Township Board amend the following 2008 Budgets:

General Fund:

Increase the following line items:

101-966-066-000	Transfer to Park Fund	\$20,000.00
101-209-702-075	Appropriation from Fund Balance	20,000.00

Park Fund

Increase the following line items:

508-000-588-025	General Fund Contribution	\$20,000.00
508-965-965-000	Transfer to Reserve	20,000.00

Fire Fund

Increase the following line items:

206-336-980-000	Equipment	\$35,000.00
206-000-699-000	Transfer from Fund Balance	35,000.00

Roll call vote:

Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

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Absent: Caviston, Green

The motion carried.

11. PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Williams, that the bills be paid as submitted in the following amounts: Utilities Fund - \$5,959.00 for a total of \$5,959.00.

The motion carried.

12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS

McKinney wanted the trash cleaned up around the Party Store at Harris and MacArthur. McFarlane said that a police work release team would be cleaning up areas in the Township and he would have them work in that area.

Ellen Kurath thought that the cost of roads should be lower this year because of the current economy should lower labor costs and that the Township should repair more roads while the costs were less. McFarlane said that labor might be cheaper, but the cost of asphalt is more because of the high price of oil, and the cost of delivering material is more.

Marion Morris does not want Vreeland Road repaired as it would increase the speed of the cars.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Williams, supported by Lewis, that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Williams, Clerk