

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Superior Charter Township Board was called to order by the Supervisor Kenneth Schwartz at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2015, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

The members present were Ken Schwartz, David Phillips, Brenda McKinney, Lisa Lewis and Alex Williams. Trustees Nancy Caviston and Rodrick Green were absent.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by McKinney seconded by Lewis, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2015

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by McKinney, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 16, 2015, as presented.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID RUTLEDGE

State Representative David Rutledge, HD 54, Ypsilanti, addressed the Board on Proposal 1, which is a state-wide proposal on the ballot of the May 5, 2015 election. He explained that the proposal is to amend the constitution to allow for increasing the State sales tax from 6% to 7% and would also result in the passage of about ten other laws. The ten laws would result in changes to how the wholesale price of gasoline is taxed, change the Earned Income Tax Credit, change the fees on vehicle registrations, increase funding to schools and local governments, and a number of other changes. Representative Rutledge explained the proposal and urged everyone to vote on May 5, 2015.

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B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. REPORTS

A. SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Schwartz reported on the following: Fairfax Manor, 1900 N. Prospect Road, has had serious problems for over one-year. Most of the patients/residents are government placed, either by the State for mental health issues or the VA for special needs. Only one building houses private-pay memory/Alzheimer patients. Supervisor Schwartz said there have been a large number of walkaways from the facility. Sheriff Dept. and Fire Dept. staff members have commented that the alarm system does not work, staff is doing a very poor job and overall management of the facility is lacking. Supervisor Schwartz said that State of Michigan licensing officials have been contacted and the Township Attorney is researching what options the Township has to motivate the facility to be better managed and reduce the walkaways. Supervisor Schwartz and Trustee Williams recently attended a presentation by Oil-Free Backyards. Supervisor Schwartz said the presentation was factual and well-presented. He explained that the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act severely limits the Township's control in the leasing and drilling process but he will probably bring resolutions to the Board to request amendments to the Master Plan and to encourage more regulation at the local level. Supervisor Schwartz and Treasurer McKinney have met with several groups to explore the possibility of someone selling fruit and vegetables one day a week across from Sycamore Meadows apartments. Township officials met with owners of the Superior Party Store, 9045 MacArthur Boulevard. Due to fire damage, the building has been condemned and has remained vacant since July 2010. Possible uses and the sale of the building were discussed. Supervisor Schwartz indicated that the Township Attorney has initiated a blight complaint against the building. The Ann Arbor Township and Superior Township joint-operating Fire Department study is close to be finalized. The final report will be brought to the Board on May 18 along with the Water Reliability Study and the FY 2014 Audit presentation. The Township is soliciting bids for replacement of the Township Hall parking lot. \$75,000 has been budgeted for this project. The Township is also considering adding lights to the parking lot. A motion was made by Treasurer McKinney, seconded by Lewis, for the Board to approve the Township Administrative staff to solicit bids for tree removal and to select the contractor at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

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MINUTES, SHERIFF'S REPORT, UTILITY DEPARTMENT REPORT, ZONING REPORT, MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW REPORT

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Lewis, that the Superior Township Board receive all reports.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

There were not communications.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2015-12, CONTRACT WITH MR. SWANSON FOR SIDE STREET MAINTENANCE

Mr. Swanson has been cutting the grass, trimming trees and other maintenance in the side-street areas of Oakbrook and Washington Square subdivisions since 2001. The Township requested to renew his contract for 2015. The proposed new contract includes the mowing of an additional area along Stamford Road and a modest increase in the payment to cover this additional work. The additional work is outside of the Sidestreet Maintenance SAD and will be paid for from the General Fund. Board members all agreed that Mr. Swanson has done a great job of maintaining the area.

The following resolution was moved by Williams, seconded by Lewis:

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2015-12

DATE: APRIL 20, 2015

A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL FOR ENTERING INTO A STREET-SIDE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MR. SWANSON FOR THE OAKBROOK AND WASHINGTON SQUARE SUBDIVISION COMMON AREAS

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WHEREAS, Superior Charter Township is a Michigan municipal corporation that provides public services to residents of Superior Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, a Special Assessment District was created to provide funding for street-side maintenance in the Oakbrook and Washington Square subdivisions located in the Township, which includes cutting the grass and other maintenance of the common areas, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has the responsibility to approve, execute and administer agreements to provide for such street-side maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swanson was awarded the contract in 2001 after the Township received at least three other bids, and

WHEREAS, the Township has been extremely satisfied with the performance of Mr. Swanson;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Superior Township Board approves the Agreement for 2015 with Mr. Swanson for side-street maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$18,684.00 and authorizes the Township Supervisor to sign the Agreement, and that the cost of this agreement is to be taken from the Side Street Maintenance Fund, G.L. Account No. 220.

Ayes: Schwartz, Phillips, McKinney, Lewis, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston, Green

The motion carried. The resolution was adopted.

B. RESOLUTION 2015-13, CONTRACT WITH WCRC FOR 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Supervisor Schwartz explained that he would like to recommend some improvements to Panama and some other subdivision streets but there is a lawsuit regarding the sidewalk ramps that prevents the Road Commission from repairing these streets until the lawsuit is resolved. The recommended projects include the Ford and Plymouth and Curtis and Plymouth intersection improvements.

The following resolution was moved by Phillips, seconded Lewis:

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUPERIOR
TOWNSHIP AND THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR 2015
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2015-13

DATE: APRIL 20, 2015

THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2015 by and between the Board of Superior Charter Township (the "Township") and the Board of Washtenaw County Road Commissioners (the "Road Commission").

WHEREAS, both parties desire improvements of local roads located within Superior Township; and

WHEREAS, included within their 2015 Annual Meeting report, the Road Commission has provided the Township with a list of proposed road improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Township has historically contributed funds to the Road Commission for improvement of the local roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township's adopted FY 2015 includes \$325,000 for road maintenance and an additional \$47,000 from urban county received on March 2105 and another \$22,000 to be provided in 2015 from urban county CBDG; and

THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED that the Township approves the Road Commission to complete following road improvement projects in 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$294,337.82:

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| 1. | Short Street from Plymouth Road to Church Street. | \$17,500.00 |
| 2. | Church Street from Plymouth Road to Short Street | \$55,500.00 |
| 3. | Stamford Road from Wiard Blvd. to Panama Avenue | \$74,000.00 |
| 4. | Township wide limestone 3,000 ton @ \$16.73 per ton | \$50,190.00 |
| 5. | Dust control, 3 applications with grading | \$12,473.82 |
| 6. | Preliminary engineering for Ford/Plymouth safety improvement | \$39,000.00 |

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| 7. | Preliminary engineering for Plymouth/Curtis safety improvement | \$10,500.00 |
| 8. | Crack seal Oakbrook subdivision \$.49 per lineal foot, per mile | \$2,587.00 |
| 9. | Crack seal Washington Sq. subdivision \$.49 per lineal foot, per mile | \$2,587.00 |
| 10. | Hot Patch for potholes, \$1,500.00 per day, 10 days | \$15,000.00 |
| 11. | Dead tree removal in RWO (focus on Geddes Road from roundabout to roundabout and Prospect from Clark to Ford | \$15,000.00 |
| | | \$294,337.82 |

Possible options

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| 1. | Vorhies road from Plymouth Road to M-14 | \$126,900.00 |
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Now, therefore, the Township approves the Superior Township Supervisor to sign the necessary agreements and the funds for the road improvements will be debited from G.L. 466-866.

Ayes: Phillips, McKinney, Lewis, Williams, Schwartz

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston, Green

The motion carried. The resolution was adopted.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The resolution was adopted.

C. FARMERS MARKET AT DIXBORO VILLAGE GREEN

Board members indicated the Dixboro farmer's market has been very successful. Board members indicated the volunteers and community members are doing a very good job of organizing and operating this event. They have numerous vendors and are expecting another good year. The application has no changes from last year.

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Williams, for the Board to accept Dixboro Village Green, Inc.'s Transient and Amusement Enterprises Activity Permit Application to conduct a farmers

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market at the Dixboro UMC's village green on Friday evenings from May 29 to October 23, 2015 and to forward the application to the Building Official for further action.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. 2015 FUND CHANGES

In a memo to the Board dated April 20, 2015, Controller Keith Lockie, requested that the Board approve dissolving Township Financial Funds 207-Fire Reserves and 223-Health Insurance.

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Lewis, for the Board to concur with Controller Lockie's recommendation to dissolve Township Financial Funds 207-Fire Reserves and 223-Health Insurance.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote with Caviston and Green absent.

11. PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Williams, seconded by Lewis, to approve the Bills for Payment in the amount of \$23,475.00 for the Utility Fund and that the Record of Disbursements be received.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

12. PLEAS AND PETITION

Sandi Lopez requested the Board not approve any oil or gas exploration activities in Township parks. Marion Morris reminded everyone that Superior Day is June 13, 2015 in Oakbrook Park. Marion Morris also commented that there are dead trees in the pioneer cemeteries that could fall down.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Lewis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Phillips, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor