

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
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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 September 5, 2006, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198.

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, Nancy Caviston, Lisa Lewis and David Phillips. Rodrick Green was absent.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2006

It was moved by Caviston, supported by Lewis, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 21, 2006, as presented.

The motion carried.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was none.

7. REPORTS

A. SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor reported on five items:

1. The Treasurer has sent \$300.00 worth of invoices for police service false alarms in July. The purpose of these fines is to

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eliminate the false alarms and for residents to fix their alarm systems.

2. Superior Township Community “Day Out” is Sunday, September 10 from noon to 4:00 p.m. in Fireman’s Park. The various departments of the Township have contributed to make this a successful event: the Fire Department will be bringing their “burn trailer” along with other equipment and a video; the Utility Department will be bringing some of their equipment, a display about water, and coloring books for the children; and the Park Department has been working to have the Park looking its best, is providing the tables and chairs, has made signs advertising the event, will have a booth with Park information and a chance to name the new park on Prospect, and will be providing games for the children. The Sheriff Department will be there and is providing hot dogs, cookies, and beverages.
3. In June the Utility Department applied for a State Revolving Fund Grant (S2 Grant) for conducting sewer system evaluation, planning and design engineering that are necessary to initiate projects for application to the main State Revolving Fund Grants which the Township would use to determine the causes and fix the continued Inflow and Infiltration in the Township sewer system. At this time it appears that the Township will receive the S2 Grant.
4. The Township will be applying for a State Grant for Purchase of Development Rights for Bob Schultz to help with the match needed for the Federal Farm and Ranchland Grant that Schultz was tentatively awarded last year.
5. There have been a number of traffic crashes lately in the Township, mostly minor, but another serious one at Gotfredson and Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road this past weekend. The Road Commission has promised to place a blinking overhead light at that intersection, but it is not yet installed.

**B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: UTILITY DEPARTMENT,
PLANNING COORDINATOR, PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES**

It was moved by Williams, supported by Caviston, that the Utility Department report dated September 1, 2006, the Planning Coordinator report for August, and the Park Commission minutes for the July 24, 2006 meeting be received.

The motion to receive the reports carried.

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C. UTILITY FUND JULY 2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It was moved by Williams, supported by Caviston, that the Superior Charter Township Board receive the Utility Fund July 2006 Financial Statement.

The motion carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. LETTER TO SHERIFF MINZEY FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

The three officials sent a letter to Sheriff Minzey requesting a meeting to discuss operational concerns related to deputy deployment in the Township. These concerns were given to the Sheriff Department support staff and no reasonable explanations have been provided or remedied. Three examples are as follows; the Townships of Ann Arbor and Superior collaborated whereby residents realized faster deployment for request for service. That collaboration was terminated by the undersheriff stating a union grievance as the reason. What is being done with the union to correct this? One of the Superior Township deputies assigned to midnights was suspended three months ago for actions in Ypsilanti Township. This same deputy was allowed to bid again for a Superior Township position while under suspension. This deputy should be put back to work or replaced. Superior Township did not receive a certificate of insurance naming the Township as additionally insured, where is it?

Minzey's office called and a meeting will be arranged. The insurance certificates have been received.

Phillips wanted to know if Minzey ever came to the Police Steering Committee meetings. No, he never has attended.

McFarlane said that the Sheriff Department laid off the grants writer four years ago and the Department has not received any grants since then although grants have been available.

It was moved by Williams, supported by McKinney, that the letter to Sheriff Minzey be received.

The motion carried.

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**B. LETTER TO WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD
FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD**

At the August 21 meeting the Township Board requested a joint meeting with the Willow Run School Board. A letter was sent to the Willow Run Community School Board and the response was favorable. The meeting has been set for September 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. McFarlane and McKinney will be meeting on Thursday with the Chairperson of the School Board and the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the agenda for the meeting.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Lewis, that the letter to the Willow Run Community Schools be received.

The motion carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. SET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2006 MILLAGE RATE

It was moved by Williams, supported by Caviston, that the Public Hearing on the 2006 Millage Rate be set for September 18, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at the Superior Charter Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti 48198.

The motion carried.

**B. LETTER TO RESIDENTS ON PLYMOUTH-ANN ARBOR
ROAD RE: HERITAGE CORRIDOR**

The Growth Management Plan suggested that “preservation and enhancement of the rural character” of roads in the Township is “critical to achievement of the vision of this Plan”. With the Planning Commission concurrence, the Clerk prepared a letter to send to all property owners on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road to set an informal forum on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall to discuss ideas such as “deep structure setbacks and extensive tree planting” to make the roadway a Heritage Corridor.

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It was moved by Williams, supported by McKinney, that the Superior Charter Township Board approve the letter to be sent to property owners along Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road regarding establishing a Heritage Corridor.

The motion carried.

C. HIV/AIDS RESOURCE CENTER NEEDLE EXCHANGE

Treasurer McKinney has received numerous complaints from residents regarding the HIV/AIDS Needle Exchange program. She contacted Danbury Park Manor to ascertain the number of residents in that community that use the service. Nancy Hopper, Property Manager for Danbury Park Manor, wrote that the residents were either not aware of the service or not interested. She said that if the service were to be discontinued, it would not be missed. McKinney was concerned that the program was bringing non-residents into the area while not helping our residents. McFarlane said that the deputies did not like the program. Phillips noted that the program was first started, it was considered to be experimental. From the comments from the residents, the police, and the apartment complex, it is not working well.

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Caviston, that the Superior Charter Township Board discontinue the HIV/AIDS Needle Exchange Program.

The motion carried.

11. PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Caviston, that the bills be paid in the following amounts: General Fund - \$1,890.00 for a total of \$1,890.00.

The motion carried.

12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS

Phillips asked about the proposed repaving of Ford Road in 2008. It will be a mill/overlay project. The officials requested that bike lanes be part of the project and a three-foot shoulder will definitely be provided, and maybe the five-foot shoulder that was requested.

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McKinney mentioned that Berkshire was resurfaced and Ellen Kurath spoke about road paving in general.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Williams, supported by Caviston, that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Williams, Clerk