

**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 September 17, 2007, 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 Nancy Caviston, Lisa Lewis, Rodrick Green, and David Phillips.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Green, to adopt the agenda as amended.

The motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of September 4, 2007, as presented.

The motion carried.

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**7. REPORTS**

**A. SUPERVISOR**

The Supervisor reported on the Hyundai-Kia tour to Korea from September 9-15. The delegation consisted of Supervisor McFarlane and his wife Sharon, Clerk Williams and her husband Karl, Treasurer McKinney and her husband George, Trustee Caviston, Trustee Lewis, County Commissioner Kenneth Schwartz, and Fire Chief James Roberts and his wife Bonnie. In

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addition, Mr. Tae Hyun Cho, General Affairs Manager for Hyundai-Kia Motors, accompanied the delegation to assist with travel arrangements and coordinate the tour. Mr. Cho was an excellent guide and extremely helpful throughout the tour.

The delegation toured the Hyundai-Kia facilities in Korea including the Hyundai-Kia Nanyang R&D Complex, the Hyundai-Kia Ecology Technology Research Institute, the Hyundai Asan Assembly Plant, and the Hyundai Heavy Industries Company. In addition the delegation met with the officials of Hwaseong City and started the process of becoming sister cities.

McFarlane said that the tour was not a vacation, but it was educational to see the culture of Korea. Korea has no natural resources so intellect is their way of providing a living for their people. The focus is on education; children go to school long hours and on Saturday. The employees also work long hours, although the benefits such as free lunches are good.

The Koreans were very friendly. Children that we met at tourist spots always smiled and said "hello", happy to be practicing their English. The county is very clean with many high rise buildings and expressways. Among the big buildings are rice fields.

McKinney said that America needs to keep up with the technology that the Koreans are using.

**B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: FIRE, BUILDING DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT LIBRARY, FALSE ALARMS, SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, ORDINANCE OFFICER**

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, that the Fire Department Report for August, Building Department for August, the District Library report for August, the False Alarm Report dated September 17, 2007, the Sheriff Department Report for August, and the Ordinance Officer report for August/September be received.

The motion carried.

**C. JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, that the July 2007 Financial Statements for all funds be received.

The motion carried.

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**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE 134-48 – HUMMANA REZONING – A2 TO R4 –  
FIRST READING**

Hummana, LLC and NYR82, LLC, have requested that 77 acres on the northwest corner of Prospect and Geddes be rezoned from A2 (Secondary Agriculture) to R4 (Single Family Urban Residential). The application for rezoning implies that the property would be used for the construction of 235 single family dwelling units to be served with on-site water and sewer facilities. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the petition where members of the public spoke against the proposed rezoning. The petitioner presented extensive documentation supporting the request. The Township Planning Consultant Report concluded that the rezoning is not in conformance with the Superior Charter Township Growth Management Plan including sewer and water infrastructure, density of housing units, and urban types of land use north of Geddes. The Township Engineering Consultants found that information in the petition was incomplete or inaccurate and that the petitioner had not appropriately considered the Growth Management Plan. On August 22, 2007, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend denial of the requested for rezoning.

Robert Jacobs, of Jackier Gould Attorneys and Counselors at Law, spoke for the developer on the reason agriculture was not viable on the parcel and the need for more housing in the Township. John Iacoangeli, of Beckett & Raeder, discussed the planning aspects of the petition.

Board members suggested that agriculture was still viable, that enough housing was already approved in the urban services district to accommodate all needed housing according to the SEMCOG population forecast to 2030, that the proposed development is outside the Township's utility district, that there is undeveloped land in the Township that is within the utility district which is master planned for future residential development, that the Township has not excluded higher density housing, that the Township has

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taken a proactive approach to managing growth, that the proposed development was not consistent with the adopted 2004 Growth Management Plan, and that the petitioners failed to demonstrate a need for rezoning lands outside the utility district area for residential use.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Green, that the Superior Charter Township Board concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the request by Hummana, LLC and NYR82, LLC, for the rezoning of 77.18 acres of land on the northwest corner of Geddes and Prospect, tax code J-10-28-400-009, from A2 (Secondary Agriculture) to R4 (Single Family Urban Residential).

Roll call vote:

Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Caviston, Green, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**B. SET 2007 MILLAGE RATES**

The Supervisor recommended that the proposed millage rates did not reflect a Headlee over-ride and therefore a public hearing was not necessary.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Caviston, that the Superior Charter Township Board set the 2007 millage rates as follows:

	Base	IFT
General Fund	0.7900	0.3950
Fire – 2008	1.3540	0.6770
Fire – 2008	1.8054	0.9027
Police – 2008	1.3540	0.6770
Legal Defense	0.2409	0.1204
Police voted	0.7229	0.3614

Roll call vote:

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Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Caviston, Green, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**B. 2007 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Sealed bids for the 2007 Sidewalk Replacement Program were received on September 13. Three companies submitted proposals which were reviewed by OHM for accuracy. The low bidder, V&J Cement Construction, met the qualifications set forth in the contract documents and is capable of performing the work.

Rhett Gronevelt, OHM engineering consultant, was present to answer questions.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with V&J Cement Construction from Ypsilanti, MI, to repair sidewalks in the subdivisions according to Ordinance 150 and the bid contract documents for the 2007 Sidewalk Replacement Program for a contract amount of \$52,728.25 based on the unit prices bid for the project.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Caviston, Green, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**C. RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION TO HYUNDAI-KIA**

Township Officials, Supervisor McFarlane, Clerk Williams, Treasurer McKinney, Trustees Caviston and Lewis, were guests of Hyundai-Kia to Korea from September 9 through September 15.

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

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**WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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**A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION TO HYUNDAI-KIA**

WHEREAS, Hyundai-Kia has established a positive relationship with Superior Charter Township since construction of the Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc. (HATCI); and

WHEREAS, to further cultivate this relationship and promote a positive connection to Korea via global interaction, HATCI has encouraged the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Hwaseong City, the site of the Hyundai-Kia Research and Development Headquarters in Korea; and

WHEREAS, HATCI invited Township officials to Korea and coordinated a tour of the Hyundai-Kia facilities in Korea including the Hyundai-Kia Nanyang R&D Complex, the Hyundai-Kia Ecology Technology Research Institute, the Hyundai Asan Assembly Plant, and the Hyundai Heavy Industries Company; and

WHEREAS, HATCI arranged the events connected with the meeting of the officials from Hwaseong City with the Township officials to further the establishment of the Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation between the Township and HATCI, the Township Officials paid for their own airfare to Korea and Hyundai provided for the accommodations, transportation, and food for the officials while in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tae Hyun Cho, General Affairs Manager of HATCI, accompanied the Township officials on the trip and provided an excellent means of business and cultural perspective; and

WHEREAS, the Township officials met directly with Hyundai-Kia officials and experienced the business and cultural operations of Hyundai-Kia with its employees at the facilities in Korea;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior Charter Township Board hereby acknowledges Hyundai-Kia and Mr. Tae Hyun Cho for the exceptional coordinated interaction that was established between Hyundai-Kia and Superior Charter Township during the Goodwill trip to Korea; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superior Charter Township Board proclaims Hwaseong City, Korea, a Goodwill Sister City; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hyundai-Kia and Mr. Tae Hyun Cho be recognized for extending and promoting this opportunity for global business understanding and camaraderie.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: McFarlane, Williams, McKinney, Caviston, Green, Lewis, Phillips

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**11. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Caviston, that the bills be paid as presented.

The motion carried.

**12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS**

Val Constance thanked the Board for defending the Growth Management Plan by denying the Hummana rezoning. She also noted that the citizens had approved a legal defense fund millage to help defend the Board's action.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Green, that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Williams, Clerk