

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2005
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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 October 17, 2005, 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, Rodrick Green, Lisa Lewis, and David Phillips.

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 OCTOBER 3, 2005

It was moved by Caviston, supported by McKinney, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 3, 2005, as presented.

The motion carried.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Marion Morris, Chair of the Superior Land Conservancy, showed the new cookbook containing recipes from local residents. The Land Conservancy is selling for \$7.00 with all the profits going to help fund the Conservancy.

Ellen Kurath, 2203 Hickman, had concerns about amending the Growth Management Plan for the Biltmore project.

Charles Wilson, a Township resident who works for the Washtenaw County Health Department, invited the Board to a charity event on November 5 at the Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center with all donations going to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

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7. REPORTS

A. SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor reported on four items:

1. The Planning Commission is meeting on October 26 to consider the proposed amendment to the Growth Management Plan for Regency Woods (Biltmore project) which was tabled at the September meeting. Assuming that the Commission acts on the amendment, the Board will meet on October 27 at 4:00 p.m. to adopt the resolution to distribute the amendment to the Growth Management Plan to surrounding communities for review. The Public Hearing date, December 21, for the project was published in the last newsletter and the timelines for the review period dictate that the distribution be done by October 27. The Supervisor feels strongly that public input on the project is important and changing the date of the Hearing could be confusing to residents.

Marion Morris was concerned about the timing of the Hearing and wanted to know why there was a rush. McFarlane answered that both the developer and the farmer selling the development rights had commitments and time lines to meet.

Sandi Lopez felt that the timing of the Public Hearing was poor because that it was so close to Christmas. She also said that if there was an annexation threat, the Township should acquire the Prolime land by imminent domain. She was advised that stopping annexation is not a legal reason for an imminent domain taking.

Brenda Baker wanted to know when the Public Hearing date was published. It was in the September newsletter.

Michael David BenDor felt that there should be other options to stop annexation but did not offer viable alternatives.

2. McFarlane said that the cost of the Township rebuttal to the Rock Estates proposal has cost the Township \$30,000.00 so far.
3. The Geddes Road Corridor Study will be ready for distribution at the next meeting.
4. The County is holding a meeting for elected officials on October 27 at Scio Township concerning police issues.

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B. HIV/AIDS REPORT – LEMONT GORE & NICOLE ADELMAN

Lemont Gore and Nicole Adelman from the Washtenaw County nonprofit HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) were present to discuss the needle exchange program that has been successful in Superior Charter Township since 2001. The program goals are to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and keep used needles off the street and out of the way of children. Gore said that the Superior site services 28 active participants. They had 1661 exchanges last year. He wants the program to remain proactive as more people will be at risk with the loss of jobs in the area.

Lewis asked if Gore thought there would be more participants at the Superior site as Ypsilanti Township has stopped their program. Gore answered that most participants don't go more than a mile to exchange needles.

**C. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS : FIRE DEPARTMENT,
UTILITY DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DEPARTMENT, OHM
MONTHLY, SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the Fire Department Report for September, the Utility Department Report dated October 14, 2005, the Building Department Report for September, 2005, the OHM Monthly Report dated October 3, 2005, and the Sheriff Department Report for September be received.

Deputy Risha was present to discuss the report.

The motion carried.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. SIDE STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS ON TAX ROLL

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board authorize the Treasurer to place the following special assessments on the 2005 winter tax roll for the following subdivisions:

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Woodland Acres Subdivisions Numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10, and 11 (Oakbrook and Washington Square) lots 1 – 675 and 734-931, excluding lots 284 and 931. The total number of parcels is 871 at \$20.00 each for a total amount to be collected of \$17,420.00.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

At this time, 8:40 p.m., Caviston left the meeting.

B. EXTENSION OF MacARTHUR NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL

The Township, through the Washtenaw County Park Commission and Urban County CDBG funding, have applied for funds to extend the MacArthur non-motorized trail to Wiard. As the proposed trail would connect the two existing trails, the chance for getting the funds is good.

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

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

OCTOBER 17, 2005

**A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR A NON-MOTORIZED
TRAIL ALONG MACARTHUR BETWEEN STAMFORD AND WIARD**

WHEREAS the Superior Charter Township Board adopted the Superior Charter Township Growth Management Plan in July 2004 which calls for “the construction of a Township trail system”; and

WHEREAS the Superior Charter Township Board with the help of the Washtenaw County Parks Commission recently constructed a non-motorized trail along the east side of MacArthur between Clark and Stamford; and

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WHEREAS the Board has been very pleased with the success of the MacArthur trail as it is being used by many residents both for recreation and for safe walking between neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS the success of the MacArthur trail has motivated the Board to try to extend the trail further along MacArthur to connect with the trail at Wiard Road which connects with other trails, both currently built and proposed, which will allow walkers and bikers to travel to the Wayne County line; and

WHEREAS the Township currently has non-motorized trails west of Prospect along Geddes with more proposed; and

WHEREAS the Township currently has a trail along Prospect south of Geddes to Berkshire; and

WHEREAS Urban County CDBG grants and Washtenaw County Park Commission grants could make the extension of the MacArthur trail to Wiard possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superior Charter Township Board hereby requests that the Washtenaw County Park Commission and the Washtenaw County Office of Community Development fund the extension of the MacArthur 8-foot wide, asphalt, non-motorized trail on the south side of MacArthur from Stamford to Wiard for a total of 5,000 liner feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superior Charter Township Board will contribute the costs of engineering and project management costs toward the project.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

C. PUBLICATION OF MINUTES, NOTICES, ORDINANCES

At the MTA District Meeting Williams learned that the Township can publish minutes, notices, ordinances, etc. on the website if we put a small notice in the newspaper that the notice, etc. is on the website. This will save over \$1,000 a year in publishing costs. She checked with the attorney and we would still need to publish the Planning Commission and ZBA notices, but we would save a lot of money by not publishing ordinances.

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It was moved by McKinney, supported by Green, that the Superior Charter Township Board publish all notices, ordinances, and synopsis' of meetings for which the method of publication is not prescribed by other laws by posting in the office of the clerk and on the Township Website with a notice of the posting describing the purpose or nature of the notice, ordinance, or proceeding published at least once in the *Ypsilanti Courier*, excepting Notices of Hearings for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals which shall be published in the *Ypsilanti Courier*.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

11. PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Green, that the bills be paid in the following amounts: Utilities Fund - \$2,655.00 for a total of \$2,655.00.

The motion carried.

12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Williams, Clerk