

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
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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 November 5, 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, Lisa Lewis, Rodrick Green, and David Phillips. Nancy Caviston was absent.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2007**

It was moved by Phillips, supported by Williams, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 15, 2007, as presented.

The motion carried.

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**A. OTHER NON-AGENDA ITEMS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellen Kurath, 2203 Hickman, expressed her concerns with the Superior/Geddes roundabout scheduled to be constructed in the spring of 2008. She said that it is very dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists attempting to cross the road as the traffic does not stop. She thinks the placement of the roundabout is faulty; it should be further to the northeast. She said that now that land values are dropping, the land to the northeast should be affordable. McFarlane said that she should take her concerns to the Road Commission.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008 BUDGETS – ALL FUNDS**

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It was moved by Phillips, supported by Lewis, that the Public Hearing on the 2008 Budgets be opened.

The motion carried.

McFarlane led the discussion of each budget by explaining the changes from the 2007 budgets. Susan Mumm, Accountant, Keith Lockie, Accountant for the Utility Fund, Utility Director Rick Church, and Diana Ravis, Utility Manager, were present to answer questions.

As the State is in difficult financial times and State Revenue Sharing amounts are still unknown, the budgets for non-union employees reflect a 2% salary adjustment. The Fire Fighters contract is in negotiations so those salaries are not set. Health care seems to be the biggest area of concern in the negotiations. The Law Fund shows an increase in the cost of deputies; the collaboration with Ann Arbor Township should allow the Township to provide service while keeping the costs as low as possible. The County will be housing one County General Fund deputy in our substation.

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

The motion carried.

**7. REPORTS**

**A. SUPERVISOR**

The Supervisor reported on three items:

1. Hyundai will be meeting on November 6 with bond consul, the Township financial advisor, and OHM to determine the amount and timing of the bond for the Leforge/Geddes intersection improvements.
2. The Harris Road bridge will be repaired in January using a cement box culvert.
3. The Sheriff will be using a new system of reporting which should make the reports more accessible, but it still is in the development stage.

**B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: PLANNING MONTHLY, ZONING**

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**MONTHLY, FIRE MARSHAL, PARK COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

It was moved by Williams, supported by Green, that the Planning Report dated November 1, 2007, the Zoning Report dated October 24, 2007, the Fire Marshal Report dated November 1, 2007, and the Park Commission minutes for September 24, 2007, be received.

The motion carried.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. A-RIDE SERVICE FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

During the month of July, 16 residents used AATA's A-Ride service for persons with disabilities and/or senior citizens 155 times, during August ten residents used the service 56 times, and in September 19 residents used the service 153 times.

It was moved by Williams, supported by McKinney, that the report on AATA's A-Ride service for residents of Superior Charter Township for July, August and September be received.

The motion carried.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE 134-48 - AMENDMENT TO WOODSIDE  
VILLAGE AREA PLAN - R4 TO PC- FINAL READING**

The owners of Woodside Village requested that three vacant parcels that front Ridge Road be rezoned from their current zoning of R-4 (Single Family Urban Residential) to PC (Planned Community) and be incorporated into the existing PC district for Woodside Village. The vacant land consisting of 1.11 acres would become additional open space in the Woodside Village Area Plan. The Board approved the amendment to the Development Agreement for Woodside Village on July 2, 2007, to accommodate the change. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning and amendment to the Woodside Village Area Plan on September 26, 2007. The Township Board adopted the ordinance for first reading on October 15, 2007.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Green, that the Superior Charter Township Board adopt the following ordinance for final reading:

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**ORDINANCE # 134-48  
Woodside Village Area Plan Amendment**

The Board of Superior Charter Township of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby ordains that Ordinance Number 134, being the Superior Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, adopted August 4, 1997, and effective August 21, 1997, as amended, be amended as follows:

**SECTION I**

Superior Charter Township Ordinance Number 134, designated Superior Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, adopted August 4, 1997 and effective August 21, 1997, as amended, and the zoning district map attached thereto and made a part thereof, are hereby amended by rezoning the following described property in Superior Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, from the present zoning of R-4 (Single-Family Urban Residential) to PC (Planned Community):

Commencing at the center of Section 36, T2S, R7E, Superior Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, said center of Section 36 being N 02°20'35" W 2637.84 feet from the S ¼ corner of said Section 36; thence S 02°20'35" E 700.00 feet along the N-S ¼ line of said Section 36 and the centerline of Ridge Road (66 feet wide); thence S 88°12'06" W 300.00 feet parallel with the E-W ¼ line of said Section 36, to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 02°20'35" E 199.93 feet; thence S 88°12'54" W 1034.80 feet; thence N 02°14'45" W 199.69 feet; thence N 88°12'06" E 1034.46 feet parallel with the E-W ¼ line of said Section 36 to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Being a part of the SW ¼ of said Section 36 and containing 4.75 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

**SECTION II**

The Area Plan of Woodside Village dated 8-4-04, shall be amended to include the above described parcel as open space and shall constitute the Approved Amended Area Plan of Woodside Village.

**SECTION III**

This Ordinance shall be published by posting in the Office of the Clerk, 3040 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti, 48198, and on the Township website – [www.superior-twp.org](http://www.superior-twp.org) – pursuant to Section 8 of the Charter Township Act, being MCL 42.8, 3(b) within thirty (30) days following the final adoption thereof. This Ordinance shall become effective on the eighth day following said publication or such later date as is provided by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kay Williams, Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that this is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Superior Charter

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Township Board for first reading at a regular meeting held on October 15, 2007, and for final reading on November 5, 2007. This Ordinance shall become effective on the eighth day following publication of second and final reading, or such later date as may be provided herein or by law.

William McFarlane, Supervisor

Kay Williams, Clerk

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

**B. ORDINANCE 134-49 – REZONING – HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY – RC TO PC – FINAL READING**

The Humane Society of Huron Valley facilities were built in 1951 and are outdated. The Society has purchased an additional 4.95 acres of land from the University of Michigan and will expand into that area. The site is currently 3.9 acres and is zoned RC (Recreation Conservation). They have requested that the entire site be rezoned to PC (Planned Community). On May 7, 2007, the Township Board concurred with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and waived the 20 acre minimum lot size for a PC district because the site is isolated from other developable lands and because of the natural features in the area. On August 22, 2007, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Rezoning and Area Plan subject to approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the reduction of lot area and setback requirements. On October 4, 2007, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the request from the Humane Society to reduce the required lot area and setback requirements for the development. The Township Board adopted the ordinance for first reading on October 15, 2007.

It was moved by Williams, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board adopt the following Ordinance 134-49 for final reading:

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The Board of Superior Charter Township of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby ordains that Ordinance Number 134, being the Superior Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, adopted August 4, 1997, and effective August 21, 1997, as amended, be amended as follows:

**SECTION I**

Superior Charter Township Ordinance Number 134, designated Superior Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, adopted August 4, 1997 and effective August 21, 1997, as amended, and the zoning district map attached thereto and made a part thereof, are hereby amended by rezoning the following described property in Superior Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, from the present zoning of RC (Recreation-Conservation) to PC (Planned Community):

Commencing at the South ¼ of Section 18, as recorded in Liber 452, Page 297 Washtenaw County Records, thence North 01°17'01" West 603.82' along the Centerline of Cherry Hill Road (based upon the description recorded in Liber 807, Page 530, Washtenaw County Records), Said Centerline bearing 01°10'46" West of the North and South Quarter line (North and South Quarter Line being defined as a line drawn North from the South ¼ as recorded in Liber 452, Page 297 Washtenaw County Records to the North ¼ Section 18). To the Point of Beginning; thence South 89°55'39" West 439.44' thence North 02°20'03" West 474.16'; thence South 87°46'56" West 154.17'; thence North 09°13'04" West 205.16'; thence North 35°34'51" East 332.26'; to a point on the Centerline of Cherry Hill Road (based upon the description recorded in Liber 807, Page 530, Washtenaw County Records); thence the following four (4) courses along the Centerline of Cherry Hill Road; 1) South along a curve to the left 241.55', said curve having a central angle of 24°07'29", a radius of 573.69', and a chord bearing South 42°38'53" East, 239.77'; 2) thence South 54°42'37" East 18.87'; 3) thence along a curve to the right 594.24', said curve having a central angle of 53°35'29", a radius of 637.30' and a chord bearing South 27°59'53" East 572.95"; 4) thence South 01°17'01" East 246.89' to the Point of Beginning. Containing 8.481 Acres. Subject to Easements of record and the Cherry Hill Road Right of Way.

**SECTION II**

This Ordinance shall be published by posting in the Office of the Clerk, 3040 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti, 48198, and on the Township website – [www.superior-twp.org](http://www.superior-twp.org) – pursuant to Section 8 of the Charter Township Act, being MCL 42.8, 3(b) within thirty (30) days following the final adoption thereof. This Ordinance shall become effective on the eighth

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day following said publication or such later date as is provided by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kay Williams, Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that this is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Superior Charter Township Board for first reading at a regular meeting held on October 15, 2007 and for final reading on November 5, 2007. This Ordinance shall become effective on the eighth day following publication of second and final reading, or such later date as may be provided herein or by law.

William McFarlane, Supervisor

Kay Williams, Clerk

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ANNUAL REVIEW OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN**

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

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**A RESOLUTION TO SET THE RATE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO THE MERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PROGRAM FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS on March 21, 2005, the Superior Charter Township Board adopted a Resolution to participate in the MERS Health Care Savings Program for the benefit of the non-union employees of the Township; and

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WHEREAS the Township contribution to each employee was set at One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars each month; and

WHEREAS the MERS Plan stipulates that the Township Board review the amount of Township contribution annually; and

WHEREAS the cost of health care for individuals is rising faster than the national inflation rate; and

WHEREAS the welfare of the Township employees is important to the Township Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior Charter Township Board hereby establishes that the contribution from the Township to each non-union employee enrolled in the MERS Health Care Savings Plan in Fiscal Year 2008 shall be One Hundred Ten (\$110.00) Dollars each month.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

**B. ADOPTION OF 2008 BUDGETS – ALL FUNDS**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board approve the following Resolution adopting the 2008 budgets:

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RESOLUTION  
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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT:  
BUDGETS**

WHEREAS, the Superior Charter Township Board has carefully reviewed the Township's current and projected financial needs, and



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WHEREAS, the Board recognizes its responsibility to the citizens of Superior Charter Township to carefully monitor the Township funds and provide for the needs of the Township, and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the projected revenues and expenditures for the coming year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superior Charter Township Board adopt the proposed budgets for the Year 2008: the General Fund Budget by Activity dated November 2, 2007, the Fire Fund Budget dated October 29, 2007, the Fire Reserve Fund dated October 29, 2007, the Building Fund Budget dated October 29, 2007, the Law Fund Budget dated October 29, 2007, the Park Fund Budget dated October 29, 2007, the Streetlight Maintenance Fund Budget dated October 29, 2007, the Sidestreet Maintenance Fund Budget dated October 29, 2007, Growth Management Fund dated October 29, 2007, and the Utility Fund Budget dated October 18, 2007.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

**C. UNPAID ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS ON THE 2007 TAX ROLL**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Green, that the Superior Charter Township Board hereby authorizes the Township Treasurer to place the following on the 2007 Tax Roll:

Ordinance Violations (false alarms)	\$ 440.00
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Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

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**D. UNPAID UTILITY BILLS ON 2007 TAX ROLL**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board hereby authorizes the Treasurer to place the unpaid utility bills in the amount of \$121,875.31 for 147 properties on the 2007 tax roll.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston

The motion carried.

**E. PURCHASE OF UTILITY DEPARTMENT SERVICE VEHICLE**

The Utility Department requested approval to proceed with determining specifications and securing at least three bids from dealers for the purchase of a new service truck to replace the 1995 Ford. The estimated cost of the new truck with utility box is \$32,000.00.

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Williams, that the Superior Charter Township Board authorize the Utility Director to solicit bids for the purchase of a new service truck.

The motion carried.

**F. RESOLUTION HONORING DIXBORO UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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**A RESOLUTION COMMERATING THE 150 ANNIVERSARY**

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**OF DIXBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1858, George Sedgwick sold the land on which the Dixboro Church stands to James Fair, Collins B. Cook, Isaac N. S. Foster, W.S. Waterman, Freeman P. Galpin, Sherburn Crippen, and Daniel Newton, trustees, “for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for a church lot and upon the express trust and confidence that the said trustees . . . shall erect or cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of worship”; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the church building was not to exceed \$2,500, and the total cost when completed was \$2,241.00 and was finished on time; and

WHEREAS, the original building has been added on to several times to add meeting rooms, fellowship hall, school rooms, and restrooms, and

WHEREAS, to meet the needs of the congregation the original sanctuary was recently beautifully refurbished and the bell tower restored; and

WHEREAS, the original building is listed in the Nation Registry of Historical Buildings and Places and has served the community well over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Dixboro United Methodist Church as been a cherished focus for the Dixboro community and the Charter Township of Superior for 150 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior Charter Township Board extends it heartiest congratulations to the congregation of the Dixboro United Methodist Church in their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year and wishes them another 150 years of devotion to God and service to their community.

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William McFarlane

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Kay Williams

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Brenda McKinney

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Nancy Caviston

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Rodrick Green

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Lisa Lewis

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David Phillips

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Caviston (who signed when she returned)

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The motion carried.

Phebe Judson and Garvin Smith were present and invited the Board to the Church Service on December 9 to present the Resolution to the congregation.

**11. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by Williams, supported by Green, that the bills be paid in the following amounts: General Fund - \$1,485.00, and Utility Fund - \$5,552.50 for a total of \$7,037.50.

The motion carried.

**12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS**

Ellen Kurath suggested that the Board consider spending more money than usual on roads in 2008 as material costs may be lower because of the hard economic times currently in Michigan.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Williams, Clerk