

**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 January 5, 2009, 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, Brenda McKinney, David Phillips, Lisa Lewis, and Alex Williams. Roderick Green arrived at 7:40 pm. Nancy Caviston was absent.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Phillips, to adopt the agenda as amended to include the letter from the Jill Lewis, Director, Southeast Land Conservancy under Communications.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2008**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Williams, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 15, 2008, as presented.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**A. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**B. PARK COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWS FOR ONE VACANCY**

The Board interviewed three candidates for the one vacancy on the Superior Charter Township Park Commission. Elve Marcus Hillman, III,

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Oxford Dr.; Sarah K. Moon, Barrington Dr.; and Guy T. Conti, Sheffield Drive were interviewed by the Board.

Supervisor McFarlane requested that Board members express their opinions concerning the candidates to him and he will make his recommendation to the Board at the January 20, 2009 meeting.

**7. REPORTS**

**A. SUPERVISOR**

The Supervisor reported on three items:

1. Terry Blackmore, Executive Director of the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, will be making a presentation at 8:00 pm at the Board meeting of January 20, 2009 on using bus and rail lines to improve mass transit in Washtenaw County.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department grant application for making the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve ADA accessible was not approved by the DNR. The Parks and Recreation Department has already begun preparations to resubmit the grant application.
3. The Board of Review will be meeting on January 9, 11 and 12, 2009. Due to falling housing prices and the State Tax Commission Inflation Rate Multiplier of 4.4% on single family dwellings, the Township is expecting numerous appeals.

**B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: PARK COMMISSION MINUTES, FIRE MARSHALL, ZONING**

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Caviston, that the Park Commission Minutes of November 24, 2008; the Fire Marshall Report; and the Zoning Report be received.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A.** It was moved by Green, seconded by Lewis to receive the letter from Jill Lewis, Director, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) concerning including certain parcels owned by the SMLC in the OSP Overlay District. Director Lewis indicated the SMLC Board resolved that upon sale of development rights on the SMLC properties, they will immediately notify the Township and would

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welcome inclusion of those parcels into the Open Space Preservation District. The SMLC Board will also consider using part of any proceeds from the sale of such development rights for land protection in Superior Township, particularly for the purchase of additional conservation easements on farm land.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYEE MANDATORY DEDUCTION**

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYEE MANDATORY DEDUCTION  
FOR THE MERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of Superior Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall of said Township on the second day of January 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., the following resolution was offered by McKinney, and seconded by Lewis.

WHEREAS employees of Superior Charter Township may request that their deduction amounts be set by the Superior Charter Township Board for their Health Care Savings Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the mandatory deductions for the MERS Health Care Savings Plan for David Phillips be Option 1 with a 2% deduction from Regular Pay only.

Roll call vote:

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Ayes: McKinney, Phillips, Green, Lewis, Williams, McFarlane (Caviston was absent)

Nays: None

The Resolution is adopted.

**B. STPC #08-06 ZONING MAP REVISIONS**

The Township's Planning Consultants Rodney Nanney and Don Pennington made a presentation about the new Official Zoning Map. The revisions included adding the new Public/Semi-Public Services District (PSP), including more parcels into the Open Space Preservation Overlay District (OSP), expanding the Village Center District (VC) along Plymouth Road in Dixboro, eliminating the Industrial 2 (I-2) zone and other minor changes. Mr. Nanney explained that he and Mr. Pennington had met with several people who had concerns about the zoning change on their property and all of them seemed to be satisfied with the changes. No member of the audience made any comments about the new Official Zoning Map. The Township has not received any written comments or complaints concerning the proposed new Official Zoning Map.

A motion was made by Phillips and supported by McKinney to adopt the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2008 the Township Board adopted a comprehensive new Zoning Ordinance No. 174, which included consolidation of several zoning districts and creation of one (1) new zoning district; and

WHEREAS, corresponding changes are necessary to ensure that the Township's Official Zoning Map dated 9-26-08 is consistent with the adopted Zoning Ordinance text; and

WHEREAS, notices having been duly posted, published, and mailed in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended) and Section 1.14A (Public Notice) of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 22, 2008 to receive public comments on the proposed Zoning Map.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superior Charter Township Board of Trustees approves the adoption of the new Superior Charter Township Official Zoning Map dated January 2, 2009 as presented by the Township Planning Consultants. The Official Zoning Map shall be kept on file by the Office of the Superior Charter Township Clerk.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: McFarlane, McKinney, Phillips, Green, Lewis, Williams, (Caviston was absent)

Nays: None

The Resolution is adopted.

**11. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the bills be paid as submitted, however, there were no bills submitted for payment. Further, that the Record of Disbursements be received as submitted.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

**12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS**

There were none.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Lewis, supported by Green, that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Phillips, Clerk

William McFarlane, Supervisor