

**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 February 2, 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, Nancy Caviston, Lisa Lewis, and Alex Williams. Roderick Green arrived at 7:40 pm

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

The motion carried by a voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2009

It was moved by Caviston, supported by Lewis, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 20, 2009, as presented.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

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B. PLANNING COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Seven applicants applied for two Planning Commissioner positions. The current terms for both positions expire on February 28, 2009. Michelle Barth currently holds one of the positions, she is not seeking reappointment. Barbara Willis currently holds the other position, she is seeking reappointment. All seven applicants, Brenda Baker, Dennis Donahue, Gayle Glazier-Sinkowski, Cornelius Grantham, Sarah Moon, Lynne Rose, and Barbara Willis were interviewed. Questions included information on their background; their opinion on growth in the Township; their availability to attend meetings; their representation of the Township's important segments, major interests and geography; and are there areas of the Growth Management Plan they feel should be changed. The appointments will be made at the regular meeting of the Superior Charter Township Board on March 2, 2009.

7. REPORTS

A. SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor reported on nine items:

1. The Township is in the process of preparing to apply for Stimulus Funds on several projects: rehabilitation of the Stamford Road sanitary sewer; a water storage tank; the "greening up" of some Township buildings by making them more energy efficient; and the continuation of the proposed Geddes Road non-motorized trail from Harris Road to Ridge Road.
2. Supervisor MacFarlane commented that he recently attended numerous educational seminars at the Michigan Township Association's Conference held in Detroit. He found many to be informative and useful. However, he did not agree with everything they taught. One seminar advised that citizen participation should only be allowed at the beginning and the end of the meeting. They discouraged taking citizen comment during the meeting as it could be disruptive. Supervisor MacFarlane said he has always allowed citizens to comment during the meeting and would continue to do so. He feels it is important to give Township residents the opportunity to have their opinions heard, even if he does not agree with them.
3. The Township will be receiving money from the Metro Authority which can be used for improvements within the right of way.

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4. The Supervisor has noticed an increase in interest for cooperation between communities. Communities are also showing more interest in regionalizing their police and fire departments.
5. A trial date for the Hummana lawsuit has been scheduled for July 13, 2009. The plaintiff, Hummana, had petitioned to construct 235 homes on 77 acres served by a community wastewater system. Supervisor McFarlane said that there has been activity behind the scenes to attempt to acquire the property for preservation. County Commissioner Ken Schwartz has helped to coordinate efforts of the Ann Arbor Greenbelt, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department and other organizations.
6. In the near future, the Township will be determining the 2009 road projects. After the snow is gone, Township officials and members of the Roads Committee will be touring the Township to evaluate roads and make recommendations for repair projects.

B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: UTILITY REPORT

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Green, that the Utility Report be received.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. UTILITY DEPARTMENT, WRITE-OFF OF \$98.79- A CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY BALANCE

In 2003 a resident filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy. Their original debt owed to the Utility Department was \$943.29. The Utility Department filed a claim against the bankruptcy and received numerous payments. In May 2008 the court discharged the debtor and closed out the bankruptcy with the remaining balance to the Utility Department of \$98.79.

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Caviston to receive the letter from the Utility Department indicating that they would write-off as uncollectible a charge of \$98.79 from a resident who resides on Nottingham and to approve the Utility Department writing-off the remaining balance of \$98.79.

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9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. UTILITY DEPARTMENT, SANITARY SEWER REHAB-STAMFORD ROAD

The Township's Engineers, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc. (OHM), prepared a proposal for the rehabilitation of the Stamford Road sanitary sewer. This was war housing infrastructure and is the oldest section of sewer in the Township. Previous studies have identified leaks, infiltration, poor joints and other problems in the sewer. It is a possible project for Stimulus Funding and the project is outlined in the Utility Department's 2008-2013 Capitol Improvement Plan as a 2009-2010 project. The Utility Department requested that OHM be approved to perform engineering services on the project for a cost not to exceed \$57,000.00

It was moved be Phillips, seconded by McKinney to approve Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment, Inc., to perform the engineering services for the Stamford Sanitary Sewer rehabilitation, as outlined in their memo dated January 29, 2009, for a price not to exceed \$57, 000.00.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

B. UTILITY DEPARTMENT, WATER STORAGE TANK-FEASIBILITY STUDY PROPOSAL

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The Township Engineer's, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc. (OHM), prepared a proposal to complete a feasibility study for the construction of a water storage tank. Having such water storage would allow better system usage during peak time usage and during power outages. This project is a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirement and is outlined in the Utility Department's 2008-2013 Capitol Improvement Plan as a 2009 project. The Utility Department requested that OHM be approved to complete the Feasibility Study on the project for an anticipated cost not to exceed \$28,000.00

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Caviston to approve Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment, Inc., to perform the Feasibility Study for a water storage tank, for a price not to exceed \$28, 000.00.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

C. NEW DOOR FOR SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP HALL-FRONT ENTRY WAY

The door in the front hall of the Superior Township Hall needs replacing. The current door is old, does not match the other doors and lacks a vision panel. There have been instances where staff has knocked the door into someone, because they cannot see them approaching the other side of the door. The other doors in the hallway were installed by Phoenix Contractors. In order to obtain the same door and the same stain color, Rick Mayernik, Building/Zoning Official is recommending that the Township have the door replaced by the same contractor, Phoenix.

It was moved by McKinney, seconded by Caviston, to approve Phoenix Contractor's bid dated January 28, 2009, to remove the existing door and replace it with a new door and hardware to match the other existing doors at a price not to exceed \$1,423.00

The motion carried by a voice vote.

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C. RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE –PRIORITY HEALTH

Priority Health has proposed a new contract to provide health insurance coverage to the Township's employees. The new rate will result in a 2.71% decrease in cost, a total savings of \$6, 351.84 spread across all funds. The Township obtained bids from the Blue Care Network and Health Alliance Plan. However, both resulted in higher costs to the Township.

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Caviston, to accept the renewal of health insurance for Township Employees from Priority Health in the following amounts:

Single	\$396.68/month
Couple	\$872.69/month
Family	\$1,090.87/month

The motion carried by a voice vote.

11. PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Green, that the bills be paid in the following amounts: Law- \$13,229.48; Utilities-\$5,461.56 for a total of \$18, 691.04; further, that the Record of Disbursements be received as submitted.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS

Treasurer McKinney requested that the Minutes of the January 20, 2009 be corrected. She requested that under Reports, Treasurer's Report be changed to Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report. Caviston, who made the original motion to approve, and Lewis, who seconded the original motion to approve, both agreed to the change.

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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Phillips, Clerk

William McFarlane, Supervisor