

**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 Ken Schwartz at 7:02 p.m. on August 16, 2021, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Superior Township, Michigan.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Schwartz led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**3. ROLL CALL**

The members present were Supervisor Ken Schwartz, Clerk Lynette Findley, Treasurer Brenda McKinney, Trustee Bernice Lindke, Trustee Lisa Lewis and **TRUSTEE RHONDA MCGILL**.

Absent: Trustee Nancy Caviston

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Treasurer McKinney supported by Trustee McGill with no additions.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2021**

It was moved by Trustee Lewis supported by Trustee Lindke, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 19, 2021, as presented.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Supervisor Schwartz welcomed the Board and citizens back to the first in-person meeting since February of 2020.

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**A. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Jan Piert, 2172 Anns Way, voiced her support to allow all the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to be used in Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor area.
- Kelly Goolsby voiced her opinion for the \$1.4 million American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to be used for Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Meadows residents on tutoring, affordable internet, transportation, 24-hour daycare, more swings at the playground, and programming for teens.
- Marsha Moore would like to see more sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting on Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard.
- Supervisor Schwartz reported on applying for the \$1.4 million ARP funds. The funds have not been allocated. Clerk Findley stated the funds would be allocated in the middle of September. Supervisor Schwartz explained how the funds could be spent. The Township has greatly supported the construction of the Ypsilanti District Library which will support the Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor residents.
- Kelly Goolsby asked if the public would be allowed to voice their opinions on how the funds would be spent or if the Board of Trustees would just make the decision. Supervisor Schwartz stated the Board of Trustees would take into consideration the opinions of the residents/public. The Board will probably have to have a few work sessions to determine how the ARP funds are spent.
- Jan Piert asked if anyone on the Board of Trustees would like to come to Sycamore Meadows to meet with any of the residents firsthand. All the Board members present agreed to this. Jan informed the Board that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners would like to team up with the Township Board to determine funding for the Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor area.
- Supervisor Schwartz responded the Township Board does work together with the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.
- Treasurer McKinney stated she is in support of the Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor area receiving some ARP funding but informed the public that the area has come a long way. The Township has helped tear down the party store on MacArthur Boulevard and continue to clean up the trash in the area. The Township has helped fund the lighting on MacArthur Boulevard and continues to do so.

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- Jan Piert voiced that no one is criticizing but understands that the Township is receiving a lot of money. The community would like to see the bulk of the money be used to help fund the Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor area.
- Clerk Findley explained her involvement in the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) Long Range Committee and is going to get more transportation support to the Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor. She stated knowing more information from the residents would be helpful to support them.
- Kelly Goolsby stated Washtenaw Rescue Plan has a survey. She has been providing the residents with a hard copy of the survey to get their input due to a lot of the residents not having access to affordable internet.
- Trustee McGill voiced her support for helping the Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor receive funding from the ARP.
- Supervisor Schwartz explained with the help of United States Representative Debbie Dingell, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Township Board, the new owners of Sycamore Meadows are installing air conditioner units in all 200 plus units.
- Trustee Lindke explained to the citizens about the Master Plan being revised currently and the citizens should voice their opinions.
- Terrance Dishneau, 917 Stamford Rd., voiced his concerns about the flooding in the front of his neighbor's home and his home. His neighbor sent Supervisor Schwartz an email with pictures. Supervisor Schwartz stated he received an email from his neighbor that the issue was being taken care of by the Washtenaw County Drain Commission. Mr. Dishneau stated the Washtenaw County Drain Commission informed him that the flooding was due to the construction of the Brookside Subdivision. Supervisor Schwartz explained the Township do not have jurisdiction to maintain drains. Supervisor Schwartz recalled that Rick Mayernik, Building & Zoning Official, came out and suggested Mr. Dishneau's neighbor put in a French drain to help with the flooding.

**7. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. LIAISON REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – TRUSTEE LINDKE**

- The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Summer Playground Camp was entering it's sixth week and was successful; however, the Superior location at Christian Love Church had to be suspended due to a child with Covid-19.

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- Discover Dixboro event, which was on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> was a success.
- Work is beginning on the next Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan which is due on February 1, 2022. Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Administrator, will ask Carlisle-Wortman, the Township's Planning consultants who is assisting with the Master Plan to present a proposal to the August meeting to help the Park's & Recreation Commission prepare their five-year plan.

**8. REPORTS**

• **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Schwartz reported on the following:

- Harris Road is temporarily closed between Geddes Road and MacArthur Blvd due to the new sanitary sewer line being put in.
- The Ypsilanti District Library is continuing construction.
- There was a terrible accident on Superior Road near the railroad tracks involving three teenagers which resulted in two fatalities and one in serious condition. Supervisor Schwartz contacted Michigan Department of Transportation, Representative Ronnie Peterson, State Senator Jeff Irwin to let them know of the accident and ask them to do a study to assist with fixing the rough railroad track on Superior Road.
- On August 25, 2021, there will be a public hearing on the Eyde Area Plan to rezone the entire property.

**B. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: BUILDING DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT, PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES, SHERIFF'S REPORT**

It was moved by Trustee Lewis supported by Clerk Findley, that the Superior Township Board receive all reports.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**C. FINANCIAL REPORTS, ALL FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

It was moved by Trustee Lewis supported by Trustee Lindke, to receive the Financial Reports, All Funds as of June 30, 2021.

Trustee Lindke suggested having a session to go over the funds in the future.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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**D. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

It was moved by Trustee Lewis, supported by Trustee McGill, to receive the Treasurer's Investment Report as of June 30, 2021.

Treasurer McKinney and Trustee Lindke met to review the Treasurer's Investment Report and discussed how better to invest the Township's money. Treasurer McKinney stated it was a good meeting, and she has contacted all of the Township's banks to begin this process.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION 2021-37, APPROVE HIRING FIRE FIGHTER COREY R. OBERSTAEDT**

Chief Chevrette introduced Corey Oberstaedt to the Board who will be starting on August 30, 2021. Corey passed all his pre-employment testing. Corey introduced himself to the Board.

The following resolution was moved by Treasurer McKinney supported by Clerk Findley.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR**

**WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF FIRE FIGHTER COREY R.  
OBERSTAEDT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-37**

**DATE: AUGUST 16, 2021**

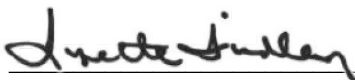
**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Superior through its Fire Chief, fire captains and fighters, and the Township Clerk has carefully reviewed the applications to hire a new fire fighter to replace fire fighter Lee Rudowski, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Superior Fire Chief, Victor Chevrette, has submitted a memorandum recommending the Board to hire Corey R. Oberstaedt, Superior Township Fire Fighter, subject to a driving and background review, and subject to all the provisions of the labor agreement with Fire fighters Union Local 3292, International Association of Fire fighters.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby hires Corey R. Oberstaedt, Charter Township of Superior Fire Fighter, effective at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I, Lynette Findley, the duly qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board held on August 16, 2021, and that public notices of said meeting were given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

  
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Lynette Findley, Township Clerk

08/16/2021  
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Date Certified

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Lindke, Clerk Findley, Supervisor Schwartz, Trustee McGill, and Treasurer McKinney

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Caviston

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The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

**B. RESOLUTION 2021-38, APPROVE HIRING UTILITY CLERK LISA BRADFORD**

Mary Burton, Utility Administrator, stated the position has been vacant since July 2, 2021. The position was posted online and received several applicants. Lisa Bradford was the most qualified with direct experience. Supervisor Schwartz explained Lisa Bradford is related to Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Administrator. The Charter Township of Superior's Employee Manual does not prohibit the hiring of family members. Lisa Bradford will be under direct supervision of Mary Burton.

The following resolution was moved by Clerk Findley supported by Trustee Lindke.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR**

**WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF UTILITY CLERK LISA BRADFORD**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-38**

**DATE: AUGUST 16, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Superior through its Utility Administrator, and the Township Supervisor has carefully reviewed the applications to hire a new full time Utility Clerk to replace Patricia Shrewsbury, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Superior Utility Administrator, Mary Burton, has submitted a memorandum recommending the Board to hire Lisa Bradford, Charter Township of Superior Utility Clerk, to begin August 23, 2021, at a wage of \$20.00 per hour.

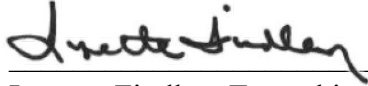
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby hires Lisa Bradford, Charter Township of Superior Utility Clerk at a wage of \$20.00 per hour, effective August 23, 2021.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I, Lynette Findley, the duly qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution

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adopted at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board held on August 16, 2021, and that public notices of said meeting were given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.



Lynette Findley, Township Clerk

08/16/2021

Date Certified

Roll Call:

Ayes: Trustee Lewis, Trustee Lindke, Clerk Findley, Supervisor Schwartz, Trustee McGill, and Treasurer McKinney

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Caviston

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

**C. REQUEST TO ADOPT SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE**

The Board of Trustees recited the Principles of Governance aloud.

The motion was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Lindke.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**D. REQUEST TO OBTAIN “REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL” FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A NEW FIRE STATION #2**

Chief Chevrette explained the need for the Fire Station #2. He has obtained several Request for Proposals from different Fire Department’s to reference.

The motion was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Treasurer McKinney.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**E. REQUEST TO RETAIN ATTORNEY DAVID LANDRY TO ADVISE BOARD ON ZONING**

Supervisor Schwartz explained this is being proactive due to the zoning issue coming to the Township. The Legal Defense Fund has about \$286,000.00 in it. In 2006, the fund was established.

The motion was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Lindke.



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The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**12. BILLS for PAYMENT and RECORD of DISBURSEMENTS**

It was moved by Treasurer McKinney supported by Clerk Findley, to receive bills for payment and record of disbursements.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**13. PLEAS and PETITIONS**

- Clerk Findley thanked the residents for sharing their concerns and staying the entire meeting.
- Kelly Goolsby asked if the old fire station could be used for programming for Sycamore Meadows and Danbury Park Manor. Supervisor Schwartz stated this is possible and could be discussed in the future. Jan Piert stated this could be tied to the American Rescue Plan funds.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Clerk Findley supported by Treasurer McKinney, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Findley, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor