

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR BOARD
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board was called to order by the Supervisor Ken Schwartz at 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2022, 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 Lisa Lewis, Trustee Bernice Lindke, Trustee Rhonda McGill, and Trustee Nancy Caviston.

Absent: None

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Lewis, to adopt the agenda.
The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Jan Piert, resident on Anns Way, asked if this was going to be a working session where the public can give their input surrounding the agenda item, discussion regarding the Community Center. Supervisor Schwartz stated this is a special meeting which the Board would discuss this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. AMEND RESOLUTION 2022-3, APPROVE THE 2022 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW

It was moved by Trustee McGill, supported by Trustee Lindke

Paula Calopisis, Township Assessor, explained the reasoning behind having to amend Resolution 2022-3. Legislation required the line, “expenses and extenuating financial

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circumstances that are temporarily beyond the control of the applicant will be considered”, be taken out of the resolution. She explained the audit which is completed every five years. The poverty exemptions will be audited. Treasurer McKinney asked how she makes the community aware of the poverty exemption. Paula explained it is posted on the Township’s website. Clerk Findley stated it would be included in the newsletter from now on also.

Trustee Lindke asked where the 1.75% comes from. She asked if the Township could go to 1.9%. Paula stated she would need to look up the numbers before changing it. Trustee Lindke stated she would like to make a friendly motion to change it to 1.9%. Trustee McGill stated this has already been approved, and the Board might have to review this next year. Treasurer McKinney asked if this would have to be approved by the County ahead of time. Paula explained this would not have to be approved by the County first. She stated the Board of Review had eighty-one cases last year, and forty of them were veterans.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

b. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CENTER

- Supervisor Schwartz opened the conversation and asked Clerk Findley to speak.
- Clerk Findley explained the many concerns related to the document which circulated at the County level representing the Township Board. She stated the Board did not allegedly have any input into this document. Clerk Findley explained to the public that the Township Board is very committed to the community center and will not allow politics get in the way of the development of this community center. This community center is for the whole Township and not just for Sycamore Meadows. Clerk Findley made it clear that politics will not get in the way of the community center. She explained her and Treasurer McKinney were at a community meeting where Commissioner Shink, Commissioner Hodge, Commissioner Jefferson, and Administrator Dill were also in attendance. Treasurer McKinney and Clerk Findley were unaware of this document which was brought up at this meeting. Clerk Findley explained to the public that the Township Board is going to do what is best for the community center in the next three years.
- Treasurer McKinney stated she agrees with Clerk Findley. She also stated everyone who is on this Board is committed to the community center. Treasurer McKinney explained there are other areas in the Township that needs this community center. She stated she does not want decision to be made concerning the community center without the Township knowing.

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- Trustee Lewis stated Clerk Findley eloquently explained how the whole Board feels and Treasurer McKinney explained how embarrassing it was to find out about this document perfectly. She understands there are steps, but the Township needs to be involved.
- Trustee McGill echoed that the Township Board is all in support of the community center. She stated it is important for the Board to be one voice and explained the community will be engaged. The Board is equally passionate about the community center as the public is. She stated we are going to do everything we need to do to create a usable, sustainable location for our community.
- Trustee Lindke stated she loved what everyone has had to say. She stated the community will definitely be involved.
- Clerk Findley stated the youth will be a part of the Community Center Advisory Board.
- Supervisor Schwartz stated the report from Hobbs & Black analysis of Cheney School will be coming.
- Treasurer McKinney stated she would like the advisory board to be well diverse. She knows a few members of the Latino community who are interested in serving on this board.
- Clerk Findley stated Trustee Lindke and her are working on the advisory board committee. She stated time is of the essence. Clerk Findley hopes Cheney will be available to be used because building from the ground up would take more time.
- Trustee Lindke asked when the Hobbs & Black report would be available and who would be receiving it. Supervisor Schwartz explained Kathy Wyatt would be receiving it and distribute to Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS), Township officials, and County Commissioners in this district. Trustee Lindke stated any transfer of property between YCS, and the Township does not involve Kathy Wyatt.
- Clerk Findley stated a community center did not just come up. There was a group of people who have been talking about the community center for a long time. Clerk Findley stated Kathy Wyatt was apart of that group along with herself. She also stated the change in leadership at Christian Love Church, and a result of the change in leadership the group died out. Clerk Findley stated she has all the proof.
- Trustee McGill asked if there can be a date when the shell for the advisory board will be created. Clerk Findley stated the shell will be created by the next Board meeting. Trustee McGill stated we need to get people who are committed to the Advisory Board.
- Jerry Clifton, 8668 Pine Court, asked for clarification on the document. He asked if the Board agreed with the report. Clerk Findley stated the document does not represent this Board but there is information in it that is usable. Mr. Clifton asked if he could see this document. He explained his problem with the County. Mr. Clifton explained when it comes to Ann Arbor versus Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti is in the ditch. Treasurer McKinney stated even Trustee Caviston has not seen the document. Clerk Findley told Mr. Clifton that he can see the document. Clerk Findley stated this document did not come from the Township. Supervisor Schwartz explained the document was created by someone at the Sherriff's Department with data they thought was important to advance the development of the community center. This person used the Township logo which inferred the Township Board approved this document. The Township Board was never involved in the creation of this document. Supervisor Schwartz received a copy of the document but never looked at it.

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During a meeting with individuals at the county, the county administrator mentioned the document. Clerk Findley stated two of the individuals who spoke up during this meeting stated they did not read the document because it did not come from the Charter Township of Superior. The person who created this document was excited but excluded the Township in this document. Supervisor Schwartz explained the individual has apologized for this mistake. Supervisor Schwartz stated he would forward the document to Mr. Clifton.

7. ADJOURMENT

It was moved by Treasurer McKinney, supported by Clerk Findley, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Findley, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor