

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
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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 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2022, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Superior Township, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

The members present were Supervisor Ken Schwartz, Clerk Lynette Findley, Trustee Nancy Caviston, Trustee Bill Secrest, and Trustee Bernice Lindke

Absent: Treasurer Lisa Lewis and Trustee Rhonda McGill

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee Secrest, to adopt the agenda.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Jan Piert, Ann's Way, stated she would like to see money budgeted towards the drainage issue and installation of a fence at Fireman's Park.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Working Session on the 2023 Charter Township of Superior Budget

- Trustee Lindke stated she would like to discuss the public's wishes and knows that the ARPA funds have not been budgeted for at this time.
- Marion Morris, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, stated the Parks and Recreation Commission questioned the usefulness of a fence and she understands there is a budget for crosswalks.
- **There was a discussion about signage versus a fence at Fireman's Park.**
- **Marion Morris spoke about possible playground equipment, grills, and the drainage issue at Fireman's Park.**
- Clerk Findley suggested \$100,000 be put into this fund and Trustee Lindke agreed.
- Supervisor Schwartz asked if ARPA funds could go towards this project.
- Trustee Lindke stated some could and asked what fund he had referred to earlier.
- Supervisor Schwartz stated from Urban County, approximately \$36,000.
- Trustee Lindke stated \$36,000 from Urban County, \$50,000 from ARPA and that was it.

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- Supervisor Schwartz stated an amendment could be made if more money is needed. He asked that the Park's Commission obtain a proposal from an engineering firm, approve the plan and submit to the Board. He asked that a note be made for a reserve in the General Fund for the \$100,000.
- Trustee Lindke stated the breakdown of the funds; \$36,000 from Urban, \$50,000 from ARPA, and \$14,000 from general fund.
- The Board discussed the cost of those improvements and what steps should be taken.
- The Board discussed the funds spent on Dixboro Village Green and Schoolhouse and the possibility of the Township purchasing the property.
- Trustee Lindke stated next item was the CLR funding.
- Clerk Findley said they are coming to September meeting to give a presentation.
- Trustee Lindke stated she felt the Board needed to discuss determining poverty exemptions for sidewalk repair.
- The Board discussed what steps needed to be taken to move forward with repairing the sidewalks.
- Mary Burton stated what needs to be replaced is a backhoe with major hydraulic issues and is 28 years old. That the repairs needed on it are continuous. She stated Gary Foster and Ricky Harding want it to be replaced due to the constant need for repairs and the width of the bucket ends up extending the time it takes them to complete work.
- It was agreed that a price for a new one would need to be obtained, Supervisor Schwartz stated a new one would be around \$200,000 and asked that Ricky Harding submit a memo detailing the issues.
- Supervisor Schwartz said he was not in favor of a new one until the pump station costs are finalized and when one is purchased, getting an all-purpose machine.
- Trustee Lindke stated this is for the 2023 budget and hopes to know about the pump station before then.
- Keith Lockie stated a large purchase would be part of reserves, not the utilities budget.
- Supervisor Schwartz stated there are still too many uncertainties and asked what amount is in that reserve.
- Keith Lockie states there is approximately \$2,000,000.
- Supervisor Schwartz explained the reason for the low amount of reserve in the Utilities budget.
- Supervisor Schwartz and Mary Burton discussed what workable solutions there are in fixing the infrastructure of the Township water system.
- The Board discussed wage increases, as well as wage and job studies.
- Trustee Lindke asked further clarifying questions about the budget.
- Supervisor Schwartz stated Nancy Mason and Keith Lockie would modify the budget, it would come back to the Board as a preliminary budget, if any changes are needed, they will be made in-between the preliminary budget and the budget hearing. He said the Budget hearing will be set at the September meeting for October, and the budget must be final by end of year.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Caviston supported by Trustee Lindke, that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Findley, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor