

**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 6:03 p.m. on March 7, 2023, 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 Bernice Lindke, Trustee Rhonda McGill, and Trustee Bill Secrest.

Absent were Trustee Nancy Caviston and Treasurer Lisa Lewis.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAINTAIN THE SHAFTS AT THE PUMP STATION.

Supervisor Schwartz brought the Board up to date on LaSalle. He met with and gave the pertinent materials to Mr. Deneweth, the council approved by the Board at the last meeting to take over all concerns related to the LaSalle project. Supervisor Schwartz reported that Mr. Deneweth wanted conformation that he has the authority to terminate LaSalle. He has been advised by Mr. Deneweth and Fred Lucas that the Board move quicky to terminate LaSalle and make decisions on the following agenda items. He stated that E.G.L.E. has approved the open cut and he suggests the Board hire DVM on a contingent basis to move forward.

George Tsakoff explained DVM has provided summary of cost for the maintenance of the shafts at the pump station and tree removal needed for the open cut. He recommends the Board moves to give himself and the Supervisor approval to proceed on the tree removal and maintenance with the contingency not to exceed the costs laid out in the summaries.

Trustee Lindke asked if a motion could be made guaranteeing all Board members are made aware of such meetings and was informed the agenda could not be changed.

The discussion regarding Board members being informed continued.

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Clerk Findley and Trustee McGill both asked that in the future other Officials are given the opportunity to attend any meetings concerning Board business.

George Tsakoff explained the tree removal needs to be done ahead of a future contract for the open cut and before April due to the bat population. He stated currently at the site there is an open shaft that needs to be maintained for public safety.

Both George Tsakoff and Supervisor Schwartz agreed these two issues are time sensitive.

Trustee Lindke asked if the decision to hire DVM for the maintenance of the shafts could wait until the meeting on March 20, 2023.

It was discussed and agreed that it could. George Tsakoff agreed to bring more details about the maintenance of the shafts from DVM.

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill to approve the tree removal by DVM.

Trustee McGill asked what the process is for choosing a specific company to do work.

George Tsakoff replied DVM was the company that installed the shaft and for liability purposes should maintain it.

Trustee Lindke quoted Fred Lucas stating the Board should vote to give Mr. Deneweth the authority to terminate LaSalle.

It was discussed if a vote was necessary and the Board decided to vote at the March 20, 2023, meeting.

Clerk Findley commented that Fred Lucas does not always provide the Board with information in a timely manner, and stated the Board could have voted to give Mr. Deneweth authority to terminate LaSalle had they been contacted sooner.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. AUTHORIZE OHM TO FINALIZE DESIGN FOR THE OPEN CUT TO COMPLETE THE PUMP STATION PROJECT.

George Tsakoff explained the different steps and timeline needed to start the open cut phase of the project.

Supervisor Schwartz gave his reasons for moving forward with the design immediately.

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There was a discussion about what should be paid for, what has not been billed for, and OHM's responsibility in reporting costs and issues.

George Tsakoff stated there has been \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) of work done on this project by OHM they have not billed the Township for in order to move it forward.

Clerk Findley and Trustee Lindke asked that more specific details on \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) of work done by OHM, and not charged to the Township, be brought to the March 20, 2023, meeting.

Trustee Lindke asked that the Board hear from Rickey Harding.

Trustee McGill stated there is a lack of confidence in OHM and due to a lack of communication.

George Tsakoff stated the issues were brought about by Lasalle, not a design issue. He explained the design for an open cut was not a part of the original plan. He also pointed out that when he was informed the Board wanted more updates, he began providing them.

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill to table the decision until the March 20, 2023, meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. COMPLETE HARRIS ROAD WIDENING ENGINEERING.

Supervisor Schwartz stated Fred Lucas advised the Board should table this item.

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill to table this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Findley, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor