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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board was called to order by the Supervisor Ken Schwartz at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2024, at the Superior Charter Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Superior Charter 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 Lisa Lewis, Trustee Nancy Caviston, Trustee Bernice Lindke, Trustee Rhonda McGill, and Trustee Bill Secrest.

Absent: None

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill, to adopt the agenda with the amendments of the following:

It was moved by Trustee Secrest supported by Clerk Findley to have a special meeting to discuss the audit report.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Remove:

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**KEN PALKA, AUDITOR, FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT & REPRESENTATION
LETTERS FOR YEAR-END DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Add:

NEW BUSINESS

**WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (WCRC) 2024 ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS**

The motion to adopt the agenda carried by unanimous vote.

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Dana Green, asked for Board members to speak in the microphone.
- Ramona Parker Hayden, Resident, raised concerns about the Audit, period ending December 31, 2023.
- Brenda Baker, Ashton Ct., spoke about the Committee to Promote Superior Township (C2PST).
- Clerk Findley made it clear that she is unable to share information that is deemed “politically twisted”.
- Rob Zimmerman, Pittsfield Township, spoke about his candidacy for Washtenaw County Treasurer.
- T.C. Collins, Director of Willow Run Acres, thanked the Township for the opportunity to participate in Superior Day.
- Juan Bradford, Parks and Recreation Director, announced that this coming Saturday is Kite and Rocket Day at Fireman’s Park.
- Ryan Eaton, Springhill Dr., thanked the Board for the new pathway being constructed on Plymouth Rd. and asked what needs to be done to extend it to the Tanglewood entrance.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**~~A. KEN PALKA, AUDITOR, FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT &
REPRESENTATION LETTERS FOR YEAR-END DECEMBER 31, 2023~~**

Item “A” was tabled to the Special Meeting.

B. GFL/PRIORITY WASTE

Representatives from both companies did not attend the meeting.

- Supervisor Schwartz informed the Board that Paul was supposed to attend the meeting to provide an update on the transition from GFL to Priority Waste, scheduled for July 1st. He noted a lack of information from both GFL and Priority Waste but stated that the contract terms, including pick-up schedules, compost days, yard waste days, and recycling days, would remain unchanged with the transition. He expressed disappointment that Priority Waste representatives were not present at the meeting to provide further information and reassurance to the Board.
- Trustee McGill expressed concern that the transition from GFL to Priority Waste might lead to more problems. She struggled with the lack of responsiveness in making an appointment

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and questioned whether the changeover would provide an opportunity to renegotiate the entire trash services contract and open it up for RFP.

- Attorney Fred Lucas stated that while the contract is assignable, they would need a good reason to object to the assignment. He added that there is no provision specifically allowing the contract to be reopened, but the right of approval might provide an opportunity to discuss issues with the new company.
- Trustee McGill asked if Priority Waste would absorb GFL's personnel, trucks, and other assets.
- Attorney Fred Lucas responded that they currently lack information about the new company's plans and emphasized the need for a discussion with Priority Waste before agreeing to the contract assignment. He noted that without this discussion, it would be premature to agree to the assignment.
- Supervisor Schwartz shared his understanding that GFL employees were terminated and would need to reapply at Priority Waste, and that GFL's trucks and inventory would be sold to Priority Waste. However, he noted that this information came from a local foreman and not from higher-ups at GFL.
- Trustee McGill stated her lack of confidence in Priority Waste and urged the Board to consider other opportunities.
- Clerk Findley commented that Priority Waste is currently servicing Redwood Apartments and has been doing an outstanding job. She recalled that Priority Waste had been more engaged in meetings than GFL when the initial decision was made. She emphasized their timely performance in the areas they currently service.
- Trustee McGill acknowledged Clerk Findley's comments but pointed out that servicing Redwood Apartments is one small area compared to the larger service area.
- Treasurer Lewis asked if the Priority trucks would be identified as Priority or still labeled GFL.
- Attorney Fred Lucas explained that typically in an asset sale, which this appears to be, the assets of GFL are being purchased, not the company itself. He confirmed that the termination of GFL employees aligns with this type of business arrangement. He speculated that Priority would likely relabel the trucks with their branding but emphasized that it is premature to make any definitive statements. He suggested that they need to sit down and talk with Priority before agreeing or disagreeing with the contract assignment.

C. RICK TAYLOR, REINHART REALTORS

- Rick Taylor from Reinhart Realtors addressed the Board, providing an update on the property listed on Plymouth Road. He mentioned that the property was not yet open for public viewing as they were preparing it. He detailed the clearing work he personally undertook using his own equipment to create walking paths and enhance the property's charm.
- Mr. Taylor shared that he had applied for a soil evaluation and coordinated with Mike Shepard Excavating. They discovered that the soil was sugar sand, which is favorable for building. He confirmed that the soil evaluation report was received and there were no restrictions on building a house on the property.

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- Mr. Taylor informed the Board about a legal right for a driveway to come off Allendale Drive instead of Plymouth Road, enhancing the property's value. He also mentioned that the property had been surveyed, and he addressed some encroachment issues with a neighboring property owner.
- Mr. Taylor discussed the well drilling process, noting that Ann Arbor Well Drilling offered a quote of \$3,735.00, which was significantly lower than other quotes. He cautioned the Board about the possibility of hitting a dry well but emphasized the importance of having a well as a selling feature.
- Supervisor Schwartz inquired about the well drilling bid, and Rick Taylor confirmed the details, including the involvement of the sanitarian in identifying the best location for the well.
- Mr. Taylor announced that they had received an offer for the property. He noted that vacant land typically sells slower and expressed confidence in the buyer, who was willing to pay full price and conduct due diligence within 30 days.
- Trustee Lindke highlighted the significant increase in the offer amount compared to initial discussions and commended Rick Taylor's efforts.
- Clerk Findley praised Rick Taylor for his thorough and ethical work as a realtor, expressing satisfaction with his performance.
- Mr. Taylor concluded by emphasizing the property's charm and the straightforward nature of the deal, noting the absence of financial contingencies and the buyer's readiness to pay in cash.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Lindke to approve the Consent Agenda pulling the following items for discussion:

- **SUPERVISORS REPORT**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- **CONTROLLERS REPORT**

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. MAY 20, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**

B. REPORTS

- a. SUPERVISOR REPORT**

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- b. **LIAISON REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**
- c. **COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- d. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS: BUILDING DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES, SHERIFF'S REPORT, PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT, UTILITY DEPARTMENT'S REPORT, ASSESSING REPORT**
- e. ~~**CONTROLLERS REPORT**~~
- f. **FINANCIAL REPORT, (MAY)**

C. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **TREASURER'S SUPERIOR DAY THANK YOU LETTER**

(All letters and documents given at the table are attached to the end of these minutes)

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 20, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

B. SUPERVISORS REPORT

- Trustee Lindke inquired about Washtenaw County Parks' demand for compensation at the Clark Road pump station, referencing a \$95,000.00 claim for damages and rent. She mentioned that the property involved was discussed previously, and they had until November last year to complete the work, which was done on time.
- Supervisor Schwartz responded that he sent the matter to George Tsakoff, OHM, for analysis and had been in contact with the parks department. He received new information from them on Friday and forwarded it to OHM for review. A meeting with their attorney and a representative from the Washtenaw County Parks Commission (WCPC) at the site is planned for next week to discuss the claimed damages.
- Trustee Lindke requested a copy of the communication from the WCPC, which Supervisor Schwartz agreed to provide.
- Supervisor Schwartz addressed the Washtenaw County Road Commission's request for financial participation in revamping Joy Road, a project involving a bridge and culvert. He noted that Salem Township had agreed to pay half, and the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) would cover roughly a third, leaving the Township with a \$500,000.00 cost. He mentioned that Salem Township declined to finance the project and allow the Township to repay over time.

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- Trustee Lindke clarified that Cribley Well had not quoted \$70,000.00 for digging a well. She asked about the possibility of getting utilities water to the site, which was confirmed as an option.
- Mr. Bradford responded that in a previous meeting with the Washtenaw County Health Department, they discussed the potential costs of a well versus using public water. The estimated annual cost for public water was \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00, which is more cost-effective than installing a new well.
- Trustee Lindke asked about the status of the volunteer efforts and the well installation for the Clay Hill project.
- Trustee McGill said that she would like to hear all concerns regarding the project and gave the floor to Supervisor Schwartz to share his concerns.
- Supervisor Schwartz expressed concerns about the lack of a preliminary site plan and the slow progress despite available funding.
- Jan Piert provided an update on the site plan process for the Clay Hill project, stating that they were ready to submit to the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) but were waiting for updated zoning information from the Township. They are also working with the Water Resources Commission on developing a stormwater system to reduce water costs and increase sustainability.
- Trustee Lindke expressed her support for the sustainability efforts and asked about the cost concerns related to the well.
- Jan Piert reiterated that they were following the agreed-upon process and highlighted the involvement of Engineers Without Borders, who provide free engineering services for nonprofits.
- Trustee Secrest confirmed that trees had been purchased and discussed the logistics of planting and maintaining them, including potential costs and efforts required.
- Trustee Lindke questioned whether the recent invoice from the Hoving family for restoring their front yard was legitimate.
- Supervisor Schwartz confirmed that the invoice was being reviewed to ensure no double payments were made, as the Township had already paid them a significant amount.
- Trustee Lindke suggested having Keith Lockie verify the accounting to ensure that previous payments were accounted for correctly.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR PURCHASING POLICY DRAFT

- Trustee Lindke shared that this policy was modeled after Pittsfield Township.
- Trustee Lindke said this is for information, and the Board can review and move on it at a later date.

B. ORDINANCE PROCESS/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

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- Supervisor Schwartz shared that the Ordinance Officer, Mr. Ronald Peatry, can no longer work and he will generate a job description and post it. In the interim, the Supervisor will be taking on the responsibility.

C. CLAY HILL COMMUNITY FARM AND GARDEN: IDENTIFY TREE FUNDING SOURCE

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Clerk Findley to have the tree proposal [Clay Hill Community Farm and Garden (May 20, 2024, Board Meeting)] paid by the tree fund.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. CONTROLLER STATUS

- Trustee Lindke referenced a previous discussion about keeping Keith Lockie, Township Controller, on until after the audit and noted that an audit discussion was scheduled for next week. She expressed concern about the lack of a transition plan.
- Supervisor Schwartz mentioned that Mr. Lockie would stay on until November 20, 2024, but emphasized the need to advertise for his replacement.
- Trustee Lindke questioned who decided on the November 20 date, stating that Aalea Skrycki, Superior Township Utilities Department, was already trained and Nancy Mason, Township Bookkeeper, indicated that Mr. Lockie's services were not heavily used. She believed the decision should rest with the Board.
- Supervisor Schwartz reiterated that Mr. Lockie had informed the Board of his plans and believed the Board had assented but acknowledged that the Board could reconsider.
- Clerk Findley recalled that Mr. Lockie had previously announced his intention to resign, and the Board had not actively responded to his comment, leaving the matter unresolved.
- Trustee Lindke suggested that the Board should start looking for a replacement and mentioned the Woodhill group, noting positive feedback from other municipalities.
- Supervisor Schwartz agreed that the Board had initially thought to start the transition process around July or August, with a new person coming in by September or October and Keith departing in November.
- Clerk Findley questioned the basis of this timeline, indicating that the Board had not formally discussed it.
- Trustee Lindke suggested addressing the matter at the special meeting.

E. IT SERVICES UPDATE

- Trustee Lindke said she would have Dewpoint give a presentation in July.
- The Board agreed.

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10. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2024-35, APPROVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND ANYWHERE LOMBARDO, LLC.

- Rick Taylor provided details on the property offer, stating the offer is for \$200,000.00 with a 30-day due diligence period followed by closing within two weeks. He mentioned that Liberty Title has prepared a pre-commitment for the property and suggested two minor changes to the offer: escrowing \$10,000.00 with Liberty Title and adding a seller attorney approval of the sales contract and title work for board protection.
- Supervisor Schwartz expressed his opinion that the offer price seemed fair and acknowledged that the property might not sell quickly if put on the market.
- Rick Taylor elaborated, suggesting that putting the property on the market could lead to a lower offer if it doesn't sell quickly. He recommended accepting the current offer as it is a sound, cash offer with no financial contingencies.
- Trustee Lindke inquired about the well issue. Rick Taylor confirmed that the well condition was necessary and recommended Board approval for the well drilling. He mentioned that the cost for drilling the well was estimated at just under \$2,000.00, but he suggested approving up to \$3,000.00 in case they need to drill deeper.
- Supervisor Schwartz asked if 65 feet was the estimated depth, which Rick Taylor confirmed, but noted the possibility of needing to drill deeper.

It was moved by Clerk Findley supported by Trustee Lindke to approve the purchase agreement between Superior Charter Township and Anywhere Lombardo LLC for the sale of the property for \$200,000.00, including an additional \$3,000.00 for well drilling.

- Rick Taylor mentioned that any issues from the title review have been dealt with and confirmed that there were no significant problems.
- Supervisor Schwartz confirmed the motion to accept the offer with the proposed administrative changes on the deposit to the new title company.
- Rick Taylor stated that he would write an addendum and propose it to the purchaser, explaining the use of the existing title company.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND ANYWHERE LOMBARDO LLC**

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-35

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, Superior Charter Township, located at 3040 Prospect Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, desires to sell certain vacant real property located within the Township of Superior, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, assigned Tax Parcel Identification No. J-10-08-300-004 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Anywhere Lombardo LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, located at 13001 23 Mile Road, Suite 200, Shelby Township, MI 48315, desires to purchase the Property from Superior Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, a Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") has been prepared, setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale of the Property for the purchase price of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), with a deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in escrow within three (3) business days after the effective date, and the balance to be paid at closing; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement includes provisions for the Buyer to obtain a survey and for the Seller to provide a title commitment for an ALTA owner's title policy, and allows the Buyer a thirty (30) day feasibility period to conduct inspections and satisfy conditions related to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires the Seller to pay all due and payable taxes, water rates, sewer charges, assessments, and other charges as of the closing date, and to convey the Property by warranty deed at closing;

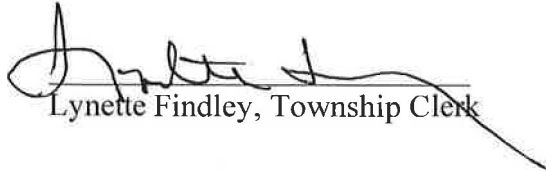
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby approves the Purchase Agreement between Superior Charter Township and Anywhere Lombardo LLC for the sale of the Property for Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). The Agreement includes a deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in escrow, provisions for a title commitment and survey, a thirty (30) day feasibility period for Buyer inspections and requires Seller to pay all due and payable taxes and other charges as of the closing date, with the conveyance of the Property by warranty deed.

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

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Date Certified

Roll Call

Ayes: Treasurer Lewis
Trustee Lindke
Trustee Secrest
Trustee McGill
Supervisor Schwartz
Trustee Caviston
Clerk Findley

Nays: None.

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

B. RESOLUTION 2024-36, FIRE DEPARTMENT COPIER LEASE

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Caviston supported by Treasurer Lewis.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CANON PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE FIRE
DEPARTMENT COPIER**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-36

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Fire Department requires reliable and efficient office equipment to effectively carry out its duties; and

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WHEREAS, Canon Solutions America has provided a proposal for a copier upgrade under the NIPA Pricing Program, offering a Canon IRC-3930 model with the following specifications:

- 1 Canon IRC-3930 (30 cpm B&W)
- Single Scan Document Feeder (200 Sheet capacity)
- 4 Cassette 550 sheets each
- Inner Finisher
- 2-3 Hole Punch
- Super G3 Fax Board
- UFR II Controller

WHEREAS, the proposed lease program for a 63-month period is offered at a cost of \$170.49 per month; and

WHEREAS, the Canon Solutions America Service Program includes all toners, parts, labor, drums, and cycle maintenance, with B&W overages at \$0.007 per copy and color overages at \$0.048 per copy; and

WHEREAS, the estimated average increase in monthly costs, based on service and lease, will be approximately \$11.41, with an average of 890 copies per month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal from Canon Solutions America for the lease and service of a Canon IRC-3930 copier for the Fire Department.

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

C. RESOLUTION 2024-37, APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO INSTALL SPEED HUMPS ON OVERBROOK DR.

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

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD
COMMISSION TO INSTALL SPEED HUMPS ON OVERBROOK DRIVE**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-37

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior desires to install eight (8) speed humps on Overbrook Drive between Dixboro Road and Creekside Drive (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, proper authority is provided to the parties of this Agreement under the provisions of Act 51 of Public Acts of 1951 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission will prepare documents for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township shall promptly reimburse the Road Commission upon receipt of any invoices for all costs and expenses attributed to the Project;

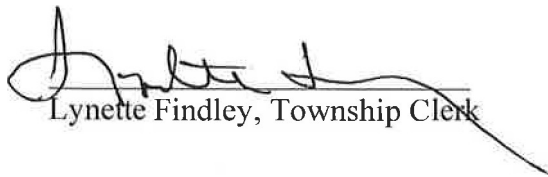
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Superior will pay the Road Commission for all actual costs incurred associated with the construction of the Project estimated to be \$69,490.00, paid for out of the Law Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Superior will be a named insured on the Washtenaw County Road Commission’s coverage for liability for the activities described above. The Road Commission will submit a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage to the Township Clerk prior to implementation of services under the contract. Each party to this contract shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents.

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Ayes: Clerk Findley
Trustee Lindke
Trustee Secrest
Trustee McGill
Supervisor Schwartz
Trustee Caviston
Treasurer Lewis

Nays: None.

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

D. RESOLUTION 2024-38, PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Juan Bradford, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the resolution.

The following resolution was moved by Treasurer Lewis supported by Trustee Lindke.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JULY 2024 AS PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-38

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Charter Township of Superior Michigan; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer;

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and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

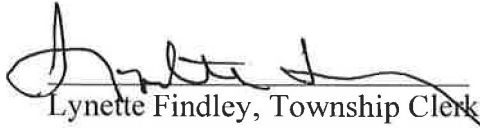
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees that July 2024 is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Charter Township of Superior.

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The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

E. RESOLUTION 2024-39, ESTABLISH ROAD COMMITTEE

The Board agreed that the membership will be handled at a later date.

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A ROAD COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-39

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior recognizes the importance of maintaining and improving the roads within the Township to ensure safety and accessibility for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for a dedicated committee to assess the condition of Township roads and to make informed recommendations to the Township Board regarding necessary improvements and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the Road Committee will be structured as follows:

1. Membership:

- Two members of the Township Board, appointed by the Board of Trustees.
- Two citizens of the Charter Township of Superior, appointed by the Board of Trustees.

2. Purpose and Duties:

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- The Road Committee shall assess the current condition of all roads within the Township and identify areas in need of maintenance or improvement.
- The Road Committee shall consider the needs of the Township as a whole, prioritizing safety, accessibility, and sustainability.
- The Road Committee shall compile a comprehensive report of their findings and recommendations and present this report to the Township Board.
- The Township Board, at its own discretion, shall review the recommendations and decide which requests to forward to the Washtenaw County Road Commission for further action.

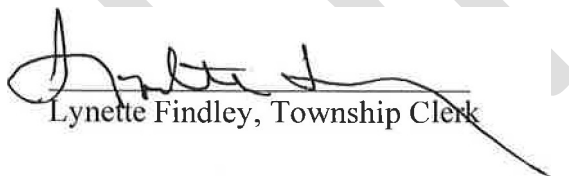
3. Meetings:

- The Road Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as necessary, to fulfill its duties.
- All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Superior hereby establishes a Road Committee

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The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

F. RESOLUTION 2024-40, PLACE “ROCK” PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Secrest supported by Trustee Lindke.

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- Trustee McGill raised concerns about the establishment of the conservation easement for parks and the flexibility for future changes.
- Clerk Findley invited Mr. Bradford to speak on the matter.
- Supervisor Schwartz clarified that the conservation easement would be between the title holder (the Township) and would likely involve delegating specifics to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Mr. Bradford explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission is involved in negotiating the easement and determining usable areas for trails, parking, and other amenities. He mentioned opportunities for trails and recreational spaces, especially in the Birdsong property on Cherry Hill.
- Trustee Secrest commended the efforts and highlighted the potential for significant park development.
- Trustee McGill emphasized the importance of using the “Rock” property for community services and recreational activities, expressing willingness to assist.
- Trustee Lindke agreed with Trustee McGill, stating the original intent for the “Rock” property was to serve as a park for all township residents. She emphasized the importance of board approval for the conservation easement and the need for recreational utilization.
- Mr. Bradford agreed, confirming that the Parks and Recreation Commission would lead the negotiations, but that board approval would be required. He acknowledged the need for parking solutions at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve, indicating potential areas for parking development to improve accessibility.
- Trustee Secrest noted the benefit of a new parking area alleviating on-road parking at Cherry Hill.
- Mr. Bradford mentioned plans for low-impact, permeable parking solutions to maintain environmental considerations.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE "ROCK" PROPERTY TO
THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A
CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-40

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees previously purchased 301 acres in the Township commonly known as the "Rock" property for \$2.4 million; and

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WHEREAS, the legal parcel numbers for the individual properties that make up the "Rock" property are J-10-20-200-002, J-10-20-200-003, J-10-20-300-001, J-10-29-200-001, J-10-29-200-006, and J-10-30-400-037; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees purchased the property with the intent of preserving the land, woods, and cropland for environmental conservation and public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Parks and Recreation Commission shares the Board of Trustees' vision of preserving precious green space for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Parks and Recreation Commission identifies preserving, improving, and protecting valuable natural resource green spaces as part of its Mission Statement; and

WHEREAS, one of the main goals of the 2023-2027 Charter Township of Superior Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan is to encourage the conservation and preservation of natural areas which includes the protection of natural corridor networks for human users, wildlife, and vegetation; and

WHEREAS, two Open Houses were held in preparation of the 2023-2027 Charter Township of Superior Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Master Plan in which 81% of participants identified preservation of natural resources as "very important"; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission will work with a local land conservation entity to establish a conservation easement on the "Rock" property to ensure the property is maintained and protected in perpetuity by utilizing best practices; and

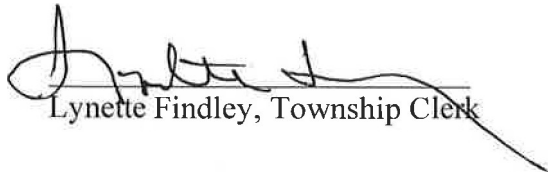
WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission, on May 28, 2024, passed Resolution 2024-02 recommending the "Rock" property be placed under its jurisdiction and to work towards establishing a conservation easement on the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees places the 301 acres in the Township known as the "Rock" property, which is comprised of parcels number J-10-20-200-002, J-10-20-200-003, J-10-20-300-001, J-10-29-200-001, J-10-29-200-006, and J-10-30-400-037, under the jurisdiction of the Charter Township of Superior Parks & Recreation Commission, so that the Commission can work to establish a conservation easement on the property.

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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 June 17, 2024, 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

06/17/2024
Date Certified

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

G. RESOLUTION 2024-41, APPROVE PROGRAMMING CONTRACT BETWEEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR PARKS & RECREATION AND THE MIGHTY OAK PROJECT

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Secrest supported by Trustee Lindke.

- Juan Bradford, Parks and Recreation Director, explained that the contract presented is not new funding from ARPA funds. Last year, a single ARPA contract covered both the Youth Arts Alliance and the Mighty Oak Project (CLR) for kids' programming. There was \$13,500.00 left at the end of the initial contract.
- Mr. Bradford approached both organizations to utilize the remaining funds for activities in Fireman's Park. The Youth Arts Alliance couldn't organize something in time, but CLR proposed a 10-week program similar to what they did at South Pointe Scholars, including local athletes, nutrition education, health, sports, fitness, and retaining school skills during the summer.
- Trustee McGill expressed support, noting her positive experience attending CLR's end-of-year event at South Pointe Scholars and the importance of these services for children.
- Supervisor Schwartz agreed but requested a written report at the end, as none had been received yet.
- Mr. Bradford confirmed that CLR has provided reports on previous programs, including pictures, contacts made, curriculum, and outcomes, and he would forward these to the Board.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROGRAMMING CONTRACT BETWEEN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE
MIGHTY OAK PROJECT (FOR CLR ACADEMY)**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-41

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Parks and Recreation ("ST") aims to provide quality recreational and wellness programming to the youth of the Charter Township of Superior; and

WHEREAS, The Mighty Oak Project ("TMOP") for CLR Academy, a non-profit organization with offices located at 3676 S. South St., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108, has proposed a contract to deliver a 10-week sports and wellness workshop series to youth in the Charter Township of Superior; and

WHEREAS, the contract outlines that TMOP will provide workshops every Saturday starting June 22, 2024, for 10 weeks, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, including snacks, beverages, documentation of the programming, and a post-program survey evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for the services rendered by TMOP will be a one-time payment of \$10,000.00, payable upon submission of an invoice prior to the beginning of the programming; and

WHEREAS, TMOP will ensure that all personnel involved are intensively trained and background cleared, and comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including equal employment opportunities and non-discrimination policies; and

WHEREAS, the contract stipulates that TMOP and the Charter Township of Superior "ST" shall be deemed independent contractors, and TMOP shall maintain liability insurance for its activities in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, naming ST as an additional insured; and

WHEREAS, the contract includes provisions for reporting, compliance with laws, hold harmless and indemnification, ownership of curriculum, and dispute resolution, among others.

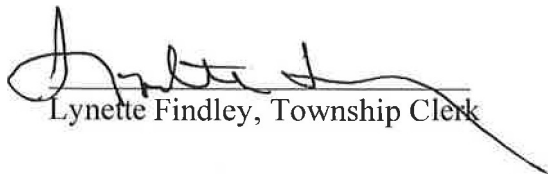
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby approves the Programming Contract between the Charter Township of Superior Parks and Recreation and The Mighty Oak Project (for CLR Academy) as outlined in the attached agreement and authorizes the appropriate township officials to execute the contract,

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incurring a total cost of \$10,000.00 to the Charter Township of Superior from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Treasurer Lewis
Trustee Lindke
Trustee Secrest
Trustee McGill
Supervisor Schwartz
Trustee Caviston
Clerk Findley

Nays: None.

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

H. RESOLUTION 2024-42, APPROVE BID FOR STAMFORD RD. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Claire Martin, OHM, explained the process to choose this contractor.

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Treasurer Lewis.

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OHM PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING FOR THE
STAMFORD ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-42

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior (the "Township") seeks to enhance its water distribution infrastructure for the benefit and welfare of its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Utilities Department solicited bids from two (2) bidders based on their prior experience with both contractors. The summary of bids received is listed below.

Contractor Name	Bid Amount
Inner City Contracting, LLC.	\$599,038.20
AAA Underground & Grading	\$644,425.00

WHEREAS, the project scope consists of installation of approximately 1,400 feet of new 12-inch water main and 200 feet of 8-inch water main via directional drill method. The project is located along Stamford Road between Norfolk Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Inner City Contracting, LLC, located in Detroit, Michigan, is the apparent low bidder. Inner City Contracting has indicated that they are available to perform the work; and,

WHEREAS, OHM has reviewed the bid provided by Inner City Contracting and unit pricing provided appears consistent with current market conditions; and,

WHEREAS, although we have no direct experience with Inner City Contracting as a company, we understand from the Utilities Department that management level staff from this contractor are from a different contractor that we've worked with in the past and have had positive experiences. More input on this can be provided directly from the Utilities Department if desired.

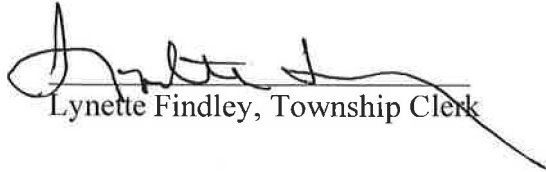
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal submitted by OHM Advisors for the Stamford Road Water Main Replacement project and authorizes the allocation of funds not to exceed \$599,038.20 for the completion of this project.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Treasurer Lewis
Trustee Lindke
Trustee Secrest
Trustee McGill
Supervisor Schwartz
Trustee Caviston
Clerk Findley

Nays: None.

The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

I. RESOLUTION 2024-43, APPROVE INCREASE OF ELECTION INSPECTOR SALARY

Clerk Findley explained the resolution.

The following resolution was moved by Treasurer Lewis supported by Trustee McGill.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
SUPERIOR ELECTION INSPECTORS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-43

DATE: JUNE 17, 2024

WHEREAS, as required by law, the Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior is responsible for conducting elections; and,

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WHEREAS, in order to properly conduct elections, it is essential to hire qualified and competent election inspectors; and,

WHEREAS, election inspectors in the Township are currently paid \$14.00 per hour, co-chairs are paid \$16.00 per hour, and chairpersons are paid \$17.00 per hour; and,

WHEREAS, the Clerk has surveyed other communities in the area and determined the proposed salary increase is commensurate with what other communities are already paying their election inspectors; and,

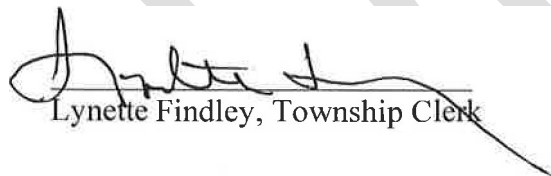
WHEREAS, with the increase of absent voter ballots, the amount of Absent Voter Count Board (AVCB) inspectors has increased significantly; and,

WHEREAS, the work of election inspectors is crucial to maintaining the integrity, efficiency, and fairness of the election process, ensuring that all votes are accurately counted and that the democratic process is upheld; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees hereby approves increasing the salaries to \$16.00 per hour for a precinct election inspector, \$18.00 per hour for an AVCB inspector, \$18.00 per hour for a co-chair, and \$20.00 per hour for a chairperson, effective immediately.

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Lynette Findley, Township Clerk

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The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

J. MOTION TO APPROVE INVOICE FROM MTA – DUES

Clerk Findley stressed that all of our staff should take advantage of the various training and development opportunities afforded through this program.

It was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Lindke to approve the invoice from MTA.

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The motion carried by unanimous vote.

K. MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT TRANSFER OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES TO PRIORITY WASTE

Item "K" is tabled to the Special Meeting.

L. DISCUSS PLYMOUTH RD. PATHWAY EXTENSION

- Trustee Lindke mentioned Mr. Eaton's email about his family walking down Plymouth Road and raised the safety concerns about extending the pathway. Claire Martin, OHM, was asked to provide a cost estimate for extending the pathway.
- Supervisor Schwartz emphasized that safety is the primary concern for obtaining grants from SEMCOG.
- Ms. Martin estimated roughly \$400,000.00 for extending the pathway 0.4 miles but stressed the need for preliminary investigation for a more accurate cost and to apply for grants.
- Supervisor Schwartz suggested applying for the Connecting Communities Program for preliminary engineering funds, noting a previous success with the Cherry Hill Road pathway grant.
- Ms. Martin indicated the intent to apply for the Connecting Communities grant is due on July 15 and suggested it might score better in future years due to an existing open grant.
- Trustee Secrest inquired about reducing the speed limit through Dixboro for safety.
- Supervisor Schwartz explained the difficulty, involving state police, the WCRC, and township approval, and noted past efforts and challenges.
- Trustee McGill asked Claire Martin about the non-motorized trail extension from Arlington down to Ridge, emphasizing safety concerns for children walking to South Pointe Scholars.
- Supervisor Schwartz highlighted the need for the Board to prioritize projects, mentioning the potential complexity and cost of extending the pathway due to the need for a bridge over Fowler Creek and engineering challenges near water pump stations.

M. UPDATE FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Supervisor Schwartz dispersed a handout.

- Supervisor Schwartz discussed a bill sent to Mr. Dwayne Carter of \$4,500.00 to replace his sidewalk. Mr. Morris, Contractor, following instructions from the office, completed the work. However, Mr. Carter passed away in February 2023 and never received the card. Since Mr. Carter was deceased, his estate had not been transferred, leaving the bill unpaid. Mr. Carter had previously received a poverty exemption and assistance from the University of Michigan Law School for taxes and Board of Review matters. The Board needs to decide whether to charge the estate, place the cost on taxes, or pay from the general fund.

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- Trustee Lindke inquired about the heirs and the difference in the invoice amount if Mr. Carter qualified for the exemption.
- Supervisor Schwartz confirmed that if he qualified, the Township would have paid it. The discussion emphasized the need to verify Mr. Carter's exemption status. It was noted that he had a history of qualifying for exemptions and had previously appeared before the Board of Review.
- Clerk Findley expressed confusion about the issue, noting Mr. Carter's previous qualifications for property exemptions.
- Supervisor Schwartz clarified that the issue was Mr. Carter's lack of consent due to his death. He recommended that the Township cover the cost, given Mr. Carter's financial situation and past qualifications for assistance.

It was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Lindke to pay the invoice for 1566 Harvest Lane in the amount of \$4,500.00.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Clerk Findley asked for an update on the sidewalk repair program.
- Supervisor Schwartz explained that the program is moving forward, with letters being sent to residents who were not serviced last year to confirm if they still want the work done. If they do not respond, the work will proceed as scheduled.
- Clerk Findley inquired why the Deputy Supervisor was no longer handling this task.
- Supervisor Schwartz acknowledged that the Deputy Supervisor had not been handling the work for a few months and confirmed the current status of the program.
- Trustee McGill questioned who was doing the markings for the sidewalk repairs.
- Supervisor Schwartz clarified that OHM did the markings, and some of them were still visible.
- Trustee McGill noted that some markings were "faded", and additional markings were being added by Morris Concrete, causing frustration among residents.
- Supervisor Schwartz stated that OHM provided the list of addresses for the repairs.
- Trustee McGill asked for an update on what has been done versus what is pending.
- Supervisor Schwartz expressed difficulty in obtaining a comprehensive report on the completed work but promised to try to compile the data.
- Trustee Lindke suggested that the Board should request an inventory of all properties that were flagged for repairs and the status of those repairs.
- Supervisor Schwartz agreed to send all the information received from Irma Golden, Deputy Supervisor, to the Board.
- Ms. Golden explained that exemptions had been eliminated and that oversight is necessary to ensure the proper completion of the work. She highlighted that there had been issues with duplicate billings and incomplete work in the past.
- Supervisor Schwartz agreed to send all the information provided by Irma to the Board by email and to address the matter in the next meeting.

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- Trustee McGill emphasized the need for the Board to work together to get the program up to date and ensure everyone is informed about its status.
- Supervisor Schwartz noted that any additional work, like adding stamps to sidewalks, should be approved in writing by the homeowner.
- Trustee Lindke asked about the handling of invoicing.
- Treasurer Lewis confirmed that the treasurer's department sends out all invoices.
- Ms. Golden reiterated the importance of protecting residents and ensuring transparency in the process.
- Clerk Findley mentioned a specific instance in Bromley Park where a stamp was added without approval.
- Supervisor Schwartz acknowledged the issue and confirmed it was addressed.

N. WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (WCRC) ROAD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

- Supervisor Schwartz explained the agreement including Gale Road, township-wide limestone spreading, Berkshire milling and resurfacing, and work on Spring Hill and Tanglewood. The total cost for these projects is \$382,000.00, with \$126,552.00 coming from the WCRC, leaving the Township to pay \$255,000.00.
- Trustee McGill expressed frustration that MacArthur and Clark Rd. were not being addressed, noting significant issues that residents face, such as a large divot on MacArthur that has caused flat tires and a potential sinkhole on Clark Rd. She emphasized the need for attention to these smaller, yet impactful, issues.
- Clerk Findley suggested the Board review funding allocation for road improvements over the past few years, highlighting those certain areas, particularly on the south side of Geddes, need more attention.
- Supervisor Schwartz responded that while larger projects are being tackled, smaller maintenance and operations fall under the WCRC's responsibility. He mentioned that a ticket had been submitted for the MacArthur issue, and the WCRC, along with the Drain Commission, would address it.
- Trustee Lindke shared that she had also reported the MacArthur issue through the WCRC's system and was told it would be fixed by September, noting that it has been a longstanding problem.
- Clerk Findley reiterated the importance of resurfacing roads in various parts of the Township and not just fixing individual issues.
- Supervisor Schwartz clarified that the worst paved roads in the Township, based on PACER ratings, are Spring Hill and Berkshire, which is why they were prioritized. He acknowledged the extensive cost required to fix all the roads and the limited budget available for these projects.
- Trustee McGill agreed with the prioritization but stressed the need to push the WCRC to prioritize smaller, critical issues.
- Supervisor Schwartz suggested attending the WCRC meetings to voice these concerns more effectively.

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- Trustee Lindke mentioned a suggestion from a Pittsfield Township official to have the WCRC attend township meetings regularly to ensure better communication and accountability.
- Supervisor Schwartz acknowledged this and noted that WCRC attendance at township meetings had decreased with the new management but agreed that inviting them could be beneficial.

It was moved by Trustee McGill supported by Trustee Secrest to approve the 2024 Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) road improvements agreement.

Roll Call

Ayes: Treasurer Lewis
Trustee Lindke
Trustee Secrest
Trustee McGill
Supervisor Schwartz
Trustee Caviston
Clerk Findley

Nays: None.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. BILLS FOR PAYMENT AND RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Trustee McGill, to receive bills for payment and record of disbursements.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. PLEAS AND PETITIONS

- Trustee McGill was excited about the year-end celebration of the CLR program.
- Trustee McGill said she has heard from residents that Superior Day has become too political and expressed her concerns.
- Trustee Lindke spoke about the Audit and asked to verify that all ARPA funds are properly committed.
- Steph, ZOOM, spoke about her concerns with Green for Life (GFL).

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13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Lindke supported by Clerk Findley, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Findley, Clerk

Kenneth Schwartz, Supervisor

DRAFT

Supervisor's Report June 17th, 2024

1. Washtenaw County Parks demand for compensation at the Clark Road pump station. I've included a communication from Ginny Leikam and Ian Reach setting forth their request for payment in the amount of \$95,000.00 for damages and rent. I have passed this along to OHM for review and have asked Parks for a before and after bid to show how an 18 month delay could cost \$75,000.00 in increased costs. I have requested a meeting at the site with Park personnel as I believe we have completed almost everything we promised. We do owe the rent and funds for a kiosk, but I await some true estimates to establish the increased costs.
2. Closing on the sale of the Village Green occurred on May 29th. We are now the owners of green. Lynette has the closing documents
3. Washtenaw County Road Commission has requested Superior Township to enter into an agreement to fund, in conjunction with Salem Township, a complete reconstruction of Joy Road from Gotfredson to Curtis. This would include the reconstruction of a small bridge and a large culvert, clearing the ditches and trees and topping and shaping the roadbed with 6 inches of gravel. The total costs to the township would be in the range of 500k to 600k. I told the WCRC that this project was not discussed with Superior township as it was apparently discussed with Salem township and therefore it was not budgeted for 2024. Besides it's a heavy lift at any time. I asked Salem Supervisor Gary Whittaker if he would consider financing the project and let Superior pay back over 3 or 4 years. He said no! Salem has over 35 million dollars in reserve, do not levy a local tax and derive all their revenue from the landfill and composting center on Napier and Six mile Road, so I do not see why they cannot assist when they are the ones pushing hard for the project.

In addition, the ECRC has submitted an agreement for your review. I didn't receive it on time for inclusion in the Board Packet, so I will lay it on the table to be added at the meeting, as time is of the essence with road projects since the WCRC must schedule with the contractors and by this time we are already last.

4. Clay Hills. We have received an invoice from Margolis for fruit trees for Clay Hills. I think this invoice needs to be paid from the ARPA funds assigned to Clay Hills, not taxpayer money nor Hyundai tree fund. We have spent \$70,000.00 so far out of the general fund on testing and land preparation for Clay Hills and the land is still not prepared for planting.

I recently found out that Clay Hills will need to connect to the public water system due to the pollution on the site. Trustee Willy Secrest told me that Cribley Well quoted around \$70,000.00 to dig a well. The high cost is due to protective health measures required to be installed due to the pollution on site.

Before fruit trees are planted there should be soil testing as there is a wide variety of fruit trees being requested with differing soil requirements. Some of the fruit trees ordered will not survive in the current soil. Additionally, the ph. levels have not been determined so it's almost a certainty that any tree or plant unsuited to the soil will die. There couldn't be a worse time to plant fruit trees as they will not tolerate the summer heat without watering every other day. There's no water on site. There's no driveway permit from the WCRC for permanent access to the Harris Road lot. It's been over a year and we don't have a preliminary site plan. The zoning ordinance prohibits this kind of activity without some sort of planning. We can be lenient, but we need a real plan. Otherwise, we cannot issue even a temporary c/o so activities can commence. For example, the raised beds installed without a permit are in the line where a walking path would be extended in the future and the beds would need to be relocated. That's a waste of time and money and had no authority to do even that. There needs to be a sit-down to figure out how this project can move forward.

I was told by Juan that there are not enough volunteers right now to help clean the land of roots and stones, so is this really a going concern nonprofit? Are we expected to do everything. Tilling the land is not feasible until the roots and obstructions are cleared, which could be easily accomplished with a few volunteers using shovels, rakes and pickaxes. If there's a lack of volunteers now, what does the future hold?

I also called the USDA to enquire about the grant supposedly lost because of something the township did or did not do. The farm is registered but no one has ever applied for any grants nor does USDA do any inspections of these kinds as TC stated. So, there's a question of credibility. The Board got way ahead of itself with this project, without any due diligence or discovery. It's time to rein it in.

I insist that any trees purchased should come out of his ARPA award. If the trees die...which is very likely, Superior Township taxpayers should not be holding the bag.

5. Julia Hoving has requested the township to pay her \$6,850.00 to restore her front yard. I've included an estimate and will ask Fred to investigate this as we had a settlement with her last year. I believe once the actual cost is determined, we should pay the bill.
6. GFL. Superior Township was informed on June 4, 2024, that GFL was selling to Priority Waste. I've included a copy of the letter. I have no further information today. Paul Ruthenberg from Priority Waste will be present at the meeting to answer questions. The contract cannot be assigned without our consent, which cannot be unreasonably withheld.
7. MacArthur Road Path. The MacArthur Road path is almost complete. There is a tiny triangular piece of concrete that needs to be replaced and then the project is complete. I've added some pictures. Once complete we will notify County OCED and will have the outstanding CBDG balance assigned to pay down on the final bill. We are responsible for the amount over the federal funds. That shouldn't be too much.

8. The Dixboro Project has removed the grass in front of the Plymouth Road house used for parking and replaced it with gravel. Hopefully that will calm th complaints.
9. On Wednesday the 12th I attended a violent crime in eastern Washtenaw meeting. Fortunately, Superior Township had only one mention out of the numerous violent crimes committed in eastern Washtenaw County since the first of the year including four murders committed in one week in May. The Superior incident was shooting into a mobile home at the Arbor Woods Community. One was injured in that incident. No new efforts were presented at the meeting, but Sheriff Jerry Clayton wanted to get ahead of the issue.
10. The bathroom for the Township Parks employee is complete and I've included a photograph.



INVOICE

Sidewalk Repairs

DATE: March 20, 2024

Duane Carter
1566 Harvest Lane
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

	This is the invoice for the work completed by the township per the signed postcard you returned.		
	Sidewalk Service Provided: 15, 4-in		\$4500.00
	Due date: May 31, 2024		
		TOTAL DUE	\$4500.00

Please make all checks payable to: Superior Charter Township, 3040 North Prospect Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 49198
If you have any questions concerning this invoice, call: **Ken Schwartz** at (734) 482-6099.

2024 SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the Township Board of Superior Township ("Superior Township"), Washtenaw County, and the Board of Washtenaw County Road Commissioners ("WCRC").

WHEREAS, Superior Township desires that certain improvements be made upon the local roads in the Township of Superior, and

WHEREAS, proper authority is provided to the parties of the agreement under the provisions in Act 51 of Public Acts of 1951 as amended,

IT IS NOW THEREFORE AGREED, the WCRC will accomplish the improvements as specified herein, all in accordance with the standards of the Board of Washtenaw County Road Commissioners,

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, Superior Township shall pay WCRC for the actual project costs incurred for the project; and

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, the WCRC will submit an invoice to the Township on July 1, 2024, for 50% of the estimated project costs. Following project completion and final accounting of the project costs, WCRC will submit the final invoice for the actual remaining unpaid costs. The final invoice shall provide supporting detail and information, which reasonably identifies the actual project costs incurred by WCRC. The Township described herein agrees to remit payment within 30 days from receipt of WCRC invoices.

Gale Road, Geddes Road to Vreeland Road

Work to include drainage improvements, forestry, heavy brushing, shaping the existing surface, and the application of 4" of 23A Limestone (C.I.P.) (approximately 1,750 tons) with associated dust control and project restoration.

Estimated total project cost: \$ 114,000.00

Township-Wide Limestone

Work to include shaping the existing surface and the application of 4" of 23A Limestone (C.I.P.) (approximately 2,000 tons) with associated dust control and project restoration.

Estimated project cost: \$ 52,000.00

Berkshire Drive, Prospect Road to Sheffield Drive

Work to include milling the existing pavement, the placement of 2" HMA resurfacing, structure adjustments, ADA sidewalk ramp upgrades, and associated project restoration.

Estimated project cost: \$ 140,000.00

Spring Hill Drive, Tanglewood Drive to Creekside Drive

Work to include milling the existing pavement, the placement of 2" HMA resurfacing, and associated project restoration.

Estimated project cost: \$ 76,000.00

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2024 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM

Gale Road, Geddes Road to Vreeland Road	\$	114,000.00
Township-Wide Limestone	\$	52,000.00
Berkshire Drive, Prospect Road to Sheffield Drive	\$	140,000.00
Spring Hill Drive, Tanglewood Drive to Creekside Drive	\$	76,000.00
Subtotal	\$	<u>382,000.00</u>

Less WCRC 2024 Local Matching Funds \$ 126,552.18

ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP UNDER THIS AGREEMENT DURING 2024: \$ 255,447.82

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP:

Ken Schwartz, Supervisor

Lynette Findley, Clerk

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:

Barbara Ryan Fuller, Chair

Matthew MacDonell, Managing Director