

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

**6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

DATE: APRIL 8, 2021

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

SUPERVISOR: Frederick R. Thorsby
CLERK: Wendy D. Meinburg
TREASURER: Terry A. Peck

TRUSTEES:

William Bain
Linda Minarik
William L. Westenbarger
Sharilynn K. Willette

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

STEVEN W. MOULTON PLLC
6258 W. Pierson Road
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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR FREDERICK R. THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

- II. ROLL CALL:** Thorsby, Willette, Westenbarger, Bain, Minarik, Meinburg and Peck. Attorney Steven Moulton was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Four (4)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 8, 2021

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the agenda, with the amendment of adding item 6 under new business, motion to approve the cost from the Genesee County Road Commission for Calcium Chloride application for the 2021 Dust Control Program.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2021

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the payment of bills.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:05 P.M.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:06 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review bids for squaring off front entrance driveway to parking lot of Township Offices.

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to hire Britton's Best Asphalt to widen, seal and fill cracks on the Township Office parking lot at the cost of \$8000.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Meinburg, Westenbarger, Thorsby, Bain, Peck, Minarik and Willette

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Motion to discuss and approve purchase of new copier for Flushing Township Office.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to open floor to discussion of purchase of new copier for Flushing Township Office.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.

TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to purchase a new Ricoh copier for the Flushing Township Office.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Thorsby, Bain, Minarik, Westenbarger, Peck, Meinburg and Willette

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Motion to approve First Reading of text amendment to Section 20-1804(A) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Flushing to limit the construction or placement of one (1) principal structure/dwelling to each lot.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the First Reading of Text Amendment to Section 20-1804(A) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Flushing.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Peck, Bain, Meinburg, Thorsby, Westenbarger, Minarik and Willette

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Discuss the Federal Stimulus Funds.

Supervisor Thorsby reported that under the American Rescue Plan Act, the Charter Township of Flushing will be receiving \$1.01 million Federal Stimulus Funds. The distribution of these funds will be in two installments, half being sent this year and the other half in 2022. Use of the funds are limited to very specific items including, but not limited to response to COVID-19 emergency and its negative economic impacts and investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. The funds are to be used by 2024. After lengthy discussion, Supervisor Thorsby suggested holding a Public Hearing to allow residents to share their input as to how these funds could be best put to use for the benefit of the township.

5. Discuss railroad easement and contract on Turner Road.

Attorney Steve Moulton gave a brief synopsis of the agreement adopted in 1986 between the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company and the Charter Township of Flushing from inception to current day. After discussion, the following motion was made.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to pay fee of \$200 to cover costs through 2036.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Meinburg, Willette, Bain, Peck, Minarik, Westenbarger and Thorsby

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Motion to approve the cost from the Genesee County Road Commission for Calcium Chloride application for the 2021 Dust Control Program.

SUPERVISOR THORSBY MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the 2021 Dust Control Program by Genesee County Road Commission. This will include three applications of Calcium Chloride at a cost of \$0.66511/gallon at an application rate of 2000 gal/mile.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Peck, Minarik, Willette, Bain, Westenbarger, Thorsby and Meinburg

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor
Monthly Building Report
Monthly Code Enforcement Report
Fire Department Report
2. Clerk's Report – Clerk
3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer
Water Report
4. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief Bolin

Chief Bolin reported the hiring of a new officer to the Flushing Township Police Department, Officer Daren Hawley.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:15 P.M.

Mr. Rex Wheeler shared his concerns about solar farms and Ranger Power.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:26 P.M.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Minarik inquired about reopening the Flushing Township hall for rental. Due to the recent increase of positive COVID-19 cases, hall rental will remain on hold until it is safer to do so.

Trustee Willette reported the new van for the Flushing Area Senior Center was delivered and the seniors are enjoying their new, safe transportation.

Also, the city of Flushing is deeming August 19, 2021 “Gary Nickel Day” to honor Gary Nickel, and suggested Flushing Township participate. All were in favor.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 13, 2021

X. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mandy Hemingway, Deputy Clerk
4/8/2021