

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING
6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: MAY 11, 2006 **TIME: 7:00 P.M.**
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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Andrew Trotogot
CLERK: Julia A. Morford
TREASURER: Carl G. Liepmann

TRUSTEES

Ann L. Fotenakes
Scott Minaudo
Barry Pratt
Ida M. Reed

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

Steven Moulton of
Cooley Moulton & Smith
Attorneys at Law

ROLL CALL: Trotogot, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: 11 other interested individuals

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 by **SUPERVISOR TROTOGOT** with roll call and the pledge to the American Flag.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Pratt to adopt the Agenda as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION: MINAUDO wanted to know why the information that Mr. Jack Matsko wanted to know was not on the Agenda (from the Minutes of April 13, 2006). **LIEPMANN** stated the information would be covered under the Presentation of the Police Department Update with Chief Doug Kennedy (Chief Kennedy). **MINAUDO** stated the information was not spelled out so he (Minaudo) wanted to make sure the information was on the Agenda.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2006: REED MOVED, seconded by Pratt to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2006 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION:

FOTENAKES inquired about: 1) **Page 10, Board Comments**, Number 1, regarding a pilot program of putting tape and labels on garbage cans so Waste Management could then place the cans in the ditch. This process would prevent garbage cans that had got in the road from wind, etc., from being hit by automobiles. She (Fotenakes) had thought that **TROTOGOT** and **LIEPMANN** were going to talk to James Wilson of Waste Management to see if the matter could be adopted or if the matter was feasible; and 2) **Page 10, Board Comments**, Number 2, **FOTENAKES** stated that she wanted to know if the Committee had met, because at the prior meeting, **TROTOGOT** had developed a Committee to review the Procedure Manual for the Office." **TROTOGOT** stated the Committee had met but due to some questions, the meeting was postponed. Another meeting would be held in the future. **PRATT** recommended changing the wording to "status of the Code Enforcement Officer Committee." **FOTENAKES** did not like the word "status" because she knew the "status" of the Code Enforcement situation. **FOTENAKES** wanted the matter spelled out; would the matter be brought back to the Board of Trustees or had it died? **LIEPMANN** stated he and **TROTOGOT** were still discussing with James Wilson, of Waste Management, the issue of putting the garbage

cans in the ditch. **FOTENAKES** recommended using the wording “**TROTOGOT** and **LIEPMANN** will look into the matter.”

MINAUDO inquired about Page 10, Number 4, “**MINAUDO** wanted to know if a police cruiser was totaled.” **MINAUDO** stated his question was “if the Police Chief had gotten into an accident within the last year.” The Board response was “No”. **LIEPMANN** stated the question was “if the Chief had been in an accident recently.” **MORFORD** will review the tape and get back to the Board of Trustees as to the correct wording. **TROTOGOT** reviewed the situation and followed up with a letter to all the Board of Trustees.

FOTENAKES felt the matter should not be bias but the action that was received.

**ACTION OF THE MOTION:
MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: FOTENAKES MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to pay the bills as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE by Chief Doug Kennedy of the Charter Township of Flushing Police Department

CHIEF DOUG KENNEDY (CHIEF KENNEDY) gave an update of questions and concerns he had received regarding a two-man police cruiser verses a one-man police cruiser.

Two (2) Man verses One (1) Man Cruiser Scenarios:

- there are two (2) School Resource Officers (SRO) – for nine (9) months they are in school all day
- officers on the patrol schedule work double coverage on 2nd and 3rd shifts, five (5) days per week total of ten (10) shifts per week or forty (40+) plus shifts per month
- during the summer the SRO’s are placed on the patrol schedule
 1. One (1) SRO is placed on the day shift where currently there is only one (1) – one (1) man car working seven (7) days a week
 2. For the 2nd and 3rd shifts – there are two (2) men working both shifts five (5) days per week
 3. there will be three (3) additional shifts per week that will have two (2) people in the same car – which equals to thirteen (13) shifts per week or approximately fifty-two (52+) plus shifts per month.
- The total does not include the impact the 2nd SRO will have; the 2nd officer will be placed into a schedule that will fill vacancies based on officers taking vacations and time off. Some of the part-time hours that has been filled with part-time officers will be eliminated – the 2nd SRO will fill the position
- There might be one (1) or two (2) shifts per week where the 2nd SRO may cause to have another double coverage.
- Two (2) men in one (1) car will travel an average of 80 to 110 miles per shift
- Two (2) – one (1) -man in two (2) cars, both cars will travel an average 80 to 110 miles per shift
 1. duplication of miles traveled
 2. gas consumption of 7,920.5 gallons per vehicle
 3. 103,075 miles for a two (2) year period of time that the 2nd vehicle would have traveled if had two (2) – one (1) man cars verses one (1) – two (2) man cars
 4. maintenance cost is added
 5. another 2006 police vehicle would need to be purchased
 6. 2005-2006 budget expenditures will exceed the revenues by \$55,000
 7. Cost would be approximately \$1,007 per vehicle per year.

- Question at Hand: Could the Township Afford to Revert back to a two (2) – one (1) man scenario?

DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED POLICE MILLAGE:

- In the third year of the last millage increase requested – tried to keep low and yet obtain the goal
- How is Flushing Township doing as compared to the amount of dollars spent
 1. Flint Journal did an article last year based on fifteen (15) police departments in Genesee County
 2. total number of residents and total cost in budget for 2004-2005 based on a per capita basis, they decided how much it would cost each person that lived in each township/city to have a police department
 3. Grand Blanc was #1 at \$215 per person
 4. Flushing Township was #15 at \$96 per person.
 5. Where does the township go? Two things that could help the police department:
 - a. long term fix: presently levy 3.5 mils for police protection – originally approved the millage for 3.7 each year - under Headlee required to reduce the millage; could override Headlee Amendment which would require a vote of the people.
 1. To override Headlee would bring in approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year into the Police Department
 2. on the average would be \$10.01 per year.
 - b. short term fix: the City of Flushing has their own gasoline tank and pump and gets bulk rate – a possibility the City and Township could help each other by the City purchasing more gas with a better price rate; in turn the township could join with the City to purchase the gasoline. (The system has not been discussed with the City).
- There are four (4) or five (5) millages on the August 2006 Election ballot
- try to stay with two (2) cars at sixty (60) miles each, which would amount to the same mileage – one (1) officer on the East side of the Flint River and the other officer on the West side of the River
- there have been times when cruisers have been stationary but have given tickets and have done traffic control – the stationary would be part of the 110 miles on the vehicle
- different situations where cruisers could reduce number of miles due to 9-1-1 calls, accidents, or miles increased because of lack of 9-1-1 calls - but would be constantly mobile
- possibility to re-convene the Millage Committee for the purposes of discussing the police department
- safety issue is a big problem – if there was an armed robbery in one area and something simple taking place in another section of the township and two (2) cars were patrolling, each car could split and go in the direction of the event that was needed
- the Millage Committee could review the issues and come to the Board of Trustees with their recommendation
- how many times with, two (2) men in a car, has there been compromises – officers are trained to prioritize their calls
- better service with two (2) – one (1) man cars (more visibility)
- very concerned about the safety of students, especially since school will soon be out
- three (3) officers are on twenty-four (24) hour call
- probability for the next ninety (90) days of having two (2) – one (1) man cruisers - would put police department further in debt
- Township covers 36 square miles; City of Flushing covers 4 square miles
 - a. check to see if there could be a savings by having a joint venture with the City of Flushing

- would the millage issue pass since there are other issues on the August ballot or would it be better to wait until next year?
- Could the Flushing Township Police Department and City of Flushing Police Department merge
- Defer the Police Department loan until the millage was approved

LIEPMANN recommended the Mileage Committee reconvene and bring suggestions back to the Board of Trustees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 12-63(3) of the Code of Ordinances to Clarify the Keeping of Recreational Vehicles on Property within the Township

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 12-63(3) of the Code of Ordinances. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Recommendation for Water and Sewer Rate Increase

Detroit Water is increasing their rates by 5%; the County has been mandated by the State to operate CMOM (Capacity Maintenance Overflow Monitoring).

IMPROVEMENTS:

1. The township is currently paying \$300 a month for two (2) sewer pumping stations; the new rate would be \$395 per month
2. The township would be required to jet and televise all the sewer lines somewhere between five (5) and ten (10) years; the County used 7 ½ years as a cost factor to determine what to charge the township:
 - a. for the jetting, televising, maintenance of the sewer lines and manhole inspections (which have to be inspected every 4 years) because of CMOM, and repaired, the County is passing on \$2.95 per foot for every foot of sewer in the township (There is 68,472')
 - b. presently paying \$5,866 per year for maintenance; new cost would be \$26,932 per year or approximately \$4.59 per user
3. Mid Michigan Manufacturing and Maintenance (MMMM)(currently maintains one of the township's pumping stations) charges \$185 per month.
 - a. MMMM would be willing to contract with the township to take care of all the items at the below listed costs:
 1. current cost of \$395 per month per pumping station would be \$185 (with MMMM).
 2. second pumping station located at Flushing County Park, Carpenter Road, is a back-up pumping station but never runs (2 HP pump only sits there) \$92.50 per month
 - b. Video Taping Cost:
 1. County: \$1.11
 2. MMMM: \$.95
 - c. Jetting Cost :
 1. County: \$1.08
 2. MMMM: \$.65
4. Township is in compliance with CMOM; nothing has to be done for another four (4) years at that time a rotation system would be developed.
5. The County does all the billing and meter reading:
 - a. currently paying twenty-seven (27) cents per bill; increased to sixty-two (62) cents per bill
 - b. new water bill statement: paper type rather than post card style with last four months usage listed on statement.

6. "Ready to Serve" fee will not change from the current \$10.25 per water user.
7. "currently charging \$1.85 for every 100 cubic feet"
8. Recommendation of the Water Committee to increase from \$1.85 to \$2.10 per 100 cubic feet; an increase of \$2.50 per month for the average customer.
9. Recommendation of the Water Committee to go with MMMM at a cost of approximately \$2.30 for the increased sewer charges. (The County charges would be \$4.59).
10. Flushing Township is the only community in Genesee County that bills bi-monthly.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes to set the minimum usage on sewer at \$18.50 per month; and increase the commodity charge for water to \$2.10 per hundred cubic feet; and increase the late fees from ten (10%) percent to fifteen (15%) percent; effective July 1, 2006.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Fotenakes as recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee that the township hire Mid-Michigan Manufacturing and Maintenance to do the CMOM per the contract in the packet.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Pratt, Reed, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution for Senior Citizen Centers for the Proposed Primary Election

MORFORD stated she attended a meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 with the Genesee County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposed Senior Citizens millage to, hopefully, be placed on the August Ballot. Ward Chapman, Genesee County Corporation Council is currently working on the language for the ballot requesting an amount of \$250,000 per the fifteen (15) full-time senior centers.

Since the issue of the Police Millage had been discussed, it was determined to hold off, at the present, on the Resolution for the Senior Citizens.

4. Freedom of Information Requests to All Board of Trustees

MORFORD stated that since she is the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Coordinator, it had been brought to her attention that all the Board Members would like to have a copy of all FOIA's received by the office.

5. Personal Use of Any Township/Police Vehicle

MINAUDO stated that at the last Board of Trustees Meeting no one knew about Chief Kennedy being in an accident; a letter from **TROTOGOT** was produced stating that he (Trotoгот) did know about the issue. **TROGOTOT** had given Chief Kennedy permission to use the township cruiser to visit his (Kennedy's) dad when he was in the hospital; the location was in another county. **MINAUDO** was concerned about using the township vehicles for personal business outside of the township; Chief Kennedy is allowed to have a personal vehicle in the township or outside the county but taking the car to another county for personal business was not appropriate.

Chief Kennedy stated he was given the benefit by former Supervisor Granville Auker almost eighteen (18) years ago. The benefit has never been taken advantage of, but Chief Kennedy does understand the concern. Chief Kennedy will not use the car for personal use and will not go outside the county if that is the Board's desire. If the Chief should go outside the County, he will put his own gas in the vehicle once he has left the township. Chief Kennedy stated that outside of going to Mt. Pleasant when his dad was sick, and about once a week to help his Mother, he seldom went outside the County.

MINAUDO wanted to know why Chief Kennedy could not use his own car for personal business. Chief Kennedy stated the basis for a personal car for a police chief, especially in small townships and cities, has been they (chiefs) are on call 24 hours, 7 days a week so whether the chief should be in Mt. Pleasant, Lansing, or something should go down in the Township, he (Chief Kennedy) would be able to get to the destination. **MINAUDO** wanted to know if the chief could use his own car. **LIEPMANN** stated there was an insurance issue if the chief should get in an accident when he was responding to a call.

PRATT wanted to know the benefit for Chief Kennedy to respond with. What difference does it make if the chief is in Mt. Pleasant or Lansing? Chief Kennedy stated he was on call 24 hours per day, 7 days a week as are all small community police chiefs. It is a benefit for the particular position given to him by his Supervisor.

The City of Flushing Police Chief is governed by agreement and by ordinance.

LIEPMANN MOVED, seconded by Reed to continue the use of his (Chief Doug Kennedy) car as he has in the past except that when he leaves the County, he must get permission from the Supervisor to leave if it is on personal business and that he will pay for his own gas.

DISCUSSION:

PRATT: he would be able to use the police car.

MINAUDO: that is what was taking place before.

TROTOGOT: Chief Kennedy has never paid for his gas for personal use.

ACTION OF THE MOTION: Not a Roll Call

AYES: 5

NAYS: 2

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Road Commission**

TROTOGOT has received a bid to put new limestone on: 1) Duffield Road from Francis Road to Mt. Morris Road; 2) Duffield Road from Stanley Road to Mt. Morris Road; 3) Duffield Road from Carpenter Road to Pierson Road; 4) Carpenter Road from Duffield Road to Sheridan (M-13) Road; 5) Nichols Road from Mt. Morris Road to Francis Road; 6) Turner Road; and 7) Francis Road from Duffield Road to Nichols Road at a cost of \$252,790.05 at which \$14,106.05 would be paid by the County. **REED MOVED**, seconded by Fotenakes to authorize the Supervisor to approve the spending of \$252,790.05 to limestone seven (7) roads and adjust the budget accordingly.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Reed, Morford, Liepmann, Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, and Trotogot

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Control A Pest Technology**

REED felt the Control A Pest Technology devices would be a great idea since the township is trying to save money. It was determined the Terminix service would be discontinued for a period of one (1) year to see how the pest devices would work.

REPORTS:

1. **Building Inspector's Report: FOTENAKES MOVED**, seconded by Liepmann to accept the Building Inspector's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:

NEW HOMES	5
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	7
DECKS	0
REMODELING	0

ADDITIONS	0
GARAGES	1
FENCE PERMITS	4
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	0
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	0
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	17
PERMIT VALUATION FOR APRIL 2005	\$ 4,808
PERMIT VALUATION FOR APRIL 2006	1,043,950
PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR APRIL 2006	\$ 5,324
TRAILER INSPECTIONS	0
TRASH AND RECYCLING CHARGES	0
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	0
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	0
EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT	0
VARIANCE REQUEST	100
REZONING REQUEST	0
CODE BOOKS	0
FOR A TOTAL OF	\$ 5,424
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE APRIL 2005	2,679,598
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE APRIL 2006	2,382,150
FOR A DECREASE OF	\$ 297,448

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Dave Gibbs, 10525 Pierson Road, Flushing** – “if something was wrong with his grandson or son he would want the Chief to come “hot” not at 50 miles per hour. He would need help! Don’t hand cuff him.”

BOARD COMMENTS:

None

THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business matters, Supervisor Trogotogot adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Julia A. Morford, Clerk

Andrew Trogotogot, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____

05/11/06 Regular