

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Terry A. Peck

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Michael S. Gardner

Scott R. Matzke

Scott P. Minaudo

Mark H. Purkey

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

STEVEN MOULTON

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by **SUPERVISOR TERRY A. PECK** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Terry A. Peck, Julia A. Morford, William J. Noecker, Michael S. Gardner, Scott R. Matzke, and Scott P. Minaudo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark H. Purkey

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Nine (9) other individuals

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Noecker to approve the Agenda as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Purkey

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1-a. Group Appointment – Police Study

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo that:

“**Whereas**, the Township has suffered reduced tax revenues from the police millage such that we have had to reduce the amount of police services, we provide to our residents in order to stay within our budget; and

Whereas, the Township should explore the best way to provide the most police coverage to the residents of the Township with the money we have available; and

Whereas, there are many ways to provide police services, including through our own department and through joint authorities or through contracting with other departments; and

Whereas, the Governor and Legislature have asked communities to explore ways to efficiently provide public services through joint efforts.

Therefore, I move that the Board appoint an information-gathering group made up of the Supervisor, Treasurer, and the Clerk, and that group explore the alternatives for providing police services to the Township’s residents and bring a report back to the Board for review at the Board’s February 9, 2012 meeting. The alternatives to be explored should include continuing our own Department and/or contracting with the County Sheriff.”

DISCUSSION:

It was ask why it wasn't mentioned about contracting with Montrose or the City of Flushing. The Supervisor mentioned that he had talked with the two (2) Municipalities and they weren't interested. Clayton Township would be interested but their perimeters would be prohibited because they pay their officers \$18 per hour and would not want to increase the cost; the retirement is a 401K; and a few other issues that would not be approved. It was ask if we went with the Sheriff Department, would they (Sheriff Department) hire the Flushing Township Police Department? Supervisor **PECK** stated the Flushing Township Police Officers would be able to apply to the Sheriff's Department.

PURKEY had received a call from one of the Flushing City Counsel people who stated they had thought about making Flushing Township an offer; City Manager Dennis Bow stated the offer was not true.

The Clerk recommended that in the last line of the last paragraph "The alternatives to be. . .contracting with the County Sheriff" be **changed** to "The alternatives to be explored should include continuing our own Department and/or contracting with the County Sheriff."

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to change the last sentence to read "**and/or**" instead of "and".

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLLCALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Gardner, Peck, Noecker, and Morford

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Purkey

Motion Carried

1-b. Budget Amendment – Police Department Study by Plante Moran

GARDNER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to amend the police budget to cover the estimate for Plante Moran study and change line item "*Miscellaneous Expense*" from \$1,000 to \$8,000 and "*Vehicles and Equipment*" from \$11,000 to \$4,000.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLLCALL VOTE:

AYES: Gardner, Matzke, Minaudo, Peck, Morford, and Noecker

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Purkey

Motion Carried

1-c. "Sign Regulation Training Program" – Frankenmuth MI – January 19, 2012

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Noecker to approve the Supervisor or anyone that would like to, to attend the "*Sign Ordinance Workshop (Regulation Training Program)*" at Frankenmuth MI, on January 19, 2012 at a rate of \$45 per person.

DISCUSSION:

It was ask to make it available to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and the Board of Review. It was mentioned to limit to just one person from each Commission.

NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Gardner to amend the motion to state that the Supervisor and no more than one (1) member from each of the Commissions attend.

DISCUSSION:

The Clerk mentioned that a lot of times, more than one (1) member of the Commissions, especially the Planning Commission, attended the classes.

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Noecker that anyone from the Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, or Planning Commission be able to attend the “*Sign Ordinance Workshop (Regulation Training Program)*” (in Frankenmuth, MI) on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at a rate of \$45 per person.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLLCALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Morford, Noecker, Peck, Gardner, and Matzke

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Purkey

Motion Carried

7:11 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two (2) individuals gave their comments

7:12 P.M. - CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:

- a. The Supervisor chose the Personnel Committee who will do the Police Study; all the details will be assembled and brought back to the February 9, 2012 Board Meeting. The Committee needs the Plante and Moran Study to proceed.
- b. Compensation Commission - MTA “*Authorities and Responsibilities*” (Page 190) which states:
 “The commission determines the salaries of elected township officials, and they are final, unless the township board rejects them by a resolution adopted by two-thirds of its members. If the commission’s proposed salaries are rejected, the existing salaries continue. The compensation commission cannot decrease the salary of an elected township official during his or her term of office (MCL 41.95) The salary determined by the commission becomes effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year of the township.”
- c. **NOECKER** stated the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer just received a cost of living raise of \$1,900; the Trustees received \$333 for their cost of living. The cost of living adjustment was put into existence when the last Compensation Commission was disbanded in 2006.

THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Morford to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

TERRY A. PECK , Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____