

Watertown Charter Township

12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge MI 48837 | (517) 626-6593

October 17, 2011 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Deborah Adams with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Deborah Adams, Clerk Melissa Freeman, Treasurer Janice Thelen, Trustee John Maahs, Trustee Ken Mitchell and Trustee George Weitzel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Dale Westrick, absent with notice

STAFF PRESENT: Township Manager Jennifer Tubbs and Planning Director Andrea Polverento

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Enderle, Clinton County Commissioner, provided his monthly report to the board.

Sgt. Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, provided his monthly report to the board.

Chief Steve Fabiano, Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority, provided his monthly report to the board.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority – Proposed Service Sharing Agreement

A Public Hearing was held for the purposes of sharing information and receiving comments from the public regarding a proposed service sharing agreement between the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (an authority owned jointly between Watertown Charter Township and Eagle Township) and Delta Charter Township.

Supervisor Adams opened the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

Supervisor Adams, Manager Tubbs, Trustee Mitchell and Fire Chief Steve Fabiano presented an overview of the proposed service sharing agreement with Delta Township. Comments, questions and/or concerns were received from the following members of the audience:

- Roger & Marilyn Hansbarger, 13650 S. Wacousta Road
- Elaine Wells, 12435 S. Wacousta Road
- Ronald Overton, 9657 Looking Glass Brook Drive
- James Fyvie, Clinton County Central Dispatch Director
- Gary & Beth Ball, 11850 Durham Lane
- Billy Crego, 4960 W. Clark Road

The Board of Trustees answered questions and discussed the proposed agreement with the audience.

Supervisor Adams closed the Public Hearing at 8:15pm.

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PENDING BUSINESS:

1. 2011 Citizen of the Year Recognition

Trustee Maahs presented resident Billy Crego with the Citizen of the Year certificate of tribute on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Clerk Freeman, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, that the 2011 Citizen of the Year tribute to Billy Crego be printed in the meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BILLY CREGO 2011 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Let it be known that it is an honor and a privilege to extend our sincerest praise and commendation to Billy Crego in acknowledgement of his attaining the distinct honor of being named “2011 Citizen of the Year” for the Charter Township of Watertown.

Ability, commitment and integrity have been reflected in all of Billy’s endeavors as a volunteer in the community and his consistent dedication to excellence throughout his many years of community service. He has made many sacrifices on behalf of the community, willingly and unselfishly, and is always ready to shoulder a little extra responsibility or lend a helping hand in any circumstance.

Billy has been a valued member of the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority where he represents Watertown Township as its board representative and has played a contributing role in having made the fire department one of the finest fire fighting units in the Tri-County area. He has served on a number of key committees with the Authority and is respected for his decisions regarding costs and department effectiveness.

Billy has been a member of the Clinton County Sheriff’s Posse for forty years, and has served as its Captain for a number of years. He is one of the founders of the Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show and Pull, which he started in 1976, and has served as its Ring Master for twenty-six years. He is also a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean conflict.

Billy worked for Lansing Dairy/Heatherwood Farms for forty-two years prior to his retirement. He is a member of the Redeemer United Methodist Church, where he serves on a number of committees and where he met his wife, Carolyn. Billy and Carolyn will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this year. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Kristine, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Hardworking, a person of firm beliefs, with an unselfish commitment to helping others, Billy has enriched the community with the generous use of his time and effort; over the years has proven to be a great friend to this community and concerned citizen. He merits our highest praise.

Therefore, in special tribute, this document is dedicated to commend and congratulate Billy Crego as Watertown Charter Township’s 2011 Citizen of the Year.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Planning Commission resignation letter was added to the agenda as New Business Item No. 5.

Motion by Trustee Maahs, seconded by Treasurer Thelen, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 14, 2011: Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Clerk Freeman, to approve the special meeting minutes of September 14, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

September 19, 2011: Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Clerk Freeman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Adams noted the additional bill list provided on the table.

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Maahs, to approve the bill lists as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BUSINESS:

2. Eckhart and Associates Renaissance Zone Extension Request Resolution No. 10-17-2011-1

Bob Breard of Eckhart and Associates attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the board regarding his request.

Motion by Trustee Weitzel, seconded by Treasurer Thelen, to waive the reading of Resolution No. 10-17-2011-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Maahs, to adopt Resolution No. 10-17-2011-1, a resolution to extend the duration of a Tool and Die Renaissance Recovery Zone for Eckhart and Associates, Inc., 16185 National Parkway, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Treasurer Thelen, Trustee Maahs, Supervisor Adams, Trustee Mitchell, Clerk Freeman, Trustee Weitzel

No: None

Absent: Trustee Westrick

Motion carried, resolution adopted.

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3. Peddler/Vendor Ordinance

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2012 Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority Operating Budget

Motion by Trustee Weitzel, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to approve the 2012 Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority operating budget as presented.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Yes: Trustee Weitzel, Supervisor Adams, Clerk Freeman, Trustee Mitchell, Treasurer Thelen, Trustee Maahs

No: None

Absent: Trustee Westrick

Motion carried.

2. Direct Deposit Policy

Township Manager Tubbs presented the direct deposit policy that the board had directed her to create.

Supervisor Adams requested that the words “individuals receiving” be added to line number 2, prior to the words “stipend payments.”

Motion by Trustee Weitzel, seconded by Trustee Maahs, to approve the Direct Deposit Policy as amended, effective December 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Township Manager’s Report

Motion by Treasurer Thelen, seconded by Trustee Mitchell, to accept the Township Manager’s report dated September 14, 2011 to October 12, 2011, and place on file. Motion carried unanimously.

4. New Township Website

The board discussed the new township website that has been launched, www.WatertownTownship.com.

5. Francis McNamara – Planning Commission Resignation

Motion by Trustee Maahs, seconded by Treasurer Thelen, to accept the resignation of Francis McNamara from the Planning Commission effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Clark, Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Chair, reported on the Delta Township board meeting that he attended the same evening, with regard to the proposed service sharing agreement between Delta Charter Township and the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Date approved: _____

Deborah Adams, Supervisor

Melissa Freeman, Clerk