

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2013
MEETING ROOM – 7:00 P.M.

The Board interviewed two applicants for the job of Township Clerk. They were Martin Noss and Marceal Dailey. They shared their backgrounds, what they saw as important in the job and answered other questions asked by the trustees.

Interviews were completed at 7:25 PM

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Butler with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Butler, Towsley, Kandler, Blair, Braman (arrived 7:04 PM), Myers, Slucter

Absent: none

Kandler moved and Blair seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of items 9 & 10 (closed session & action on closed session information) as information is not available. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014 BUDGETS WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:33 PM.

Supervisor Butler shared that we are raising the millage rate and talking of adding the 1% administrative fee on tax bills. The budget is being hit hard by the bills on past due Sewer Special Assessments.

Supervisor stated that our legal costs are way up this year and election costs will be up in 2014 as having at least two large elections. The Supervisor is suggesting \$50000 for legal and \$24000 for elections.

Jaye Bergamini stated that with the new ordinances and how they are enforced could also raise legal costs. She also stated that Clerk & Treasurer deputies and election workers should be paid at \$15 per hour. She also asked if we do multi department buying of supplies and that salaries should be broken down by duties.

Jackie Wood stated that she agreed with the \$15 per hour for deputies.

The Board then reviewed each department as to total expenditures as of September 30, 2013.

With chance of postage increases Supervisor feels it should go to \$12000.

Jaye Bergamini asked where code enforcement would be placed in the budget. Probably

under Township Board.

Other changes: lower Planning Commission as not having as many meetings at this time so cut to \$5000; raise general insurance to \$40000 and lower chloride to \$12000.

The 2014 budget will have revenues of \$1964000 and expenditures of \$1950000.

As no more comments by Public or Board members Slucter moved and Braman seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:37 PM.

Supervisor reconvened the regular board meeting.

**Slucter moved and Kandler seconded to approve the minutes of October 22 meeting
Carried unanimously**

**Slucter moved and Braman seconded to approve the minutes of November 7 meeting
Carried unanimously**

Slucter moved and Braman seconded to receive Treasurers report pending audit. Carried unanimously.

**Slucter moved and Braman seconded to approve October payroll. Carried unanimously.
(vouchers 22439-22473 & 50000-50016 totaling \$28246.11)**

Slucter moved and Blair seconded to approve October general fund bills. Carried unanimously. (vouchers 25148-25209 and transfers for D/C; retirement and Federal withholdings totaling \$136370.84)

REPORTS:

Sheriff Tom Reich reported that we had 174 calls in October with no major concerns.

Trustee Blair gave update from Planning Commission.

Trustee Blair gave update from Sewer Board – the inquiry letter about News Road was reviewed with a couple of changes. The assessor will provide the labels.

Chief Miller gave report from Emergency Service Department.

Blair moved and Myers seconded to accept the resignation of Alex Meldrum. Carried unanimously.

**Towsley moved and Kandler seconded to rehire Ben Lyons as a Firefighter Trainee.
Carried unanimously.**

Slucter moved and Towsley seconded to approve the purchase of two Cardiac Monitors from Zoll at a cost of \$49422.40. Carried unanimously.

Assessor Preston gave update from his department. He has figured that the Township will lose about \$5000 in revenue with the new Personal Property Laws. He also stated that it will remove about 180 parcels off the roll so his monthly charges will be down as it is based on parcels. Preston shared about the advantages of going to the updated BS&A program at a cost of \$4400 and support same as other program \$890. This item was referred to the Technology committee for a report on November 26, 2013.

9:15 PM – Five minute recess

9:20 PM meeting reconvened

No public comments on agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Towsley moved and Butler seconded to remove the Minutes ordinance from off the table. Carried unanimously.

Towsley moved and Slucter seconded to discard it from any further discussion or action at this time as no changes received from attorney. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Butler moved Blair seconded to appoint Jerry Brija to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of Bredin. Carried unanimously.

Towsley moved and Slucter seconded to reappoint Sandy Pray to a three year Term on the Planning Commission. Carried unanimously.

Towsley moved and Slucter seconded to opt out of the 80/20 program for the Eligible Employees health insurance and pay the entire 100%. Carried unanimously.

Kandler offered and Blair supported the Resolution to charge the extra 1% on Delinquent Personal Property tax bills.

Ayes: Myers, Slucter, Towsley, Butler, Kandler, Blair, Braman

Nays: none

Absent: none

Resolution adopted 7-0 (copy attached)

Kandler offered and Butler supported the Resolution to add the 1% administrative fee to tax bills effective with the 2013 winter bills.

Ayes: Kandler, Towsley, Myers, Slucter, Braman, Blair, Butler

Nays: none

Absent: none

Resolution adopted 7-0 (copy attached)

Blair moved and Slucter seconded to accept with regret, reluctance and thanks Linda Towsley's resignation as Clerk effective November 15, 2013 at close of business. Carried unanimously.

Discussion held in regards to the interviews held earlier in the evening. Myer stated that he felt that both candidates were capable and could do the work. He also stated that right now knowledge of the office and township weighed a little higher. Slucter stated that he echoed the comments and we probably need someone with the experience in the office to help with financial balance. Braman stated he echoed the same as the other trustees.

Slucter moved and Myers seconded to appoint Marceal (Marcie) Dailey to the Office of Clerk until November 20 2014. Carried unanimously.

Butler moved and Towsley seconded for the Township Board to sign the Principles Of Township Governance Excellence. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT:

Jackie Wood shared that Senator Rick Jones has been given the MTA proposed changes that would give township boards and courts more authority to deal with situations similar to what happened in Windsor. Senator Jones now wants to meet with MML and MAC (cities & counties) before he introduces anything. Jackie is willing to meet with these two groups to explain what has happened and why she is promoting this change but would like a letter from the board or a resolution supporting her so they will meet with her. Several people will work on this for the next meeting.

Jackie also shared that she is working on some changes for the Dangerous Building Ordinance. This might include all areas in one ordinance.

Tom Towsley asked for verification on the 1% additional for personal property taxes.

With no further business Slucter moved and Towsley seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Linda Towsley, Clerk

SUPERVISOR:

CLERK:

DATE APPROVED: