

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2014
MEETING ROOM – 7:30 PM

PROPOSED

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Butler with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Butler, Dailey, Braman, Slucter, Blair, Myers and Kandler.

Blair moved and Kandler seconded to approve the agenda as amended (adding a discussion of the computer purchases under Unfinished Business). Carried unanimously.

Kandler moved and Myers seconded to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2014 meeting as amended. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Doug Lloyd, the Eaton County Prosecutor, came and introduced himself. Mr. Lloyd informed the Board of the Canine Advocate Program that Eaton County is involved with, Eaton County being the 5th county in the State of Michigan to participate in this program. Reagan, a leader dog for the blind drop-out, made a career change and is an excellent dog for the comfort of children involved in court cases.

Reports:

Sheriff's Report: None

County Commissioner, Roger Eakin, informed the Board that the Commissioners have been working, for the past 3 months, with the Public & Planning Commission and the County Road Commission to determine what to do about the roads in Eaton County. MDOT monies go primarily (70%) to state and primary roads while only 30% of these monies go towards secondary roads. The rating of the roads in Eaton County has dropped to "poor" condition and the Commissioners are looking to improve the rating back to "good" or as near to that as possible. The Commissioners are looking at submitting a request for a millage increase of 1.5 mills which would raise approximately \$30 million over 10 years. These monies would go almost exclusively to secondary roads.

Trustee Blair reported that the Planning Commission met on February 12 and they are reviewing the Zoning map, Mr. Foulds is preparing a draft of 6 amendments dealing with Section 8.6.3 (excavation section) of the Zoning Ordinance and Blue Water Village representative is attending the March 12th meeting concerning the addition of the next phase but changing the units from two (2) bedroom to one (1) bedroom units.

Trustee Blair reported that the Sewer Board did not meet.

Chief Miller reported that Consumers Energy has been paying us a flat fee of \$500 after the first hour of service (a practice since October of 2012). The service provided is to keep “everyone” away from “suspicious power” lines (due to wind, accidents or inclement weather) and potential gas leaks. Consumers Energy is now looking to pay \$200 per hour in ½ hour increments.

Chief Miller requested that James Fockler be accepted to the EMS department. **Slucter moved and Kandler seconded the motion of accepting James Fockler to the EMS department. Passed unanimously.**

Slucter moved and Blair seconded to grant Mark Davis a 6 month leave of absence from the fire department, this recommendation presented by Chief Miller. Passed unanimously.

Slucter moved and Blair seconded to grant Rob Richardson a 3 month leave of absence from the Fire/EMS department, this recommendation presented by Chief Miller. Passed unanimously.

Assessor Pete Preston reported that 2014 property assessments were mailed February 24, 2014. The Board of Review is meeting with residents on Monday, March 10: 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Wednesday, March 12: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Meeting location is 300 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, Mi., the lower level of the Emergency Services Building.

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion on Section 9 of the Public Nuisances Ordinance was held between Trustee Slucter and Myers; concern about already having an old ordinance and everything in the old ordinance being repealed by the new ordinance. It was requested that the Clerk locate the book of ordinances. Trustee Myers and Slucter gave their praises for a job well done by the township attorney, Chris Patterson.

Discussion on the Dangerous Building Ordinance was held and the same concerns were raised about Section 9. Trustee Slucter suggested that the “60 days” limitation in Section 6 be changed to “the time specified by the township board”. Attorney Patterson agreed with this suggestion.

It was determined that the 1st reading of both the Public Nuisances Ordinance and the Dangerous Building Ordinance would be held at the March 11, 2014 meeting as previously scheduled.

Dailey moved and Kandler seconded to accept the Policy for the Payment of Township Bills. Roll Call taken: Braman: aye, Blair: aye, Kandler: aye, Butler: aye, Dailey: aye, Slucter: aye and Myers: aye.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

Policy passed: unanimously

A discussion was held concerning the purchasing of computers for the township office and for the supervisor. The clerk has contacted MIDEAL and is waiting to hear back from the contact person, Lewis Jones III. The Technology Committee is going to look into using "The Cloud" as an off-site server but will investigate that possibility this summer. It was decided that both the BS&A Company and the Pontem Company would be contacted to come and present their products to the Board before a decision was made on what kind of software to use on the new computers.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

HEAR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT ON ANY SUBJECT

Jaye Bergamini was concerned about what had been done about securing e-mails and having secure passwords on the computers. Ms. Bergamini also made the suggestion that the clerk/treasurer go and personally witness the use of both software programs at other jurisdictions, her experience being that "the people who use it know what works best, the salesmen will just present the 'polished version' of their product".

With no further business Myers moved and Dailey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Carried unanimously.

Marceal J. Dailey, Clerk