

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Ann Arbor Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Moran at 7:33 p.m. at the Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105.

Present: Supervisor Michael Moran, Clerk Rena Basch, Treasurer Della DiPietro, Trustees John Allison, Randolph Perry, Richard Dieterle, and Claudia Sedmak.

Also Present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser and Fire Chief Rick Ericson.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION -- No citizen signed up for participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Basch moved to approve the August 17, 2009 meeting minutes as amended. DiPietro seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Allison moved to advance item V.K. to the next order of business. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

V. K. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board

Raymond Grew reported on the condition of the Township barn. Grew said the barn could be a symbol of preservation for the Township, and it contributes to the Township's small farm initiative. Restoration specialists have determined the structure is sound but needs considerable work. Grew said the lower level of the barn has a high ceiling which could be used for storage of equipment. Grew said the barn could be used as a farm stand or market, or as a community supported agriculture site, or long term a place for instruction in farming, crafts, or rented out for events. Grew said phase one of the restoration would include removal of shingles and installation of a steel roof, cabling together trusses for reinforcement, and improvements to doors and entryways. Grew noted the FOSPB voted unanimously for immediate barn stabilization. Grew added grants may be available to the Township to assist with funding, and there are some small foundations interested in contributing funds to restore the barn. **Allison moved to authorize bids for phase one of the barn restoration and to authorize administrative approval of funding not to exceed \$48,000 with administrative authorization to be done by DiPietro, Grew, and Hamlin in the absence of the Township Supervisor. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

IV. ANNEXATIONS, ORDINANCES, CONDITIONAL USES, ZONING**A. Ordinance Revision of Section 74-172 Site Plan Review**

The Township attorney indicated there have been several iterations before the Board since July. All double underlines are new additions with the exception on page 15. The planning commission also added some language from the land development standards to the ordinance.

The site plan requirement for 5,000 square foot single family residences was based on impact to natural features and emergency accessibility. Some board members agreed that the 5,000 square foot requirement was a reasonable compromise. DiPietro said that a site plan requirement is too burdensome for the owner of a the-5,000 square foot house and requirement doesn't have her approval, and is too onerous of an approach. DiPietro recommended it be increased to a-6,000

square ~~foot requirement~~feet. The Board reviewed the proposed revisions and made several edits to the text. **Allison moved approval of the zoning ordinance amendment for site plan review with the following modifications: On page 2 under section (b)(1) strike “but encouraged”. On page 18 under section (c) add “Under no circumstances will an extension be granted if the site plan has expired by more than 12 months.” Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried with DiPietro opposed.**

B. Annexation

Moran explained this is a request by USA Missions Inc., with owner’s permission for release of the parcel to obtain connection to City of Ann Arbor utilities. Moran said Missions would like to construct a house with 8 or 9 bedrooms to serve people undergoing medical procedures and would function like a Ronald McDonald house. **DiPietro moved approval of annexation of parcel I-09-16-125-001. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

V. APPOINTMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS

A. Utilities Department Monthly Report

Judkins submitted a written report to the Board.

B. Public Safety

1. Fire Department

Ericson reported the department responded to a garage fire and were able to save the house; many local departments also responded. The new rescue vehicles arrived, and ~~they is-are~~ in service. Ericson said he is corresponding with Barton Village regarding branch clearing. Ericson said the low hanging branches are causing damage to the Township’s fire trucks. Ericson also reported the on-call fire fighters haven’t had a pay raise since 2004 and are requesting a 6% increase.

2. Sheriff Department

Sergeant P. Cook submitted a written report to the Board.

C. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Easement Closing Documents

Allison moved approval of the Charles and Catherine Braun resolution authorizing execution of closing documents for conservation easement. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Allison moved approval of the Gould resolution authorizing execution of closing documents for conservation easement conditioned upon drafting of conservation easements with amounts not to exceed what was previously budgeted. Sedmak seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

D. Land Development Standards (LDS)

Moran said the planning commission recommends incorporating the LDS in the zoning ordinance. Carlisle/Wortman Associates submitted a proposal to merge regulatory language from the LDS with the zoning ordinance, develop engineering design and construction standards, and develop an educational booklet on protecting natural features with site design and during construction. **Allison moved approval of an amount not to exceed \$6500 for the purpose of converting LDS into the zoning ordinance as outlined in Carlisle/Wortman Associates proposal dated August 24, 2009. Perry seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

E. Discussion regarding Washtenaw County Parks Round 9 NAPP

Moran said the WCPRC would like the Township's sense of approval on this property purchase. Moran noted the property is freeway right of way and adjoins property they have already acquired to the south including the Horner-Woods property. **Sedmak moved approval to authorize the Supervisor to write a letter supporting the project. Basch seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

F. Supervisor's Report

Moran reported on the County budget issues, the impacts to roads from WATS budget cuts, and the City of Ann Arbor's request to consolidate fire service. The City is having difficulties servicing properties that have been annexed, and due to budget constraints may need to close one station. Moran reported he has received calls regarding the condition of Country Club Road and residents are willing to pay for improvements. Moran said he will encourage WCRC to come up with an affordable plan for putting in driveway culverts and some ditching. A PA116 application has been submitted to agencies that have a right to comment within 30 days and needs Board approval by November 1st to receive tax credit. Moran also reported Hamlin would like to work one less day per week. WCC student enrollment is up by 6,000 creating a substantial parking problem.

G. Clerk's Report

Basch reported election preparation is underway for the November 3, 2009 WISD millage. Basch also reported there is new piece of information on the website from Barry Lonik for landowners interested in farming.

H. Treasurer's Report

DiPietro submitted a written report to the Board.

I. Planning Commission

Allison reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on September 8, 2009. The minutes were included in the Board's packets.

J. Building Department

Hamlin submitted a written activity report to the Board.

L. Approval of Claims Listings

Basch moved approval of the claims listings for September 1, 2009 in the amount of \$146,789.46. Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. DiPietro moved approval of the claims listings for September 16, 2009 in the amount of \$41,028.23. Dieterle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS - Items were included in the Board's packets.

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - DiPietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.