

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD

FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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Michael S. Gardner

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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, Scott P. Minaudo, Mark H. Purkey, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Thirty (30) other individuals

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

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Purkey to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2010 as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Matzke to approve the bills as listed.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration of Attendance at the January 2011 Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan**

NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to empower the Clerk to make reservations at the hotel in Grand Rapids for the January MTA meeting for all three (3) nights for all Board Members who wish to attend.

DISCUSSION:

There had been a concern that perhaps three (3) nights stay at the Conference might be too much and maybe two (2) nights would be more sufficient. Since the meetings are very informative, it was left to the discretion of each Board Member as to the number of nights they wished to stay. If the reserved hotel rooms are not used, they could be cancelled prior to the Conference. The issue of the conference reservation will be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1-a. PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Citizen Needs Hearing

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Purkey to adjourn from the Regular Board Meeting for the purpose to go into a Public Hearing to consider the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

7:15 P.M. OPEN TO AUDIENCE:

**PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

The Charter Township of Flushing will hold a Public Needs Hearing on its 2011 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Flushing, 6524 N. Seymour Road, Flushing, Michigan 48433

The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity for citizens to express their ideas on community needs and project proposals concerning the use of Federal CDBG Funds for the 2011 Program Year. The hearing will also provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on past CDBG projects.

Anyone unable to attend the meeting but wishes to comment on the Federal CDBG Program can do so in writing before Wednesday, October 13, 2010, by submitting their comment(s) to:

Terry A. Peck, Supervisor
Charter Township of Flushing
6524 N. Seymour Road
Flushing, MI 48433

Project Recommendations/Needs:

1. **Previous uses:**
 - a. Summer employees at the Flushing Township Nature Park
 - b. Money designated to the Flushing Senior Center for a copier.
2. **Frances Mead, 8252 Stanley Road, Flushing** – “he turned in ideas for 2010; what happened with the 2010 funds; the proposed funds would be used for 2011;

employ the youth to work at the public parks; help the senior citizens maintain their homes.”

3. **Sandy Lanxton, 9344 Stanley Road, Flushing** – “how much money is allotted to be used; (the funds are broken down per year); what happened to the purchase of the copier.”

4. **Board Comments/Recommendations/and Suggestions:**

- There have been three (3) meetings with the Planning Commission dealing with the process for completing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.
- The grant can only be used for low to moderate income families.
- Elms and Frances Road is the only area of the township that is designated low to moderate income. The funds could be used for ditching or road repair. Since Frances Road is the boundary line for Montrose, Flushing Township would have to have an agreement with Montrose in order to do road repair on both sides of the road. Use all of the \$61,000 to pave Frances Road.
- The funds could be used to bring homes up to code in other areas of the township (windows and roofs)
- There are always needs at the Flushing Senior Center.
- The Flushing Township Nature Park has to be brought up to date with physically challenged issues.
- Finding a solution for the purchase of the copier for the Senior Center.
- Summer youth employment at the Flushing Township Nature Park (the youth have to be low to moderate income).
- If Flushing Township don't have areas where it could be used, the funds will be designated back to Genesee County to be used County wide; it will not go to waste.
- ADA accessible issues at the Flushing Township Nature Park and Township Hall (parking at the Nature Park and cutting the curb in the front of the township hall to make it easier for the physically challenged).
- Paying for the street lights at the township hall
- Changing the heating system at the township hall

5. **Letter of Correspondence from John Kreutzfeldt, 9060 W. Carpenter Road, Flushing** –“desires to use part of the money to pave Carpenter Road from McKinley Road to the River.”

7:30 P.M. CLOSED TO THE AUDIENCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Purkey to reconvene to the regular Board Meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

1-b. Change for the November Board of Trustees Meeting

NOECKER MOVED, seconded by Purkey to change the November Board Meeting from November 11 to November 4, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

MATZKE won't be in attendance at the November 4th meeting.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

1-c. Purchase of Flag Pole

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Matzke to allow a private citizen to purchase a flag pole to be placed beside the existing flag pole, in front of the Township Hall, at an approximate cost of \$550.00; the installation will be completed by Thanksgiving Day. The American Flag will be on the new flag pole and the flag for the State of Michigan will be placed on the existing flag pole.

DISCUSSION:

If the cost is higher than \$550.00, the citizen has stated he will pay the cost.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

1-d. Parking Lot Repairs for Township and Nature Park

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Noecker to approve a private resident and his wife paying for the cost of the removal of two (2) areas of sod (one of each side of the parking lot) and replace with blacktop which would give four (4) to six (6) more parking spaces and would help with the handicapped parking and snow plowing; the cost would be approximately \$2,500.00. If the cost is more, the citizen will pay the complete cost.

DISCUSSION:

It was felt there wasn't enough handicapped parking spaces as compared to the regular parking spaces for the building. Handicapped parking spaces needed to be near the center of the building.

ACTION OF THE MOTION:

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. **Canoe Committee:** a fundraiser, attended by approximately 130 to 133 people, was recently held at the Flushing Township Nature Park. There was \$518.00 collected and should be enough money to cover post signs and a gate that will be needed. Rules and requirements are in the works. A spring opening is anticipated.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Solid Waste Contract:** the Township recently entered into a contract with Richfield Waste Services; there were other reductions in cost including paying the bill by the first Monday of each month and the surcharge for fuel was discussed if the cost went below or above \$3.50; the residents will save approximately \$21.00 for trash pickup on their property tax bill or as a whole the township will save \$130,000 per year.
- b. **Phone Service:** the Police Department has reduced their phone bill by reviewing their telephone lines and it was found there were lines that weren't being used.
- c. **Tax Checks:** three (3) checks totaling \$3,000,000.00 were recently sent out to Flushing Community Schools, Genesee Intermediate Schools and Genesee County. The money was collected from taxpayers.

7:45 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) person gave a comment.

7:50 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **PURKEY** stated he was baffled about the comments from Mr. Birchmeier.
2. **NOECKER** stated the leaf pick up dates for the subdivisions were Saturday, October 30, November 13, and December 4, 2010; Flushing Township Labor Attorney, Steven Schultz, has been recognized on Mlive by U.S. News and World Reports as one of the best lawyers in the Country; very concerned about the blogs that tear apart the Police Chief; a good fundraiser was held to raise money for uniforms and side arms; \$4,100.00 was saved by Noecker and Peck cutting the trees at the township; 150 feet has been cleared for the canoe launch; two (2) temporary employees are getting a lot of work done.
3. **MINAUDO** recommended that Mr. Birchmeier come into the office and get a copy of the *Policies and Procedures Manual* in case he has more questions.
4. **GARDNER** gave his phone number out: 577-2483.
5. **SUPERVISOR PECK'S COMMENTS:**
 - a. **October 1, 2010 Press Release** from C.S. Mott Foundation stated the foundation gave a \$1.2 million grant to keep the parks open due to budget reductions in the County Budget.
 - b. **Change in Ditching:** previously the township was allotted ten (10) hours of ditching but the hours were stretched by using some of the 50/50 time; some of the hours were used this past summer on Deland Road.
 - c. **County Roads:** Flushing Township does not pay for County Roads in the township. The *East/West Roads:* Mt. Morris Road, Pierson Road, and Coldwater Road East of the River – The *North/South Roads:* M-13, Seymour Road, McKinley Road, and Elms Road. This next year, the hours will be reduced to six (6) hours for township roads and four (4) hours for County Roads.
 - d. **Carpenter Road Paving:** recently a meeting was held at the Flushing Township Hall where residents from Carpenter Road were present including 7th District County Commissioner Archie Bailey, Fred Jackson of the Genesee County Road Commission and John O'Brien of the Genesee County Drain Commission; the Drain Commission has agreed to pay ten (10)% for the repair of the road since the road was damaged when the pipes were put into the Park.
 - e. **Insurance Report:** If the township is not able to properly maintain the Observation Tower at the Flushing Township Nature Park during the winter, it should be closed with signs posted. The issue will be brought back to the Board.
 - f. **Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Monthly Meeting:** The next MTA Monthly meeting will be held at Forest Township on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m; everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - g. **Word of Thanks:** **PECK** stated the office has been very busy with elections, water bills, etc. The staff has been doing great.
 - h. **Waste Services:** Flint Township signed up with Richfield Services and will save a tremendous amount of money.

THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: PURKEY MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

TERRY A. PECK , Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____
 10/14/ 2010 Regular Min

