

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD  
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

**DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

SUPERVISOR: Frederick R. Thorsby  
CLERK: Wendy D. Meinburg  
TREASURER: Terry A. Peck

**TRUSTEES:**

William Bain  
Linda Minarik  
William L. Westenbarger  
Sharilynn K. Willette

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:**

STEVEN W. MOULTON PLLC  
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**THIS WAS A ZOOM MEETING**

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR FREDERICK R. THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
  
- II. ROLL CALL:** Terry Peck, Fred Thorsby, Sharilynn Willette, William Westenbarger, William Bain, Linda Minarik and Wendy Meinburg. Attorney Steven Moulton was also present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT:** Forty-six (46)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the agenda.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Meinburg, Westenbarger, Thorsby, Bain, Peck, Minarik, and Willette

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2021**

**TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED**, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Board Meeting.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Thorsby, Bain, Minarik, Westenbarger, Peck, Meinburg, and Willette

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the payment of bills.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Peck, Bain, Meinburg, Thorsby, Westenbarger, Minarik, and Willette

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:06 P.M.**

One resident spoke in support of the proposed home occupation ordinance.  
Fourteen *people* spoke in opposition of the proposed home occupation ordinance.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:37 P.M.**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve the Second Reading of the amendment to the Home Occupation Ordinance 21-01

There was a very lengthy discussion, hearing one resident in support of the ordinance and fourteen *people* opposed. Many other expressed opinions in opposition.

Attorney Moulton explained at length the different ways the Board could proceed regarding the proposed amendment including proceed with the vote at tonight's meeting, table the item and take up Second Reading at a later meeting, send back to the Planning Commission for review/revision, bring back to the Board of Trustees next meeting as is, or the Board of Trustees could amend the ordinance and approve the amended version at the next scheduled meeting. The following motion resulted.

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Bain to **TABLE** this item until the next meeting.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to approve road projects from Genesee County Road Commission and amend the budget \$225,000
  - Stanley (McKinley to Phase Line W of Johnson)
  - Stanley (Phase Line W of Johnson to Elms)
  - Coldwater (M-13 to Duffield)
  - Carpenter (M-13 to Duffield)
  - Duffield (Stanley to Mt. Morris)

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the road projects for Stanley Road, Coldwater Road, Carpenter and Duffield Roads and to amend the budget \$225,000.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Peck, Meinburg, Minarik, Bain, Willette, Westenbarger, Thorsby

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Motion to approve renewal of Flushing Township insurance with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

**TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED**, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve renewal of Flushing Township insurance with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Thorsby, Westenbarger, Meinburg, Bain, Peck, Willette, and Minarik

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Motion to approve Plant Wise for township parks prescribed burn.

Supervisor Thorsby asked to withdraw the approval of the use of Plant Wise for township parks prescribed burn from the agenda and move it to the March 11, 2021 meeting, as we are still awaiting a price quote.

4. Discussion on auditing services.

Supervisor Thorsby asked to withdraw and move the discussion on auditing services to the next meeting after exploring more options and gathering more information for the Board to review.

5. Motion to approve purchase of van for Flushing Area Senior Center.

Greg Matheson, Executive Director of The Flushing Area Senior Center, expressed his gratitude to Flushing Township and the support of the township in helping to facilitate the purchase of the replacement van for the center.

**TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED**, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the purchase of van for the Flushing Area Senior Center.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Peck, Thorsby, Willette, Westenbarger, Bain, Minarik, and Meinburg

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. Motion to approve Resolution 21-03 to relocate Precinct 2.

**TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED**, supported by Trustee Willette to approve Resolution 21-03 to relocate Precinct 2 from Flushing Township Office to Flushing Church of the Nazarene.

Clerk Meinburg gave a brief explanation of how the combination of the 2 precincts would not only be cost-efficient for smaller elections, but would also alleviate congestion and deplete traffic. It would also allow the AV Counting board to come back into the Flushing Township Office.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Meinburg, Westenbarger, Thorsby, Bain, Peck, Minarik and Willette

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Motion to approve Resolution 21-04 to allow local residents to protest to Board of Review in writing.

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve Resolution 21-04 to allow local residents to protest to Board of Review in writing.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Thorsby, Bain, Minarik, Westenbarger, Peck, Meinburg and Willette

**NAYS:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VI. REPORTS:**

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor  
Monthly Building Report  
Monthly Code Enforcement Report  
Fire Department Report
2. Clerk's Report – Clerk
3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer  
Water Report
4. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief Bolin

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 8:37 P.M.

Three individuals gave comment.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 8:42 P.M.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

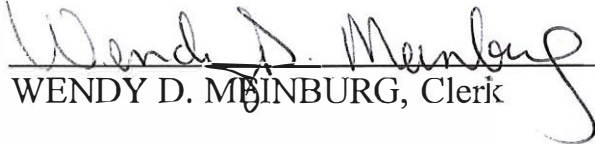
Trustee Bain gave a brief report from Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. Supervisor Thorsby reported the hiring of Dean Gross as the Township Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Thorsby also stated that an upgrade to locks and security cameras are being considered for the township offices.

**IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** March 11, 2021

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED**, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

  
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WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

  
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FRÉDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE March 11, 2021

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mandy Hemingway, Deputy Clerk  
2/11/2021

