

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2013

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

SUPERVISOR: Rian R. Birchmeier
CLERK: Julia A. Morford
TREASURER: Maryion T. Lee

TRUSTEES:

Shirley D. Gage
Bonnie Jean Martinson
Scott R. Matzke
Scott P. Minaudo

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by **SUPERVISOR RIAN R. BIRCHMEIER** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Rian R. Birchmeier, Julia A. Morford, Maryion T. Lee, Shirley D. Gage, Bonnie Jean Martinson, Scott R. Matzke, Scott P. Minaudo, and Attorney Steve Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Eighteen (18) interested individuals

ADOPT THE AGENDA: MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Matzke to adopt the Agenda for December 12, 2014 as presented.

DISCUSSION: The Supervisor requested to remove, listed under "New Business", item 1-e and item 1-k from the Agenda.

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Matzke to amend the Agenda by excluding under "New Business", item 1-e (*Resolution for Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract*) and item 1-k (*Selection of Citizens Representative for the Flushing Senior Center*).

DISCUSSION: The resolution for 1-e is a form that has to be sent into Consumers Energy; it will be placed on the Agenda for next month.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

A. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 29, 2013: MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke to approve the Draft Minutes from October 29, 2013 as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

B. MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2013: MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Martinson to approve the Draft Minutes from November 14, 2013 as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, and Matzke

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

C. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2013: MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke to approve the Draft Minutes from December 2, 2013 as presented.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, and Martinson

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Morford to approve the payment of the bills as presented.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Bert Eastman has been paid for the three (3) invoices in the amount of \$850 for the removal of trees, brush, and property clean up; it was questioned why a bale of straw was \$50.
- 2) Check No. 333838 “gase” should be “gas”.
- 3) Check No. 333854, - The water fund is paid back by the Police Department with interest in the amount of \$181.76.
- 4) Kincaid Construction cleaned out the septic tank at the Nature Park – was there a problem or did the Supervisor feel it was time to have it cleaned.
- 5) Goyette Mechanical had to come to the Flushing Township Hall on November 29, 2013 due to a power outage; an invoice for the service (Goyette) has not been received.
- 6) There was also storm damage but the damage amount has not been received from the Supervisor.
- 7) Three (3) invoices were received for the replacement of eve troughs.
- 8) Check No. 333865 to Village Locksmith regarding keys.
- 9) Some Board Members were not comfortable approving checks that have already been paid – is there a way to bring matters to the attention of the Board for discussion before they are paid.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Matzke,

NAYS: Minaudo

MOTION CARRIED

7:27 P.M. – OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Four (4) individuals gave a comment.

7:36 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1-a. Update on Mediation Review

MARTINSON MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to continue the conversation with Jane O’Dell at the Office of Dispute Resolution to determine a time and place for mediation to take place for the Board.

DISCUSSION:

The Mediation cost is \$75 per person so if Ms. O’Dell worked with the seven (7) Board Members it would be \$525 for up to four (4) or five (5) hours. Everyone has to be in attendance and be able to communicate with each other otherwise it would be a waste of money and there wouldn’t be a need for mediation. It was recommended to have a

Special Meeting and then go into Closed Session. Trustee Martinson will contact Ms. O'Dell to start the process.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson, Gage, Morford, Birchmeier, and Minaudo

NAYS: Matzke and Lee

MOTION CARRIED

1-b. Policy and Procedures Manual

i. Update of Pages:

The following pages were updated; Page 15, Personnel Administration; Page 20, Ethics Policy for Elected Officials; Page 37, Seminars/Conventions/Workshops Guidelines; Page 40, Property Management; and Page 41, Use of Township Equipment, Labor, Attorney, and Premises.

If there are any corrections, please see a member of the Policy Committee.

ii. Expenditure Policy:

LEE MOVED, seconded by Gage to approve only *Expenditure Authorization*.

DISCUSSION:

Administration Expenditures and *Emergency Expenditures* will not be considered at this time. There needs to be a clarity of the statement/invoices and the procedure for payment to the vendor.

On insurance projects, the jobs have to be defined so that everyone has the same information; the Supervisor's signature is needed to insure that the job has been done satisfactorily. For a while the Board needs to "clamp down" and not allow any expenditures without prior approval.

It was discussed if number 6, of the *Expenditure Authorization* had been removed; per the Attorney, the issue had gone through several revisions but don't recall any changes being made in number 1 through number 10 of the *Expenditure Authorization*.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Gage, Lee, and Morford

NAYS: Minaudo, Martinson, and Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

iii. Key Policy:

The issue has been taken care of by having the keys numbered and there isn't a reason to take further action on the issue. It is very hard to carry out policies.

1-c. DNR Response Letter RP110440, Flushing Township Nature Park Improvements

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to postpone the review of the letter until a later meeting so there will be more time to consider the different possibilities.

DISCUSSION:

Other individuals might have information that would help in making a wise decision on the proposals. Is there information missing which the Board was suppose to receive but didn't? One of the items under Proposal 1 was the time frame for the gate to be open and closed; the Board could make the decision as to the date.

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to amend the motion to approve the Canoe Launch Gate be closed from December 1, 2013 until March 1, 2014; the remaining issues will be postponed until there is more organization.

DISCUSSION:

If there is more information available, the Board should have the information in order to make a better decision.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Gage, Lee, and Morford

NAYS: Birchmeier, Minaudo, and Martinson

MOTION CARRIED

1-d. Part-Time Maintenance Person

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to postpone the issue until the third (3rd) person has been interviewed and considered.

DISCUSSION:

Five (5) resumes were received; two (2) people withdrew their resumes, two (2) people were interviewed by the Personnel Committee, and one (1) person had to go into the hospital but would like to be considered for an interview.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Morford, Lee, Gage, Matzke, and Minaudo

NAYS: Birchmeier and Martinson

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1-a. Tax Reverted Property Disposition

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford to object to the Property Transfer of Property Parcel Numbers: 08-36-676-092; 08-36-676-093; 08-36-676-094; and 08-36-676-095 which are vacant properties in a site condominium association and send the Resolution to the Genesee County Treasurer’s Office by December 18, 2013.

DISCUSSION:

A real estate broker has not been contacted. There is a down side to taking condominium property back - they are taken off the tax roll but there are association fees that would be charged to the owner, if the Township came into title of the condo properties the Township would be responsible for the fees going forward, and the Township could look into seeing if there was any real value in taking the property back. The properties involved consist of: Parcel No.

08-24-100-032, Coldwater Road (with a structure) and four (4) vacant parcels in a site condominium association – Parcel Nos. 08-36-676-092, 08-36-676-093, 08-36-676-094, and 08-36-676-095. It was recommended contacting the County to talk to someone if a definitive decision cannot be reached by the Township.

LEE MOVED, seconded by Minaudo that conditioned upon the Treasurer discussing with the Clerk and Supervisor what is the best interest of the township. The Township will do nothing with regards to the Coldwater Road property because it will revert back to the Township; subject to the approval of the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer consulting with the Township Attorney at this point, we will reject the four (4) units that are identified as part of the Kings Way Condominium Project, Parcel No’s 08-36-676-092, No. 08-36-676-093, No. 08-36-676-094, and No. 08-36-676-095. If the three (3) individuals reach a consensus in the best interest of the Township to retain those properties, they can override the issue and notify the County of that affect.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-b. Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Membership Dues and Representatives

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Lee to approve Supervisor Rian Birchmeier as the *Elected Official*, William Bain as the *Citizen Representative*, and Trustee Shirley Gage as the *Alternate Representative* to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-c. Update of Authorized Signature Cards for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to approve Supervisor Rian Birchmeier, Treasurer Maryion Lee, and Clerk Julia Morford be listed on the Community Development Block Grant Signature Card; two (2) of the three (3) Elected Officials would always be available to sign the required documents.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, and Matzke

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-d. Resolution for Traffic Control

BIRCHMEIER MOVED, seconded by Morford to pass the *Notice of Resolution* to reduce the speed limit to 45 miles per hour on Johnson Road from Coldwater Road to Mt. Morris Road.

DISCUSSION:

Were the residents notified of the speed limit issue; was a study done of the area; why not do the entire road instead of a small section of Johnson Road. It was recommended to send out flyers and have a Special Meeting. It was recommended that the individuals that wanted the speed reduced take a petition to the surrounding neighbors on the street and see who is interested in the reduction of the speed limit.

BIRCHMEIER RESCINDED THE MOTION.

1-f. 2014 Michigan Assessors Association Membership Dues

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke to pay the 2014 Michigan Assessors Association Membership dues for the Township Assessor for a total of \$75.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, and Martinson

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-g. AT & T Site Cell Optional Lease Optimization Program

LEE MOVED, seconded by Minaudo to authorize the Supervisor to look into the AT & T offer and see how it would benefit the Township.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Lee, Gage, Martinson, Matzke, Minaudo, Birchmeier, and Morford

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-h. Intergovernmental Agreement Among the City of Flushing and Flushing Township

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Gage to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement Among the City of Flushing and the Charter Township of Flushing Township.

DISCUSSION:

Currently the City of Flushing and Flushing Township share a Breathalyzer machine that is used to record blood alcohol level of drunks that are arrested. The machine is thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) years old and is out of service and can't be certified any longer. The State of Michigan will give a free breathalyzer machine if Flushing Township will pass a Resolution to have joint ownership with the City of Flushing. The Township will be responsible for fifty (50%) percent of the upkeep of the machine for which the money is in the budget.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, and Morford

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-i. Undercover Vehicle Lease Proposal

Chief Fairchild has been in the process of checking out a vehicle to be used as a "Detective's Undercover Vehicle". Bids were received from Slingerland Dodge of Corunna, Patsy Lou Buick of Flint, Delehanty Ford of Flushing, and Suski Buick of Birch Run with the best offer being from Suski Buick at a price of \$250 per month with an exchange of vehicles every two (2) years; The vehicle will be parked in the pole barn when not in use; all maintenance will be taken care of. The vehicle will not be a take-home vehicle, will be parked in the pole barn, and is in the budget. A motion was not needed due to already being in the budget.

1-j. Grant Writing for the Flushing Police Chief

LEE MOVED, seconded by Gage to accept the Chief's proposal for training and wish him well.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Brian Fairchild will be taking a Grant Writing Class to be held at Ferris State University one (1) day a week for three (3) months. The Chief will pay for all the expenses but upon successful completion of the class, he would like to be reimbursed for the tuition and books. The training is already included in the Police Budget.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

1-l. Rain Garden Signage

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford that the Board give Justin Townsend and/or the St. Croix County Park System the permission to use the Rain Garden Interruptive sign, located in the

Flushing Township Nature Park Rain Garden, the template for Gail Guth Illustration and Design of Battle Creek to redesign to meet the needs of the St. Croix County Park System.

DISCUSSION:

The sign will be located in the St. Croix County Parks.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0

MOTON CARRIED

1-m. 2014 Board and Commission Appointments

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke to approve the 2014 Board and Commission Appointments as presented.

DISCUSSION:

The Board and Commission Appointments consist of the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, and Parks and Recreation Committee; a Board Member has to be on the Planning Commission and a Planning Commission Member has to be on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, and Matzke

NAYS: 0

MOTON CARRIED

1-n. 2014 Board Meeting Dates

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Martinson to approve the 2014 Board Meeting Dates.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Birchmeier, Morford, Lee, Gage, Martinson, Matzke, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0

MOTON CARRIED

1-o. 2014 Committee Appointments

LEE MOVED, seconded by Martinson to accept the Flushing Charter Township Committee Appointments for 2014as presented, except for the *Building/Grounds/Bids Committee*, *Community Development Committee*, the *Parks and Recreation Committee*, and the *Personnel Committee*.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier

NAYS: 0

MOTON CARRIED

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke to recommend to be on the *Community Development Committee*: Rian Birchmeier, Julia Morford, and Maryion Lee.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Development Committee corresponds with the Community Development Block Grant signature cards.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

*******BUILDING/GROUNDS/BIDS COMMITTEE:**

LEE MOVED, seconded by Morford that the Building/Grounds/Bids Committee stay the same as it is with Scott Matzke, Julia Morford, and Maryion Lee with Julia Morford as the Chair of the Committee and therefore the contact person for Building/Grounds/Bids Issues in the Township.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, Minaudo, and Matzke

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

*******PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:**

LEE MOVED, seconded by Martinson that the Board re-appoint to the Parks and Recreation Committee, Heather Griffin, Jack Wheatley, Eric Swanson, Carl Liepmann, Maryion Lee (Board Liaison), Donn Hinds, and Susan Hicks.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gage, Lee, Morford, Matzke, and Martinson

NAYS: Birchmeier and Minaudo

MOTION CARRIED

*******PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

MORFORD MOVED, seconded by Matzke that the recommendation for the members on the Personnel Committee consist of: Bonnie Martinson, Julia Morford, and Maryion Lee with Maryion Lee being the Chair.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Lee, Gage, Martinson, Matzke, and Morford

NAYS: Minaudo and Birchmeier

MOTION CARRIED

1-p. Concerns of the Supervisor's Position

MARTINSON MOVED, seconded by Matzke that on behalf of the Board and the residents of the Township, (I believe) the Supervisor should apologize and Attorney Moulton should not resign but (I) am also asking, in the best interest of the Charter Township of Flushing, that Rian R. Birchmeier resign as Supervisor effective Saturday, December 14, 2013 at midnight.

DISCUSSION:

1. The Supervisor does not believe the Policy and Procedures Manual applies to him.
 - Key Policy – immediately after the Board approved the Key Policy (October 29, 2013), the Supervisor went out and had new keys made.
 - Unspoken Minimum Expenditures - unspoken minimum as to what the Supervisor can spend, he went out and hired a resident to cut trees down and received three (3) invoices (\$400, \$400, and \$50). (Check Number 333846 shown on the Payment of Bills shows four (4) invoices for the project).
 - Communication - refuses to communicate with Board Members and others unless by email. Residents and Media complain about no response to phone calls. Refuses to answer questions from Board Members and others present at Board Meetings.
 - Sources have stated that the Supervisor plans to sue the Board because the Board prevents him from performing his duties as Township Supervisor; has personally

threatened to sue Trustee Martinson because of a policy which the Supervisor didn't like.

2. Why not wait until after the Mediation to see if something can be accomplished through the meeting. The Board has been frustrated for a year; two (2) of the Administrative officials are able to talk but not all three (3) at the same time.
3. In order for the Mediation to work, a person has to be open to suggestions in order to make improvement; the three (3) have been able to work together on some items; from the start of the term, the Supervisor stated that he did not like to talk to people and preferred to do emails; failure to communicate almost lost the Township a \$61,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
4. The Treasurer and Clerk retrieved the CDBG so now the Township will receive the \$61,000 for *Home Improvements* in the Township. It is very difficult to do business when there is lack of communication; as a Trustee, there cannot be any kind of working relationship with the Supervisor when he becomes so outraged.
5. Communication has been the major problem; a decision has to be made if there is going to be a Mediation Meeting and how would it be effected by this meeting. Perhaps the discussion from the meeting would put pressure on the Board to start getting along.
6. There was a meeting on December 2, 2013; five (5) people in attendance; thoroughly enjoyed the Board Meeting. Something has to be done!
7. The turmoil cannot continue; not directed just to the Supervisor but something has to be done. There seems to be a common denominator where one person cannot get along with the Board Members. The question should be "what is best for the Township", not "what is best for me". Some of the questions that have come up at the Board Meeting could be answered before the Board Meeting; should not have to make an appointment to come and set in the Supervisor's office to get the answer.
8. Sometimes the facts are not correct between the Board Members due to lack of communications; all questions need to be answered. If you don't know the answer, just say that you don't know but will get back with you. Board Members should not have to make an appointment to come to the Township to get their questions answered when it would take two (2) seconds at a Board Meeting; there is a life outside the Township and family comes first.
9. The Board Members have not been kept up to date on such items as: 1) the fence at the Nature Park; 2) the number of trees that was damaged during a recent storm; 3) the embarrassment to have the Police called to a Board Meeting; the Police have been called on several Trustees for just asking questions. The Police are valuable and need to be available when there is a crisis. Hope the Supervisor will make a real effort to work with everyone.
10. For the benefit of the Supervisor, the Board needs to be think very carefully, because a "no" vote can be interpreted that the Board totally supports the Supervisor. A change in behavior is needed.

MARTINSON MOVED, seconded by Lee to table the issue until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Supervisor hopes things will work out with the Mediation; this is a two (2) way street and it isn't just the Supervisor. It concerns him when he hears there isn't any communication because he has had communication, and not just emails, with Trustee Gage and Clerk Morford; emails are like texting your child that is sitting on the other end of the couch. It was suggested to have the Mediation Meeting the Thursday (January 2, 2014) before the next regular scheduled meeting in January or as soon as possible. The Board should not have to spend \$525 to sit down with a Mediator.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Birchmeier, Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, and Morford

NAYS: 0

MOTON CARRIED

1-q. Closed Session – POLC Contract

9:45 P.M. – ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION:

MINAUDO MOVED, seconded by Morford to meet in Closed Session to review the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Patrol Officers; the motion to consider the Collective Bargaining Agreement in Closed Session is permitted pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minaudo, Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, and Birchmeier

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10:20 P.M. – RE-CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

MATZKE MOVED, seconded by Martinson to re-convene to Regular Session from Closed Session.

ACTION OF THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Matzke, Martinson, Gage, Lee, Morford, Birchmeier, and Minaudo

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Flushing Township Police Department: Chief Brian Fairchild gave the Police Department Report.
2. Flushing Fire Department: There were 34 fire runs including 14 downed power lines, 5 public assists, 4 structure fires, 3 open burns, 3 fire alarms, 2 smoke investigations, 1 gas smell, 1 entrapment, 1 miscellaneous fire; a thank you to the Police Department for all their help on the structure fire at 8520 Apple Blossom.
3. Flushing Area Senior Center: A Flushing Area Senior Center Board of Directors Meeting packet was given to the Board of Trustees.
4. Parks and Recreation Committee: The committee is working on marketing opportunities for programs and events such as the *Coats & Critters for Kids* on December 13, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. New or gently used coats will be collected and then donated to local shelters.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Lee gave the Financial Report: 1) the money borrowed from the Water Fund has been repaid, 2) next week will work to re-invest in a CD at Dort Federal Credit Union which will have a higher rate of interest and also another CD on January 4, 2014. Treasurer Lee will contact the Finance Committee.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **MARTINSON**: thanked everyone for their encouragement and support; the Board Meeting can be viewed on Channel 17 at Noon every Friday; the meeting from November 14, 2013 will be shown until January. The meeting can also be seen on the web at [www.http://Flushingtownship.com](http://Flushingtownship.com). Recently when Trustee Martinson tried to view the meeting it kept buffering and playing but Trustee Martinson contacted Web Committee Member Jodi Wright who gave her suggestions so that Trustee Martinson could view the meeting; the videographer also gave other solutions. The Special Board Meeting held on December 2, 2013 was a joy; wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Joyous New Year and pray that all will be safe, warm, well, healthy, and enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

2. **MATZKE:** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
3. **MORFORD:** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; there will be an MTA Genesee County Chapter Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., at Argentine Township; if you have never been to an MTA Meeting, you should go to meet other elected officials.
4. **GAGE:** thanked everyone for attending the meeting and staying so late; thanked Trustee Martinson for her time in making the wonderful cookies; wished all a Very Joyous Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Joyous New Year; come back and see us next year!
5. **MINAUDO:** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thought the gentleman that lived on Johnson Road was asking for more control and hopefully that will stop his problems but until what has to be done is done, it might be the best solution; thoughts and prayers go out to the family on Apple Blossom that passed away; hopefully next year there will be an improvement in the Board; have a safe night.
6. **LEE:** wished everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas; the remainder of the website bill was paid off which totaled \$6,900, which is well under the \$10,000; everyone is excited about the website; please support the Park and Recreation Committee activity tomorrow night (*Coats & Critters for Kids*); confessed to Trustee Martinson that she stayed at the office all day and couldn't resist the temptation to get one of the cookies which Trustee Martinson baked; it does help to have such good eats along with the hot coffee; wished everyone a Happy End of the Year and a Joyous Beginning Of the Year.
7. **BIRCHMEIER:** thanked Chief Fairchild for taking care of the unfortunate incident on Apple Blossom Drive; was aware of the family but has always hated to hear of the particular calls; it is very difficult in the Chief's job to see this type of case; thanked Volunteer Joe Martin for all the work he has done this year in the Nature Park.

10:40 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four (4) individuals gave their comments.

10:48 P.M. - CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FLUSHING TOWNSHIP HALL.

ADJOURNMENT: Due to lack of business issues, **SUPERVISOR BIRCHMEIER** adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

RIAN R. BIRCHMEIER, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: _____