

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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

DATE: MAY 12, 2022

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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**THIS MEETING WAS HELD AT NORTH FLUSHING BAPTIST
CHURCH LOCATED AT 7500 MT. MORRIS ROAD, FLUSHING,
MI 48433**

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:

MATTHEW S. MCKONE PLLC

6258 W. Pierson Road

Flushing, MI 48433

810-407-7658

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Peck, Thorsby, Willette, Westenbarger, Bain, Minarik and Meinburg. Attorney Matt McKone was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Forty-nine (49)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 12, 2022

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the agenda for May 12, 2022 as presented.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2022

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Board Meeting as presented.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the payment of bills as presented.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:03 P.M.

Three individuals gave comment against solar farms.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:10 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation from F.A.N.G. (Flint Area Narcotics Group) and possible action.

Lieutenant Eric Wilber, Section Commander from F.A.N.G., gave an overview of the organization and the many resources and services they offer to assist local police departments maintain and ensure the safety of the community.

Supervisor Thorsby commented that Flushing Township had formerly used the services of F.A.N.G.

TRUSTEE BAIN MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to participate in F.A.N.G. for Flushing Township at the quoted price of \$11,334.44 per year. The amount due for the remainder of this year is \$3,778.16.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Presentation by Ranger Power.

Drew Vielbig, project developer from Ranger Power, gave an overview and Power Point presentation of a potential Confluence Solar project in Flushing, Montrose and Maple Grove Townships.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to request the Township attorney, Matt McKone, research the possibility of establishing a moratorium or pause on any new commercial solar applications and report back to the Board of Trustees at the next scheduled meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING ZONING AND POLICE POWER ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO ADJUST FEES.

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING ZONING AND POLICE POWER ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO ADJUST FEES.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 02

AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING ZONING AND POLICE POWER ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO ADJUST FEES

WHEREAS, MCL 42.20 requires "the ordinances of each charter township shall be compiled and published in looseleaf or booklet form not less than once every 10-years"; and,

WHEREAS, the clerk and township staff have worked with Rowe Engineering to review all existing ordinances and amendments, including Township records regarding adoption of each ordinance, notice and publication; and,

WHEREAS, following the above review, it is believed all existing ordinances and amendments now in effect have been identified and are accurately compiled and codified in the attached Code of Ordinances;

WHEREFORE, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING ORDAINS:

1. Codification. The Charter Township of Flushing, in accordance with requirements of MCL 42.20, by this ordinance, codifies its existing ordinances in the form attached hereto and designated the Charter Township of Flushing Code of Ordinances, to be effective, immediately following publication.
2. Ratification. It is intended, with the codification of the Code of Ordinances, each ordinance contained in the Code of Ordinances shall be deemed lawfully enacted and fully enforceable as stated in the codification. In the event any ordinance in existence at the time of the codification was inadvertently omitted from the codification, such ordinance, unless expressly repealed shall remain in full force and effect. Further, to the extent any included ordinance included in the codification may not have been noticed, published, posted to the ordinance book or some other requisite procedure to the adoption of the ordinance was inadvertently overlooked, such deficits are fully corrected and otherwise addressed, nunc pro tunc, with the adoption of this codification.
3. Repeal. To the extent any ordinance existing as of the effective date of this codification is in conflict with any ordinances set forth in the codification, the ordinances set forth in the codification shall be given full force and effect and the previously existing ordinance or such part thereof in conflict with the codified ordinance is hereby repealed.
4. Severability. To the extent any codified ordinance or part thereof is determined invalid by a court with appropriate jurisdiction, the invalidity of such ordinance or part thereof shall not affect the continuing validity of any other ordinance or part thereof.
5. Printed Form. The Code of Ordinances shall be available in printed form maintained at the township offices, 6524 N. Seymour Rd., Flushing, MI 48433. Copies of the Code of Ordinances may be purchased for an amount to be set by the Township Board of Trustees, solely to recover the costs of publication.
6. Posting to Webpage. The Code of Ordinances shall be posted and maintained to the Township's webpage in a form readily accessible to the public at large.
7. Publication. This ordinance shall be published as required by statute, including a statement contained in each publication that the complete Code of Ordinances is available for review at the Township offices and on the Township webpage.
8. Ordinances Authorizing Fees. Any ordinance authorizing the charging of a fee is amended to provide as follows:

Any ordinance, part of this codification, authorizing a fee payable to the Township is ratified subject to the following amendment, incorporated as part of each such ordinance: "Any fee charged pursuant to this ordinance may be amended from time to time by duly approved motion of the Township board, to be effective no earlier than 60 days following such motion." This amendatory language shall not apply to any ordinance imposing criminal or civil infraction fines, fees or other costs.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING BOARD ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Frederick Thorsby, Supervisor

Attest:

Wendy Meinburg, Township Clerk

First reading: _____

Adopted: _____

4. Motion to approve Resolution 22-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLUSHING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SELL FIREARMS SEIZED DURING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve Resolution 22-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLUSHING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SELL FIREARMS SEIZED DURING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor
Monthly Building Report
Monthly Code Enforcement Report
Fire Department Report

Supervisor Thorsby commended Chris Czyzio for the great job he is doing as the new Code Enforcement Officer for Flushing Township.

2. Clerk's Report – Clerk

Clerk Meinburg reported that she, Supervisor Thorsby and Treasurer Peck all attended the recent MTA Conference. The speakers were amazing and a lot of valuable information was gained.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer
Water Report
April Financial Report

Treasurer Peck gave a water report and a financial report. He also commended Clerk Meinburg, who graduated from the MTA Governance Program and was recognized and presented with an award at the MTA Conference.

4. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief Bolin

Chief Bolin thanked the Board for allowing Flushing Township to be a F.A.N.G. member which will greatly enhance the department's ability to combat drugs in the community. Chief Bolin further stated that the department will be ramping up speed enforcement efforts focusing on traffic enforcement.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:09 P.M.

Nine comments were made with six being against solar power, one (non-resident) for solar power, one on mosquito abatement and one drainage concern.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:31 P.M.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Bain commented that there were a lot of valid points made by residents concerning solar.

Treasurer Peck reported an upcoming expansion project to the Township Offices parking lot that will be coming to the Board. He also reported JB's Tree & Yard Services will be taking care of 3 remaining dead trees and grinding stumps.

Supervisor Thorsby gave a reminder of the upcoming Tire Recycle on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the Township Office. Supervisor Thorsby stated that Flushing Township did NOT solicit Ranger Power for solar farms. Flushing Township is NOT soliciting solar energy and there has been NO PLAN submitted at this point.

Trustee Willette thanked everyone for attending and taking an interest in the community.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 9, 2022

X. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mandy Hemingway, Deputy Clerk
5/12/2022