

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2019

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

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

TRUSTEES:

Jenifer Almassy
Linda Minarik
William L. Westenbarger
Sharilynn K. Willette

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- 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:** Linda Minarik, Fred Thorsby, Jenifer Almassy, Wendy Meinburg, William Westenbarger and Terry Peck. Attorney Steven Moulton was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: Nineteen (19)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 8, 2019:

TRUSTEE ALMASSY MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the agenda as submitted for August 8, 2019.

Treasurer Peck stated an addition to the agenda needed to be made in the form of a budget Amendment under line item Drains at Large under the Public Service Department increasing it from \$20,000 to \$120,000 for the additional cost of Misteguay Creek Drain Improvements.

TRUSTEE ALMASSY REMOVED THE MOTION FROM THE FLOOR.

TRUSTEE ALMASSY AMENDED HER MOTION, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to add a budget amendment under line item Drains at Large under the Public Service Department

increasing it from \$20,000 to \$120,000 for the additional cost of Misteguay Creek Drain Improvements and place it as 4. under New Business.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 11, 2019

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk ~~Willette~~ *Meinburg* to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2019 Board Meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:07 P.M.

No comments

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:08 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V: NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve the quarterly budget ending June 30, 2019 – Supervisor

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Treasurer Peck to approve the quarterly budget ending June 30, 2019.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Motion to approve the year end budget ending March 31, 2019 – Supervisor

CLERK MEINBURG MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette approve the year end budget ending March 31, 2019.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Public Hearing for Special Road Assessment for Brentwood Farms – Supervisor

Supervisor Thorsby gave a short synopsis of the proposed road assessment and introduced Richard Hill, Engineer of the Genesee County Road Commission to briefly explain the paving process.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to open the Public Hearing for the Special Road Assessment for Brentwood Farms.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:21 P.M.

- Debbie ~~Rehm~~ Brown of Gallant Fox Trail spoke in opposition to the Special Assessment
- Shirley Mathis of Gallant Fox Trail spoke in opposition to the Special Assessment
- Rian Hensel spoke in opposition and wanted to know the life guarantee of the road
- Joe Plummer 8614 Gallant Fox in favor
- Carl Hansen of Potawatami Trail was in favor of all special assessments
- Lisa Scott of Tim Tam and her parents also live in subdivision on Nashua not necessarily opposed, questions on reassessment, questioned time it would take. Last to get plowed which contributes to bad road
- Ed ~~Smeiter~~ Smeader Gallant Fox questioned amount and Wendy said it should be \$6,400
- Robert Francis of 8585 Gallant Fox asked about interest rate and how long to pay back stating he was in favor of it.
- Warren Atwell on Nashua Trail said pine trees are causing a problem by shading street and everything drains to a drain by his house and then to the river. He said he would like to see it paved.
- Anna Berney of Tim Tam said she isn't totally opposed. Water sits around catch basin and doesn't drain well. Complained about snow removal.
- William Lincoln of 8617 Tim Tam talked about drainage problems, he had 3 sump pumps running continuously to keep his basement dry. Roads not that bad except for entrance.
- Matthew Holm of 8578 Tim Tam Trail said there is a problem at other areas besides on Nashua i.e. the intersection of Tim Tam and Nashua where water freezes in the road.

Supervisor Thorsby stated it would be better to do roads all at once and cheaper rather than small sections at a time.

Treasurer Peck said the reason we are doing this is because the township was approached by residents of Brentwood Farms to pave the subdivision. If residents aren't interested in having it done, we don't want to push it on them.

- Al Falen 9240 Nashua Trail and was in favor of it.
- Tammy Woodward on Gallant Fox not necessarily against the paving but several questions need to be answered, i.e. time frame of completion, cost and having access to driveways during paving process.
- Debbie ~~Rehm~~ Brown spoke again wanted to sign against it, people don't know if they need a home equity.
- Tom Mattis of Gallant Fox stated it is in good shape except for north section.

Supervisor Thorsby said it was a petition, not a ballot, therefore, by not signing indicated you were opposed.

Heavy trucks are who damage the roads stated Mr. Hill of the Road Commission.

Attorney Moulton briefly went over the process that would take place with the residents that were present stating:

- The term of repayment is going to be at least ten years.
- Another public hearing will be held on this special assessment determining the length of time and interest rate
- A lot of time and effort on the part of the Road Commission, the Bond Counsel if it is going to be a bond project, and the Board getting back in touch with the residents if they say they want to move forward
- All this information will be laid out in great detail at the second public hearing that is required to be held before a special assessment can be confirmed
- 55% of the residents must sign to move forward

Mr. Hill of the Road Commission stated they would start at the back of the subdivision and move forward so construction traffic isn't driving on the new road. Residents are given notice as to when their individual drives will be done.

Supervisor Thorsby said if both husband and wife are on the deed, they both have to sign the petition.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to close the Public Hearing.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:25 P.M.

BRIEF RECESS FROM 8:25 P.M. TO 8:37 FOR RESIDENTS TO SIGN AND PICK UP COPIES OF PETITION

4. Motion to approve a Budget Amendment under line item Drains at Large under the Public Service Department increasing it from \$20,000 to \$120,000 for the additional cost of Misteguay Creek Drain Improvements.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve a Budget Amendment under line item Drains at Large under the Public Service Department increasing it from \$20,000 to \$120,000 for the additional cost of Misteguay Creek Drain Improvements.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report, Monthly Building and Code Enforcement – Given by Supervisor Thorsby
2. Clerk's Report – Given by Clerk Meinburg
3. Treasurer's Report– Given by Treasurer Peck
4. Police Department Report – Given by Chief Bolin
5. Fire Report – Given by Supervisor Thorsby

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 9:00 P.M.

No Comments

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 9:01 P.M.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Almassy gave the report from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. Trustee Willette gave the report from the Flushing Area Senior Center.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 12, 2019

X. ADJOURNMENT:

TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE _____

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joyce A. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
08/08/2019