

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2007 TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
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## ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Andrew Trogotog  
CLERK: Julia A. Morford  
TREASURER: Carl G. Liepmann

## TRUSTEES

Ann L. Fotenakes  
Scott Minaudo  
Barry Pratt  
Ida M. Reed

## TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

STEVEN MOULTON  
Cooley Moulton & Smith LLP  
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 by **CLERK JULIA A. MORFORD** with a request for a motion to appoint a Chairperson for the Board Meeting due to the absence of **SUPERVISOR ANDY TROGOTOG**. **REED MOVED**, seconded by Minaudo to appoint **TRUSTEE ANN FOTENAKES** as the Chairperson for the Board of Trustees Meeting for December 13, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**ROLL CALL:** Morford, Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, and Attorney Steve Moulton  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trogotog and Liepmann  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ted Breidenstein, Lee St. John, Richard Lucius, John P. Cuddeback, and David Ransom

**MORFORD** stated that since all of the Board of Trustees weren't present at the current meeting, she would like to recommend that Numbers 1, 2, and 6, listed under "New Business" be postponed until the February 14, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting. (Four (4) of the Board Members will be attending the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Conference at the time of the January 10, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting).

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: PRATT MOVED**, seconded by Morford to adopt the Agenda with Numbers 1, 2, and 6 listed under "New Business" be postponed until the February 14, 2008 Board Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007: PRATT MOVED**, seconded by Fotenakes to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2007 with the following corrections:

**PAGE 2:** paragraph 1, second line from the bottom, "HEATHER GRIFFIN (GRIFFIN). . . to the Nature Park" **changed to** "HEATHER GRIFFIN (GRIFFIN), a seasonal employee at the Nature Park also was honored for her dedication to the Nature Park".

**PAGE 4:** Section 7, paragraph 3, "A packet containing. . .for November 13, 2007" **changed to** "A packet containing 1) an Opinion letter from ATTORNEY MOULTON, 2) MINUTES OF THE Personnel Meetings, and 3) any other information that would pertain to the specific allegations were compiled for the Board of Trustees to review, were open for Public Inspection."

**PAGE 8:** paragraph 1 at the top of page, "The Planned Administrator. . . other times toward pension" **changed to** "The Plan Administrator, CARL LIEPMANN, will

check with Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) regarding the issue of flex time as it applies to accumulated other times toward pension.” MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: PRATT MOVED**, seconded by Reed to pay the bills as presented. Questions: 1) Check Number 17314 “Wild Ones”.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, and Morford,

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

**ABSENT:** Trotogot and Liepmann

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approval for Board of Review Members to attend Training**

**REED MOVED**, seconded by Pratt to approve the Board of Review Members and Assessor Dennis Judson attending a Board of Review Training Class at Frankenmuth Michigan on February 4, 2008 at an early-bird cost of \$70 each.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Fotenakes, Minaudo, Pratt, Reed, and Morford,

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

**ABSENT:** Trotogot and Liepmann

**2. Approval of the 2008 Meeting Dates**

**PRATT** stated that due to conflicts with the 2008 Planning Commission Meeting Dates the below listed dates had to be changed:

- 1. January 14, 2008 **changed to** January 7, 2008 (January 14, 2008 – preparations for the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary Election).
- 2. October 13, 2008 **changed to** October 6, 2008 (The office would be closed for Columbus Day).

**ACTION OF THE MOTION:**

MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Approval of the 2008 Board and Commission Appointments**

**MINAUDO MOVED**, seconded by Pratt to approve the 2008 Flushing Township Board and Commission Appointments. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Personnel Committee Report**

There were some comments made from the Trustees regarding the dailies for Chief Doug Kennedy. **REED** felt the Board should check into the matter further. **ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON (ATTORNEY MOULTON)** read the letter from **RICHARD FANNING, JR of KELLER THOMA** which explained the duties and responsibilities of the Police Chief. It was recommended by **ATTORNEY MOULTON** to have the issue placed on the February 2008 Board of Trustees Agenda.

**2. Bureau of Elections**

**REED** stated she felt only the residents that requested an Absent Voter’s Ballot should receive them because when everyone over the age of sixty (60) years of age received an application, there would be a lot of wasted money involved with the postage.

**MORFORD** stated she has only sent Absent Voter’s Ballots to the residents that have requested the ballots and to the residents on the Permanent Voter’s List, which was recommended by the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

**REPORTS:****Building Inspector's Report: Reviewed and Approved.****BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED:**

NEW HOMES	0
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS	4
DECKS	1
REMODELING	0
ADDITIONS	1
GARAGES	0
FENCE PERMITS	0
ROOF REPAIR	0
POOL	0
COMMERCIAL	0
SIGN	0

<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>6</b>
PERMIT VALUATION FOR NOVEMBER 2006	\$ 260,584
PERMIT VALUATION FOR NOVEMBER 2007	56,500

<b>PERMIT FEES COLLECTED FOR NOVEMBER 2007</b>	<b>\$ 360</b>
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TRAILER INSPECTIONS (1)	50
TRASH AND RECYCLING CHARGES	0
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	0
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	0
EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT	0
VARIANCE REQUEST	0
REZONING REQUEST	0
CODE BOOKS	0
<b>FOR A TOTAL OF</b>	<b>\$ 410</b>

CONSTRUCTION TO DATE NOVEMBER 2006	6,184,967
CONSTRUCTION TO DATE NOVEMBER 2007	2,362,704

<b>FOR A DECREASE OF</b>	<b>\$ 3,822,263</b>
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**7:30 P.M. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. **John Cuddeback, 5184 Blossom Drive, Flushing** – “felt the townships should have the liberty to spend money on things which they needed such as road repairs.”

**7:35 P.M. – CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS****BOARD COMMENTS:**

1. **MORFORD** reminded the Trustees that she needed the Registration Forms for the upcoming 2008 Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Conference in Detroit, Michigan, as soon as possible.
2. **MORFORD** reminded the Trustees about the MTA – Genesee County Chapter Meeting that would be held at the new Genesee Township Fire Hall on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

3. **REED** attended the recent Genesee County Regional Fire Authority Meeting held at the Genesee County Harris Auditorium. **REED** felt a millage would be needed to cover the extra costs of an Authority. **PRATT** wanted to know if the coverage for fire protection would be as good as it currently was for the area. **PRATT** felt that training would be mandatory.

**THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Due to lack of further business, **FOTENAKES** adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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JULIA A. MORFORD, Clerk

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ANN FOTENAKES, Acting Chair in the absence of ANDREW TROTOGOT, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

12/13/07 Regular