

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010**

PRESENT:	ROBERT J. CANNON	SUPERVISOR
	GEORGE FITZGERALD	CLERK
	WILLIAM SOWERBY	TREASURER
	ERNEST HORNUNG	TRUSTEE
	KENNETH PEARL	TRUSTEE
	DEAN REYNOLDS	TRUSTEE
	JENIFER WEST	TRUSTEE

ABSENT: NONE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers. Also in attendance was Jack Dolan, Township Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Fitzgerald requested the following additions:

- Item #13 – Request to Honor National Day of Prayer: Bethany Baptist Church
- Item #14 – Resolution Establishing Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensing

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

1. RECOGNITION OF FORMER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Cannon noted that volunteers are such an important part of this community and he noted that Dr. Carl Becker, former committee member of the Historic Commission, is present tonight. Mr. Cannon thanked him on behalf of the Board for his many years of service with Clinton Township.

Mr. Cannon acknowledged with sadness that Ms. Joanne Bousson, a former member of the Cultural Diversity Committee, has recently passed away, and he assured they will be getting her Certificate of Appreciation to her family.

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated April 13, 2010 from the Township Supervisor, honoring former committee members whose

appointments expired in 2009, in honor of National Volunteer Week. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, West, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

2. PROPOSAL FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mr. Cannon complimented Mr. Tyler Tabenske on not only his well-written letter but also on his organization in putting this project together. Mr. Cannon recommended that Mr. Tabenske work under the direction of Mr. Bob Turner, Department of Public Works, to coordinate this project.

Mr. Tabenske thanked the Board for their support.

Ms. West stated she is Executive Director of the Fitness Council of Macomb County, and when she brought them a copy of Mr. Tabenske’s letter this morning, they indicated they would like to give him \$100 toward this project.

Mr. Tabenske replied to inquiry that he is a junior this year at Chippewa Valley High School, is currently taking five “AP” (Advanced Placement) classes, “plus an extra AP class for fun”. He belongs to numerous organizations, including Quiz Bowl, Key Club, National Honor Society, and he plays baseball. He replied to further inquiry that he is not sure where he will be attending college, but he is considering becoming a surgeon.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated April 14, 2010 from Mr. Tyler Tabenske and approve his request to work on his Eagle Scout project, which involves the beautification of the two south baseball diamonds at the Civic Center, as outlined in the letter, working under the direction of Mr. Bob Turner, Department of Public Works. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

3. REQUEST TO TRANSFER ALL STOCK IN 2009 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS AT 43253 GARFIELD (WITH OFFICIAL FOOD PERMIT) FROM MIRIAM DELAMIELLEURE AND DIANE NAHAS TO JOSEPH S. NAHAS

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated April 12, 2010 from Police Captain Franey, and approve the request from Brigitte’s Café Inc. to transfer all stock in 2009 Class C Licensed Business at 43253 Garfield (with official food permit) from Miriam DeLamielleure and Diane M. Nahas to Joseph S. Nahas, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

4. UPDATE FROM BOND COUNSEL RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Mr. Tom Colis, of Miller Canfield, explained that they have been working with the Department of Public Works and the next step is the issuance of bonds. Drawings were done and cost estimates were put together. He stated he is here tonight to talk about the process. They need to bring a Resolution back to the Board introducing their Notice of Intent to issue Capital Improvement Bonds. The notice indicates that the Township intends to issue bonds in a principal amount for the purpose of constructing the DPW Building and any necessary site improvements and the number of years. If a petition is filed within 45 days signed by 10% of the residents of the Township, then they could not put this in place without a vote of the residents. After the Notice of Intent, they would then come back with information; however, it is not a commitment to issue bonds at that point. He added they would have to come back to the Board to seek authorization for the bonds. They would look at how they would be issued, and what type of bonds. Mr. Colis summarized the three types of bonds: tax exempt bonds, “Build America” bonds, and “Recovery Zone” bonds. He noted that the “Recovery Zone” bonds actually have to be approved by the County of Macomb as well, although he assured that there is no commitment to the County. He added that there may be some interest in looking at additional improvements to Heritage Estates and that could all be part of the same bond issue, or it could be separate. He cautioned that if it is a separate bond issue, the Township could incur multiple costs of issuance. He noted that if the bonds get sold in late summer, the Board could look at refunding the Police Fund bonds at the same time.

Mr. Pearl felt that before they look at the numbers, there is a representative from Wakely Associates that has information since their last meeting regarding estimates.

Mr. Ronald Syme, Wakely Associates, of Warren, Michigan, explained they started by looking at the feasibility study that the Board commissioned a few years ago. They met with representatives from the Department of Public Works, and he felt those meetings went extremely well. They were able to generate a plan that the representatives from the DPW felt comfortable with and that met all of their needs. They prepared a few estimates based on the numbers. An estimate of \$2.35 million would include renovating the existing pole barn shed, mechanical shed and destroying the current building. This would be for a 31,000 to 32,000-square-foot building that would house all of their vehicles.

Mr. George Westerman, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, stated that their first estimate was \$2.8 million. They met with Wakely again and downsized the building to 28,000 square feet. They also eliminated some items that to bring the cost down. He noted that it is a favorable bidding market and reductions in construction as high as 40%, so he is confident that they will see a reduction from the \$2.3 million. They have \$640,000 in federal grant money, and he felt they may be able to see the costs to the Township brought down to around \$1 million.

Mr. Pearl stated the siding on Heritage Estates is bad, and possibly one-third of the furnaces will have to be replaced. There could be a savings if they bond this with the

DPW garage. He noted that recent bids in surrounding communities have come in lower because of the competitive bidding market right now.

Mr. Syme agreed with Mr. Pearl and recalled that they had a \$6 million estimate on a school project, but it ended up coming in at \$4 million.

Mr. Pearl felt it is critical to get the federal stimulus dollars if they are going to do this.

Mr. Santia replied to inquiry that the funds need to be obligated by October 1st, which means a contract would have to be in place. They would then have eighteen months beyond that to actually spend the allocated funds.

Mr. Pearl felt that construction management may be better than a general contractor. He questioned whether it would be sufficient if they allocated the funds to a contract management company by the October 1st deadline.

Mr. Santia replied he believed that would be adequate, but it would just be a matter of getting the bids for the individual components.

Mr. Hornung inquired as to the advantage to using construction management rather than a general contractor.

Mr. Pearl stated that they would not know their fixed costs and would have to bid out the whole thing. The documents would have to be produced, and then they would have committed to stages two and three before they make up their mind to actually go forward. He stated that schools have used this method and so has the county. Hiring a general contractor will most likely mean they cannot come up with a price until they get all of the plans. Mr. Pearl felt it would be better not to obligate the Township until the last minute. They will not have any arguments about extras because it will all have been negotiated.

More discussion took place regarding construction management versus general contracting. Additional discussion took place regarding the bonds.

Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out that the Township has a lot of property that requires maintenance, and this is a good way to keep the buildings up without considerable dipping into the General Fund. He inquired as to whether the flood plain changes any dynamics on construction of the building. He noticed that some of the property looks like it is buildable, while other sections of the building now look like they fall within the flood plain.

Mr. Syme assured they stayed out of the flood plain. They believe there is bad soil in the back so they are staying away from that area.

Mr. Paul Stauder, of Stauder Barch, explained that the market rates are very low. For 15 years, the range is under 4%. They are surprised the climate has stayed this way for so

long, but they are beginning to see the first moves by the federal government to raise the rates. They do not, however, anticipate any significant changes in the next six months.

Mr. Cannon stated that he does not want to spend the money, but he pointed out that these are both badly needed projects. The DPW Building has been deemed to be unsafe, and he added that the siding and furnaces that need to be done at Heritage Estates are also important. By not doing any work on the DPW Building, the Township will be putting all of the employees at that location at risk. He commented that this is a time with very low bond rates, and they should take advantage of it, as well as the stimulus funds that have been made available to the Township through the federal government.

Mr. Colis stated that the motion today would be to authorize the bond counsel to prepare the Notice of Intent to bring back to the Board. This give the Board the idea, and they will have to decide when they want to present it to the Board. What they do not want to do is put a low amount and the costs are actually higher, which would require them to go back and redo the request for bonds. That would incur more fees.

Mr. Pearl stated they talked about paying interest for only seven years at Heritage Estates. They will realize additional savings on the bonds. He inquired as to whether they can consider the same thing for the Department of Public Works (interest only).

Mr. Stauder replied that there is a restriction in State law that would prevent that. Certain amounts have to be paid up front.

Mr. Colis explained that they have to pay interest within five years of issuance.

Discussion took place regarding the 1998-99 Police Fund bonds. Mr. Pearl inquired as to whether there is a notice period required.

Mr. Colis replied there is not a notice period required. Refunds were included within the way they were originally done. He replied to further inquiry that the “Build America” and “Recovery Zone” bonds are only good through 2010. There is talk about extending the “Build America” bonds but he suspected that it is likely the interest subsidy would be reduced.

Mr. Stauder explained that if the Board were to initiate the referendum process the first part of next month, it is likely the proceeds would not be available until sometime late August.

Mr. Pearl stated he would like to use the \$2.5 million as the higher figure. They would need \$700 for siding and furnaces, so he felt the \$2.5 million should cover everything.

Mr. Reynolds agreed with Mr. Pearl.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to direct the bond counsel to proceed with the necessary Resolution for the combined bonding relating to the Public Works Building and the Heritage Estates Senior Housing, and to bring the Resolution back to the Board in four weeks; further, to authorize the DPW Building Committee to review and interview construction management firms to handle this possible construction. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sowerby recalled it has been mentioned that the Board may decide not to go forward with this project depending upon the cost. He inquired as to whether these federal stimulus dollars can be allocated at the last minute for another project if they are not used for the DPW building.

Mr. Santia believed so, but he stated he would have to check. He replied that he is not sure whether the funds could be switched to the DDA Lighting project because that project will be underway by that time. He suggested they could possibly utilize the funds for LED lighting in the neighborhoods and would be quick to get underway. He replied he will double-check to see if those funds could be reallocated.

Mr. Sowerby inquired as to whether Ms. Laretti has been consulted on the process of the bonding issue.

Ms. Laretti replied that she did not know about any discussions on the bonding until she printed off tonight's agenda.

Mr. Sowerby stated that, in going forward with this, he has been the Township Treasurer since the end of 1996. He recalled that long before that, they have always had discussions about possible bonding issues and have always included the Finance Director in those discussions. He also noted that when he was at the County, Mr. Diegal was always consulted. If this is to proceed forward, he wanted assurances that Ms. Laretti will be included in every discussion with regard to the bonding issues.

Mr. Cannon felt that is not a problem, and he agreed it is appropriate to include the Finance Director in such discussions.

Mr. Sowerby stated he was not privy to any of these discussions. He received an email from Mr. Paul Stauder, whom he just met tonight. He recalled that they have always used the firm of Budzynski & Company for bonds. He inquired as to whether they are changing bond companies or whether they are considering bidding out the bond issuance through an RFP.

Mr. Pearl stated that he will include in his motion to use Stauder Barch to handle this.

Mr. Sowerby inquired as to how the Township came to use this firm.

Mr. Cannon stated he suggested them, and Mr. Pearl and Ms. West agreed.

Mr. Sowerby felt there is a process for such decisions, and although he is not beholden to any one bonding consultant, he was rather surprised that such a decision was made without a vote of the Board. He felt as long as it is on the record that this is now the company that the Board may choose, he does not have a problem with it. He inquired as to whether they are keeping the same attorney.

Mr. Pearl stated he has made no move to change attorneys, but he noted that, at the school board, he used Bendzinski for many years and has used Stauder Barch for the last ten years. He assured he has no problem with either firm. He felt it would be good to have the discussion tonight before they had a Resolution, and he noted that this way they will have four weeks to ask questions and do their research before the Resolution comes before the Board. Mr. Pearl replied to inquiry that the Committee will go out for an RFP and come back with a recommendation for a Construction Manager.

Mr. Pearl replied affirmatively and indicated that he anticipates the architectural firm will help draft it.

Mr. Dolan explained that there are standard AIA documents used as principal documents and they are subject to modification. He does not know if they have enough documents for a construction manager.

Mr. Pearl felt a construction manager can look at the project and quote a figure not to exceed a certain percentage of the job. He pointed out they are only obligated for a percentage, and he felt that is why this would work better. He also noted that they do not have to spend money on all of the architectural drawings until the Board decides they want to proceed.

Discussion took place regarding the refinancing of the police building bonds.

Mr. Sowerby inquired as to whether that was intended to be part of this Resolution.

Mr. Colis replied that is not part of this proposal. The Board would vote on that separately at a later date.

Mr. Sowerby felt that, with the financial situation of the Township, he is not in support of putting this Township into further debt and taking on any new construction projects at that time, so he will be voting against this.

Mr. Pearl amended his motion, and Mr. Reynolds amended his support, to include in the motion that the firm of Stauder Barch be appointed for the task of preparing the necessary Resolution. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, West, Fitzgerald. Nays – Sowerby. Absent – None. Motion carried.

5. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT – STREET LIGHTING

Motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated April 19, 2010 from the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, and adopt the first Resolution in the Special Assessment District process for Gratiot Avenue, from 14 Mile Road to Wellington Crescent, accept the petitions, and schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, May 24th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Roll Call: Ayes – Fitzgerald, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby. Nays – None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

6. SALE OF LAND TO NORTH BROADWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST (PARCEL #16-11-12-377-003 AT N. BROADWAY & COLCHESTER)

Mr. Harold Henry, member of North Broadway Church of Christ, explained that he is representing Dr. Thompson, who could not be here tonight because he is attending a meeting with Habitat for Humanity. They are seeking approval to purchase land at North Broadway and Colchester for the purpose of developing a community garden. He felt the property is not buildable and has been vacant and unmaintained for years. He explained that the garden would beautify the neighborhood, be beneficial for both the neighbors and the community at large, and they have young people in their congregation whom they feel could become involved. He acknowledged that Mr. Ed Bruley, County Commissioner, found out that this parcel is Township-owned, and that is why they are here tonight.

Mr. Cannon agreed with this proposed sale, but emphasized that the Township wants to clean up the property first.

Mr. Fitzgerald inquired as to whether there is another garden project in the area.

Mr. Henry replied that he has heard there are some, and they have been successful.

Mr. Sowerby confirmed that Mr. Bruley contacted him. The Township acquired this parcel in 2009 through tax forfeiture from the County, and this is one of the parcels they purchased last year. He noted that after he spoke with Mr. Henry, he spoke with the other Board members and they are all excited about getting this property in the hands of the church so it is used again. He emphasized that they want to turn it over in usable condition because there is considerable debris, mounds of dirt, fallen trees, etc. He confirmed that it is not buildable and needs to be cleaned up, so the Township intends to do that. Mr. Sowerby stated they want to see the property look good, whether the church decides to make it into a garden or to use it to expand their church facility.

Mr. George Westerman, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works & Water and Sewer, confirmed that he was at the site on two previous occasions, as well as this

morning. He replied to inquiry that he estimated the clean up to range in cost from \$300 to as much as \$2,500, depending upon the amount of debris. He suggested they may be able to spread the dirt and remove the concrete, but they will have to look at it closer to make that determination.

Mr. Sowerby stated they have had other lots that have needed to be cleaned up and houses demolished.

Mr. Henry explained that they had tried to clean up the lot but did not have the necessary equipment to move the mounds of dirt.

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Fitzgerald, to receive and file the letter dated April 13, 2010 from the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, with reference to Township-owned property (Parcel No. 16-11-12-377-003), located at North Broadway and Colchester, to approve the sale of this parcel to North Broadway Church of Christ for a purchase price of \$500, plus the cost of title insurance, up to \$175, to be paid by the church; further, the Department of Public Works will clean up the property. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Fitzgerald, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Westerman replied to inquiry that Mr. Philippi is currently involved with the renovation of the ball diamonds, but he will then get a crew ready for the clean up of this site.

Mr. Cannon indicated it should be completed within the next several weeks.

7. YEARLY DUST CONTROL PROPOSAL – MACOMB COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated April 13, 2010 from the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and approve the contract from the Road Commission of Macomb County for the Yearly Dust Control Program, at a total cost to the Township of \$5,095.90 for 2010, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

8. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RECEIVING BOARDS FOR ALL ELECTIONS THIS YEAR

Mr. Fitzgerald replied to inquiry that this is the prelude of what they are getting ready for with the electronic poll books.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated April 20, 2010 from the Clinton Township Clerk and adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Use of Receiving Boards for all elections this year, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll

Call: Ayes – Reynolds, Pearl, Hornung, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

9. RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL VACANCY REVIEW

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated April 15, 2010 from the Human Resources Director and approve the recommendation of the Personnel Vacancy Review Committee to fill the Meter Supervisor position in the Water and Sewer Department, created by the recent retirement of the incumbent. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

10. RECOMMENDATION ON APPOINTMENT TO POSITION OF OFFICE CLERK II - ASSESSING

Motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated April 20, 2010 from the Assessor and Assessing Administrator and appoint Ms. Michele Tobeler-Cantalupo to the position of Office Clerk II in the Department of Assessing, which is a lateral transfer; further, this appointment is to become effective on Monday, May 10th, 2010 at her present rate of pay. Roll Call: Ayes – Fitzgerald, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

11. UPDATE ON DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED STRUCTURES THROUGH NSP PROGRAM

Mr. Cannon noted that they are proceeding on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), as per the directive of the Township Board, utilizing the NSP funds.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated April 20, 2010 from the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, with regard to the demolition of abandoned blighted structures through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); further, to authorize the Planning Department to contact the owners of these parcels and try to acquire the property so the Township can proceed to the demolition phase. Roll Call: Ayes – Reynolds, Pearl, Hornung, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

12. REQUEST CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Cannon informed that the Board will be coming out of Closed Session briefly to vote on a contract, and will then be going back into Closed Session. They will not be coming out a second time.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Pearl, to schedule a Closed Session immediately after tonight's meeting for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Pearl, Reynolds, Hornung, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

13. REQUEST TO HONOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that this was an add-on tonight because of a timing issue, but he noted it has been done in the past here at the Civic Center.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated April 16, 2010 from Pastor Mark Reynolds, Bethany Baptist Church, with regard to their intent to honor the National Day of Prayer in front of the Township Offices at noon on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

14. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING

Mr. Dolan explained that the issue of medical marijuana dispensing continues to be a matter of contention and debate among municipal attorneys and police chiefs. The Attorney General's office has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on it. Mr. Dolan explained the proposed Resolution places a 90-day moratorium which prohibits the establishment of any business or premises for the distribution or dispensation of marijuana other than for use by the person occupying the premises as a resident who has a debilitating medical condition allowing the use of marijuana as allowed. He stressed this needs continued additional study, and the Planning Director and Police Chief have been looking at the issue. There are a number of legal issues involving this new legislation, and he advised it is appropriate to have a moratorium for a period of time to further investigate the matter. Mr. Dolan clarified that it is not the intent to restrict physicians from issuing prescriptions in compliance with the law, but the Township needs to make sure that what they are restricting or not restricting is spelled out, and this moratorium will provide the opportunity for them to do so.

Mr. Hornung inquired as to what will happen after the 90 days are up.

Mr. Dolan replied that they will return to the Board with an ordinance that more specifically deals with the issue or some other recourse they would follow. It would allow them the opportunity to revisit the issue to see what progress, if any, has been made to try to sort out the law and referendum. The action to be taken by the Board at that time is their prerogative. He stressed there is no question that this will require some careful consideration, and he replied to inquiry that the moratorium can be extended to 180 days if that is the wish of the Board.

Mr. Hornung felt that 90 days is a sufficient amount of time, and he suggested making the moratorium 180 days.

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated April 22, 2010 from the Township Attorney and adopt a Resolution Establishing a 180-Day Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensing. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Fitzgerald. Nays – West. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2010 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. Fitzgerald, supported by Mr. Hornung, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 Regular Township Board Meeting, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Fitzgerald, Hornung, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Reynolds, Sowerby, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, West, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two public comments:

A resident stated she and Ms. Thomasina Schenk run a neighborhood watch program in their neighborhood. She complained that there are quite a few empty homes, but there are many more homes that she would consider in blighted condition, yet there are occupants in these homes. She suspected many are harboring rodents because there is trash being heaped up, unused boats are abandoned in rear yards, creating a place where rat infestations are taking place. She stressed that they have budget constraints, and she requested that if a couple of employees from the Township could walk around and issue violations, it would be appreciated. She felt their neighborhood has not got the attention in this area that it should, and she questioned why. She indicated that she has prepared a list of addresses and associated violations.

Mr. Cannon stated he will take the list and deliver it to the Building Department in the morning, and the addresses will be added to the list that Ordinance Enforcement investigates. He added that if she has a list of abandoned homes, she should provide a copy of that list to Mr. Santia, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Ms. Thomasina Schenk stated she was talking with neighbors on McKishine and they told her they saw a fox in the neighborhood. She inquired as to whom to contact.

Mr. Cannon advised that they can contact Animal Control. He added that there was a fox in his neighborhood at one time, and they suspected it came from the river.

A resident adjacent to 20200 Colman, complained about the condition of the property at 20200 Colman. She indicated there have been numerous violations and she has been in contact with the Building Department for over a year on this issue, with no improvement. She complained that there is a rat infestation, trash and debris, improper storage of wood, among other violations.

Mr. Cannon advised that she provide that information to Mr. Santia, and he assured the Building Department will follow up on it.

ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Cannon indicated that they will adjourn into Closed Session and return to take action on one item.

The meeting recessed at 8:07 p.m. to go into Closed Session, and reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FROM THE POLICE COMMAND OFFICER'S BARGAINING UNIT

Mr. Smith recommended that the Board adopt a Letter of Understanding from the Police Command Officer's Bargaining Unit. It includes a change in health care coverage to Community Blue 10 with "15/30" prescription coverage. This will result in substantial savings to the Township.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to adopt the Letter of Understanding from the Police Command Officer's Bargaining Unit, as recommended by the Human Resources Director. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Sowerby, Reynolds, Hornung, Pearl, Cannon, Fitzgerald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hornung, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Hornung, Sowerby, Reynolds, Pearl, Cannon, West, Fitzgerald. Nays - None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FITZGERALD, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

ces:05/03/10