

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008**

Supervisor Zurawski called a Regular meeting of the Charter Township of York Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 12, 2008 at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Road, Milan, MI. He offered an invocation and led the American Flag Pledge.

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Jane Kartje, Sally Donahue, Joe Zurawski, Mike Kipley, Helen Neill, Wayne Meier, John Bulmer. Absent: None.

Others present: Three, *(list on file)*

Short Public Comments: None.

Presentation of written petitions: None.

Approval of July 8, 2008 Regular meeting minutes, open & closed sessions:

*Moved by Meier, Seconded by Neill to approve the July 8, 2008 Regular meeting minutes of the Charter Township of York Board of Trustees as presented. Discussion: none. Voice Vote: Aye: 7; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried 7-0-0*

Approval of July 24, 2008 Special meeting minutes:

*Moved by Donahue, Seconded by Kipley to approve the July 24, 2008 Special meeting minutes of the Charter Township of York Board of Trustees as presented. Discussion: difficult to vote on accuracy of these minutes for those not in attendance. Voice Vote: Aye: 4; Nay: 3; Absent: 0. Motion carried 4-3-0*

Consent Agenda Adopted as Distributed

*Moved by Meier, Seconded by Kartje to adopt the Consent Agenda as distributed. Discussion: None. Voice Vote: Aye: 7; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried 7-0-0*

- C 1 Approve Disbursements from Clerk: July 9 – August 12, 2008, as presented.
- C 2 Recognize report from Clerk: July 2008 Income Statement.
- C 3 Recognize correspondence received.
- C 4 Recognize Treasurer's report, July 2008.
- C 5 Recognize written report, Building Official, July 2008.
- C 6 Recognize written report, Zoning Inspector, July 2008.
- C 7 Recognize Washtenaw County Sheriff's Dept. Activities Log, July 2008.
- C 8 Recognize written report: July Parks & Recreation Committee meeting & activities, Trustee Bulmer.
- C 9 Recognize written report, Milan Area Fire Dept. July 17, 2008 regular meeting, Trustee Meier.
- C10 Approval to pay each Board members' Michigan Townships Association Fall District meeting registration, not to exceed total of \$553.00; early-bird \$79.00 rate deadline August 26<sup>th</sup>; Board members must submit their completed registrations to the Clerk no later than August 21, 2008.

Regular Agenda Approved as Amended

*Moved by Meier, Seconded by Bulmer to approve the Regular Agenda as amended. Discussion: Add plaque presentation to Eagle Scout Rob Zimmer ahead of Verbal Reports. Voice Vote: Aye: 7; Nay: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried 7-0-0*

**PRESENTATION TO SCOUT ROB ZIMMER, TROOP 446, SALINE – EAGLE SCOUT AWARD PROJECT:** Trustee Bulmer presented Boy Scout Rob Zimmer with a plaque that states *“This stream crossing was constructed by Rob Zimmer & his friends from Troop 446, Saline as his Boy Scout Eagle Award Project 2008”* and offered congratulations on behalf of the Township Board for a job well done. Rob gave a brief description of his project which entailed building a raised walkway over a stream crossing in the Sandra Richardson Park. He passed around some before and after photos. The Board applauded his efforts.

VERBAL REPORTS

Zoning Administrator. Carl Girbach gave updates on written report.  
Assessor. Excused

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Meier. Reviewed MAFD written report.

Trustee Kipley. Election Commission meeting/Public Accuracy Test held; thanked Clerk's office and Election Inspectors on conducting a successful election.

Clerk Neill. Acknowledged Deputy Clerk's great job with the Primary Election work and thanked everyone involved; only 15% turnout, though; auditor provided adjusting journal entries so they can be processed which will now provide correct beginning balances for 2008/2009 FY.

Treasurer Donahue. Taxes are coming in; the usual deadline of 9/14 falls on Sunday, so deadline extended to Monday 9/15 this year.

Trustee Kartje. Planning Commission: holding many extra workshop Special meetings to discuss Zoning Ordinance amendments. Proposed Mirage Lake PUD, Phase 4: after lengthy discussion w/consultants, determination was made that the changes to the development are major changes (Section 43.10), to be on 8/25 agenda to set a Public Hearing.

Trustee Bulmer. Reviewed Board report packet: Master Plan Objectives; EEPRA project photo display in Township Hall; Boy Scout Mike Habel received approval from Council for his Eagle Scout project; brick paver sale reminder; Labor Day Bridge walk sign-up reminder: parking at Richardson Park, bus to McCann Park, walk back to Richardson Park through the Noyes' & Toyota properties along Willis Rd. utilizing the Judd Rd. bridge, refreshments furnished by Toyota.

Supervisor Zurawski. Prison Community Liaison meeting: census at men's-488 (capacity is 550); 877 at women's (capacity is 880); Camp Valley is at 214; State is phasing down the men's prison and will become only women's prison in Michigan; Providence Estates Site Condominium: difficulties finishing the road, WCRC asking that no zoning compliance permits be issued until road is done.

PENDING BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #127, ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, 2<sup>nd</sup> READING      MOVED BY DONAHUE to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approve Ordinance No. 127, Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of York Zoning Ordinance by Adding Provisions for Wind Energy Conversion Systems; Deleting Sect. 50.28 (Commercial Communication Structures), Inserting new Sect. 50.28 (Wireless Communications Facilities), Adding Provisions for Appointment of Alternate Members to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as presented; as prepared by Township Attorney; to be published as required by law.  
SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: Planning Commission had spent a large amount of time preparing these amendments and recommended approval.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: DONAHUE, AYE; ZURAWSKI, AYE; KARTJE, AYE; NEILL, AYE; KIPLEY, AYE; BULMER, AYE; MEIER, AYE;  
NAY: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

PURCHASE, LATERAL FILE CABINETS      MOVED BY MEIER to approve the purchase of five four-drawer lateral file cabinets for the Township Hall, @ \$630.00 each for a total of \$3,150.00 replacing purchase approval from the July 8, 2008 Board meeting.  
SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: purchase five for price-break; too much total money to buy five; color/size matches current files.  
VOICE VOTE: AYE: 6; NAY: 1; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 6-1-0

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR QUOTE: RE-GRAVEL TRAIL, RICHARDSON PARK

Parks Committee would like permission before proceeding with getting quotes; estimating 222 cubic yards at a cost of \$4,000-\$5,000; trails are in great need of re-graveling; could use Parks Improvement gift from Toyota to pay for; this is a maintenance issue, so wouldn't need approval from DNR; by adding gravel and compacting it, would lessen how often additional gravel would be needed.

MOVED BY DONAHUE to approve the Parks Committee to get quotes for re-gravel of the ADA trails in Sandra Richardson Park.

SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: none further.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

GRANT APPLICATION, TREES FOR PARKS

Grant available for \$1,000.00 for purchasing some trees to plant in the parks and Township's match can be the labor planting the trees.

MOVED BY KIPLEY to authorize the Parks Committee to submit the grant application for trees for the parks.

SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: required 50% match can be an in-kind match and intention is the labor to plant the trees to meet that requirement.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

ACKNOWLEDGE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, FY ENDING 3/31/08

MOVED BY BULMER to acknowledge receipt of the Financial Statements for fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 and accept, as presented.

SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: presentation given by auditor.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

2008 ROADS AGREEMENT INCREASED ESTIMATES

Supervisor advised that the Washtenaw County Road Commission sent a letter advising that the sealcoat projects' cost estimates in York's 2008 Roads Agreement with them came in about 40% higher than their original estimate due to increased costs in petroleum products involved.

MOVED BY DONAHUE to approve the increased cost of approximately \$5,000.00 for sealcoat projects on High Creek Court, Windy Ridge and Wildwood Lane.

SECONDED BY KIPLEY. Discussion: none further.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

PROPANE PRE-PAY, 2008/2009 HEATING SEASON

MOVED BY DONAHUE to approve the pre-pay propane 2008/2009 heating season at \$2.17/gallon for 3,700 gallons with Garst L.P. Gas, Inc. for a total of \$8,029.00.

SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: extensive rising cost of fuel; last year's per gallon cost was \$1.62.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

RESOLUTION #2008-10, APPROVE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT DELEGATION AGREEMENT

York Township would be delegating to YCUA the ability to monitor and enforce the effluent that is generated by any non-residential customer on the system.

MOVED BY DONAHUE to adopt Resolution #2008-10, Resolution to Approve the Industrial Pretreatment Delegation Agreement Between York Township and the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, as presented.

SECONDED BY NEILL. Discussion: no billings have been received as yet.

AMENDMENT BY KIPLEY to authorize the Township Supervisor as the

person to name the Township representative as called for in Section A, paragraph 4F.

AMENDMENT SECONDED BY DONAHUE. Discussion: none.  
VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

Discussion on amended motion: Section A, paragraph 5-Costs: YCUA’s costs shall be billed to the Township; administration-type costs are built right into the per-unit user charge; needs to be part of rate structure.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: BULMER, AYE; MEIER, AYE; KARTJE, AYE; KIPLEY, AYE; DONAHUE, AYE; NEILL, AYE; ZURAWSKI, AYE; NAY: NONE; ABSENT: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0

RESOLUTION  
#2008-11,  
2008/09 FY  
BUDGET  
AMENDMENTS

Supervisor advised that this is the first pass recognizing the success of the Public Safety millage and also the Milan Area Fire Dept. budget where the Board was working from estimates for operating costs at the time.  
MOVED BY NEILL to adopt Resolution #2008-11, A Resolution Amending Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008/2009, as presented.  
SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: property taxes collected will be less than anticipated due to declining market; after March Board of Review, it was found that Township is experiencing a decline in taxable value; MAFD operating budget figures-question asked why numbers are so far off.

AMENDMENT BY KIPLEY to table Resolution #2008-11, A Resolution Amending Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008/2009.  
SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: not sure why figure put in was so low; table this for further research to answer that question.  
VOICE VOTE: AYE: 3; NAY: 4; ABSENT: 0. MOTION DEFEATED 3-4-0

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: MEIER, AYE; NEILL, AYE; KIPLEY, NAY; ZURAWSKI, AYE; KARTJE, NAY; BULMER, AYE; DONAHUE, AYE; ABSENT: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 5-2-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS (five minutes or less) None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Zurawski adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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Helen Neill, Clerk

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Joseph Zurawski, Supervisor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Synopsis published: \_\_\_\_\_

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Next 3 regularly scheduled meetings: Sept. 9, Oct. 14 & Nov. 12(due to Veteran’s Day holiday on Tuesday), 7:30 p.m. start time

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