

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019**

*Purpose: Annual Review/Discussion with Washtenaw County Road Commissioners and Staff*

Supervisor Tellas called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Road, Milan, MI. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call of Board Members Present: Chuck Tellas, Sally Louis, Helen Neill, Dan Pichla, Brian Iott. Absent: John Hargrove, Derek Stern.

Others Present: Six signed in, *(list on file)*, recognize Washtenaw County Road Commissioners and Staff (see below). Short Public Comments: none heard.

MOVED BY LOUIS to approve the York Charter Township Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m. Special March 12, 2019 meeting agenda for the purpose of review and discussion with Washtenaw County Road Commissioners and Staff. SECONDED BY IOTT. Discussion: none. Voice Vote: Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Absent: 2.

Washtenaw County Road Commission: presentation and discussion *(packet on file)*.

Supervisor Tellas turned the floor over to Managing Director Sheryl Siddall who thanked the Board for hosting them tonight and introduced 2 Road Commissioners: Chair Doug Fuller and Vice-Chair Barb Fuller; also, Jim Harmon, Director of Operations and District Foreman, Kevin Wagenhauser. Ms. Siddall thanked the Board for the meetings with Board Officers that have contributed to a better relationship with them and to planning future roadwork in York. She stated that they will informally run through the 2019 Local Road Program Annual Meeting booklet. The WCRC will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2019 and into 2020 with a variety of events, displaying stories and artifacts collected through the years. Ms. Siddall reviewed *"The 5 Buckets of Michigan Road Funding"* page explaining how the roads are funded in Michigan, depending heavily on the State's Transportation Fund, a ½ mill voter-approved tax (20% is designated for bicycle/walking pathways) and the Local Roads Program. She explained how the matching funds program benefits the Township. Also, setting up Special Assessment Districts to pay for subdivision roads' improvements is recommended.

Mr. Harmon spoke about the high level of communication and cooperation from York which is greatly valued and appreciated by the Commissioners and Staff. He reiterated the main sources of funding and the many variables that dictate spending, thanked the Board for increasing the roads budget in 2018 that highly contributed to completion of more projects than in the past. He recognized the additional State funding received twice over the past two years greatly benefitting what they could accomplish.

*(Recognize arrival of Washtenaw County Road Commissioner Rod Green)*

Mr. Harmon reminded the Board of the May 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for written commitment to obligate allocated matching funds and reviewed the list of proposed Local Roads Projects for 2019 including dust control. There's a possibility that the remaining leg of Saline-Milan Rd. could be done this year in conjunction with the bridge project over the Koch-Warner Drain near Saline City limits. He recognized Fred Schettenhelm for his patience and partnership with the ditching project along Willow Rd. between Stony Creek & Platt Rds. Both he and the Road Commission were beneficiaries of improvements there. Supervisor Tellas said it was his understanding the Road Commission kept records of road maintenance costs by section of road. Mr. Harmon said yes, those costs are closely tracked. Tellas asked if a portion of those future savings could be applied to primary road projects to reduce the cost to York Township. Harmon said no, that would not work because the funds are not available until the savings actually occur after project completion. Tellas asked everyone for any further questions, short discussion held. He thanked the WCRC for the great working relationship developed over the past year or so and for their attendance and providing valuable information for the Board's consideration.

Public Comments: *(five minutes or less)* None.

Adjournment: Moved by Neill, Seconded by Iott to adjourn the Special Board meeting at 7:40 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice Vote: Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Absent: 2. Carried.

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Charles Tellas, Supervisor

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Helen Neill, Clerk

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Approved

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