

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees held November 28, 2007 at the Oxford Veterans Memorial Civic Center.

Members Present: Behnke, Bellairs, Dunn, Ferrari, Fitchena, Kniffen, Sanderson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Recording Secretary Harrison, Jim Sharpe-Giffels-Webster, Village Council Member Stiles, CATV cameraman, and approximately two citizens.

Supervisor Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Kniffen moved, Treasurer Ferrari seconded, to approve the agenda as amended; tabling item 7, Second Reading and Possible Adoption of 106A-An Ordinance Establishing Engineering and Design Standards and Detail Sheets, per the request of Engineer Sharpe.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments were heard at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Bellairs moved, Trustee Fitchena seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, removing the regular bills and the consultant bills for discussion, per the request of Trustee Bellairs.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

SECOND READING

106A – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ENGINEERING AND DESIGN STANDARDS AND DETAIL SHEETS FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS, PLAN REQUIREMENTS, WATER MAIN DESIGN, SANITARY DESIGN, PAVEMENT, AND RESTORATION. Tabled

OLD BUSINESS

M-24 WATER MAIN EXTENSION (NORTH OF TOWN)

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Supervisor Dunn seconded, to proceed with the M-24 water main extension north of town as originally designed in the Oxford water bond; and to instruct Oakland County Drain Commission that it will be added back into the project, with funds to come from the Oxford Township Water Fund.

Ayes: Kniffen, Ferrari, Dunn, Behnke, Fitchena

Nays: Bellairs, Sanderson

Absent: None

Motion Carried

LAKE VILLA WATER CONNECTION DESIGN

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Supervisor Dunn seconded, to authorize Giffels-Webster to proceed with the Lake Villa water line extension from Lakeville Road to the well-house, and to apply for any permits needed; once work is completed, instruct Attorney Rentrop this contract requirement has been met; funds to come from the Water Fund.

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Ayes: Ferrari, Dunn, Behnke, Fitchena

Nays: Bellairs, Kniffen, Sanderson

Absent: None

Motion Carried

RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS RESOLUTION

Trustee Kniffen moved, Clerk Sanderson seconded, to accept the Retiree Medical Benefits Resolution, both parts, as presented.

Ayes: Sanderson

Nays: Kniffen, Ferrari, Dunn, Behnke, Fitchena, Bellairs

Absent: None

Motion Failed

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Sanderson seconded, that the Charter Township of Oxford offer to pay the Medicare Part B Retirement Supplement for any Oxford Township Employee or Elected official that has served the Charter Township of Oxford in either a full-time capacity (employee, deputy or appointed official) or as a full-time elected official (supervisor, clerk, or treasurer) at the age of 65 with a minimum of 30 years of service; this benefit shall not be afforded to any employee, deputy or appointed official that may have retired under a separate written agreement.

Ayes: Ferrari, Sanderson, Behnke,

Nays: Kniffen, Dunn, Fitchena, Bellairs

Absent: None

Motion Failed

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Sanderson seconded, that the Charter Township of Oxford offer to pay the Medicare Part B Retirement Supplement for Beverly A. Johnson, Deputy Clerk, once she has reached age 65, with a minimum of 30 years of service; this benefit will not be afforded to any other employee, deputy or appointed official that may have retired under separate written agreement.

Ayes: Ferrari, Sanderson, Behnke

Nays: Dunn, Fitchena, Bellairs, Kniffen

Absent: None

Motion Failed

OPFEC ACTUARY EXPENSE

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded, to request Supervisor Dunn write a letter to Oxford Village Council President, Chris Bishop, requesting the Township Board and the Village Council meet to discuss OPFEC litigation and a possible settlement before January 31, 2008.

Motion was amended by Treasurer Ferrari and Trustee Behnke

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded, to request Supervisor Dunn write a letter to Oxford Village Council President, Chris Bishop, requesting the Township Board and the Village Council meet to discuss OPFEC litigation and a possible settlement before January 31, 2008; and that both sides' legal council be invited to attend, and to be an Open Session.

Motion was amended by Treasurer Ferrari and Trustee Behnke

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded, to request Supervisor Dunn write a letter to Oxford Village Council President, Chris Bishop, requesting the Township Board and the Village Council meet twice to discuss OPFEC litigation and a possible settlement before January 31, 2008; one between the Oxford Village Council and the Oxford Township Board of Trustees, and

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one with the Oxford Village Council and the Oxford Township Board of Trustees with attorneys present that each side deems necessary.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

RICK RICE SIGNAGE CONSENT JUDGMENT AMENDMENT

Trustee Kniffen moved, Supervisor Dunn seconded, that the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees agrees to amend the Consent Judgment between the Charter Township of Oxford and Rick Rice to allow the existing signage with the reduction of approximately 817 square feet of property as provided in the Consent Judgment (Case No. 92-432511-CE) Items 1 through 6, and to authorize Supervisor William Dunn to sign any necessary documents.

Ayes: Dunn, Behnke, Bellairs, Kniffen

Nays: Sanderson, Fitchena, Ferrari

Absent: None

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Bellairs moved, Trustee Behnke seconded, to send a notice to the Ordinance Review Subcommittee to look into Ordinance enforcement issues and to come up with ideas for enforcement of Ordinances, and report back to the Board.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

NOTA DISCUSSION

Discussion only – no action taken.

CABLE FEES

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Supervisor Dunn seconded, that for 2008, the Charter Township of Oxford contribute the Oxford Township cable fees of 4% for the Cable Fund and 1% for Oxford Township General Fund.

Motion was amended by Treasurer Ferrari and Supervisor Dunn

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Supervisor Dunn seconded, that for 2008, the Charter Township of Oxford contribute the Oxford Township cable fees of 4% for the Cable Fund and 1% for Telecommunications Fund.

Ayes: Ferrari

Nays: Sanderson, Behnke, Fitchena, Bellairs, Kniffen, Dunn

Absent: None

Motion Failed

Trustee Kniffen moved, Trustee Behnke seconded, to turn the total 5% over to the Cable Commission.

Ayes: Behnke, Fitchena, Bellairs, Kniffen, Dunn, Sanderson

Nays: Ferrari

Absent: None

Motion Carried

VETS HALL GENERAL BUILDING CORRECTIONS

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Supervisor Dunn seconded, to comply with the fire inspection repair work with Valley Building & Repair Co. in the amount of \$1,200.00 for permits, \$600 to relocate the existing heater, and the bid price of \$2,500.00; and to authorize Supervisor Dunn to sign the Acceptance.

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Ayes: Behnke, Fitchena, Bellairs, Ferrari, Dunn, Sanderson
Nays: Kniffen
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Sanderson seconded, to authorize the Vet's Hall general building corrections to Valley Building and Repair Co. for the amount of \$15,670.00 plus any costs for permits needed.

Ayes: Bellairs, Ferrari, Dunn, Sanderson
Nays: Fitchena, Kniffen, Behnke
Absent: None
Motion Carried

STATUS OF FORMER TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Discussion only – no action taken.

Trustee Kniffen offered to assist Supervisor Dunn in this matter.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Behnke seconded, to approve the regular bill run thru November 20, 2007, and to authorize Clerk Sanderson to issue warrants and distribute funds accordingly; reclassifying the League Employment Benefit Services, if not already accounted for, to 60% General Fund and 40% Building Permit, for the retiree.

Ayes: Bellairs, Kniffen, Ferrari, Dunn, Sanderson, Behnke, Fitchena
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Kniffen seconded, to approve the consultant bills thru November 20, 2007, and authorize Clerk Sanderson to issue warrants and distribute funds accordingly.

Ayes: Kniffen, Fitchena, Dunn, Sanderson, Behnke, Bellairs
Nays: Ferrari
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Trustee Kniffen requested the Water and Sewer Committee be taken off bill distribution.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Trustee Kniffen thanked the Board for approving the 5% to go to the Cable Commission.

Treasurer Ferrari thanked the Board for hiring Peter Scholz as Deputy Fire Chief at the November 14, 2007 meeting.

Clerk Sanderson noted the January 15, 2008 election is a go and that absentee ballots now have to be requested at the time of each election.

Trustee Behnke congratulated Treasurer Ferrari and his wife on their new arrival.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Behnke moved, Treasurer Ferrari and Trustee Kniffen seconded, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried

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William Dunn, Supervisor

Clara J. Sanderson, CMC, Clerk

Date Approved December 12, 2007

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