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Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021

Call to Order – Ms. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held virtually at web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84246343270>
Call-in: (929)205-6099 Meeting ID: 842 4634 3270

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call – Board Members Present: [Mr. Spencer, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Wusterbarth, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Palmer, Ms. Richards.]

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: [Mr. Mitchell.] , Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Richman, Mr. Apsitis

Agenda Additions - None

Consent Agenda – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to **Approval of Minutes:** Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2021. **Finance:** Payment of Bills (Oscoda Township) – Total - \$123,332.02, Prepaid – February 16, 2021 - \$25,264.41, Check Run – February 23, 2021 - \$98,067.61.

YEAS – ALL

MOTION CARRIED

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES: (As Available)

1. Rowe Engineering Update- Construction starting after July 4th,2021.
2. Placeholder Annual Update – EIC Director- RRC and LEAP update. 37 Projects.
3. Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority Board Update- Michigan Aerospace permit being worked on.

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4. Planning Commission Annual Update-

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Municipal Underwriters – Par Plan Bill – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve payment of the Municipal Underwriters Par Plan Bill in the amount of \$71,300.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe 2020 Invoice 0095511 – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve payment of ROWE invoice in the of \$26,892.50.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe 2020 Invoice 0095683 – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve payment of ROWE invoice in the of \$25,432.00.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe 2020 Invoice 0095573 – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to Approve payment of ROWE invoice in the of \$5,762.50.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe 2020 Invoice 0095370 – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve payment of ROWE invoice in the of \$3,182.50.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe 2020 Invoice 0095576 – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Ms. Richards to Approve payment of ROWE invoices in the of \$21,758.75.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe 2020 Invoice 0094965 – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve payment of ROWE invoice in the of \$38,416.75.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

LOI Huron Shores Artisan Hall – Iler Counteroffer – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to formally reject counteroffer in the amount of \$110,000.00.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

LOI Huron Shores Artisan Hall – Rataj Revised Offer – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to formally accept the offer of \$200,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 deposit and closing within sixty days.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Friedman Listing Agreement Revision – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to postpone until our next regular meeting for the township attorney to view.
ALL YEAS

Approval for Old Orchard Park Shoreline Erosion Project Revisited – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve the shoreline erosion project to be completed in two phases in the amount of \$98,000.00.
ALL YEAS

EIC-Twp Board Joint Work Session Potential Action Items – Ms. Spencer supported a motion by Ms. Richards to direct EIC to create area for interest and create a map of owned property..
ALL YEAS

Heating/Cooling Treasurer's Office – Board consensus for superintendent to get three bids for another unit in the treasurer's office.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No.2021-03: Commitment of Funds IET – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve A RESOLUTION TO STATE SUPPORT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSCODA AND PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IOSCO EXPLORATION TRAIL PHASE 3 MULTI-USE PATH ON THE NORTH SIDE OF RIVER ROAD BETWEEN

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OLD ORCHARD
CAMPGROUND ENTRY ROAD FUNDED BY A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT. The Charter Township
of Oscoda commits to providing a total of \$200,000 in match funding for the Phase 3 of
the Iosco Exploration Trail. .
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Other

Closure of Construction Account – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to
approve closure of the Construction Account for Phase One Watermain.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment –

Vincent Iler – Disappointed that the board let his bid expire on the Artisan Hall. Latest
Master Plan had three drawing of park plans and would like to know where we are now
with those. Can ROWE write the grants for this? Pleased that the RRC is going to help
developers in the area.

John Barta- Furtaw field deal lack of transparency as I did not hear of the field being for
sale. More transparency would have made this better.

Valarie Bassim – We don't want Furtaw field sold or developed into apartments.

Christopher Gerard- A lot of open lots downtown that are parks, hoping they can be
stores again. What do you want downtown? The health center has chased away the
business. Take a walk downtown and look at the downtown, half of it is gone.

Kary Osborn- I'm glad to see you guys are doing stuff in the downtown. However, it
seems that everyone is upset about a deal that won't go through. They community
should get on board and help the township board.

Brian Haley- Glad developers backed out. The community does not want Furtaw sold or
developed. The citizens made their voice herd loud and clear about Furtaw. Make it
clear to EIC about their marching orders. The EIC shall work alongside the board.

Dave Iler- Thanked Mr. Dickerson for his work and is dismayed by Mr. Haley and the
community for chasing away developers before even trying to work with them and the
attacks on Mr. Wygant for trying to explain the proposal to the community.

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Mr. Palmer – When the Master Plan was being worked on, the community said that they wanted to do something with Furtaw field. That is why we put several plans and ideas together that we were trying to get grant funding for that fell through. Unfortunately that developers were chased away before we could have presentation on all that they were offering. Empty buildings downtown need people to keep them busy downtown. Very disappointed.

Mr. Wusterbarth- Conferred with Mr. Palmer and hopes we can get developers back.

Ms. McGuire- Next Monday the first is the last day to pay your taxes, the office will be open from 8am to 5pm. Give us a call at 989-739-3211.

Mr. Sutton- When I was campaigning and running for this office, it was brought to light the concerns in the township and wanting transparency. I am hoping that for the community and this board that can learn from this current situation and learn to work together with each other on these opportunities presented and the community will have trust that we will hear these opportunities and present them to the community with transparency and in the end the decision won't be made until we have all those facts. Hoping that the community can trust us to work with them for the betterment of our community.

Ms. Richards- Responded to Mr. Iler in regard to letting his offer expire. Your offer did not expire, we counter offered you at 200,000.00 and you countered back at \$110,000.00 and we rejected it.

Adjourn – Ms. Richards made a motion to adjourn at 09:08 p.m.



Ann Richards
Supervisor
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton
Clerk
Charter Township of Oscoda