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Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 25, 2021

Call to Order – Ms. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held virtually at web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369508564>.

The meeting call-in number was 989-205-6099 and the meeting ID number was 897-1887-1256.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call – Board Members Present: [Mr. Spencer, Mr. Cummings in at 6:55pm, Mr. Wusterbarth, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Palmer, Ms. Richards.]

Board Members Absent:

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

Agenda – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the agenda.

YEAS – ALL

MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the consent agenda minus the January 11th, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

YEAS – ALL

MOTION CARRIED

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:

1. EIC Director Monthly Report
2. Engineering Report – Rick Freeman – Mr. Wusterbarth recommended having Rick Freeman attend our work session to go into detail on the water system. Mr. Palmer spoke about project to make dock and fishing platform in coordination with V.L.A. that ROWE is doing the start-up work. Thanked Rick Freeman and ROWE for their contributions to our community.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

L.O.I. Huron Shores Artisan Hall – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to postpone decision on the \$100,000.00 offer by Vince Iler for the HSAH. Mr. Wusterbarth- Question to which amount for earnest money would be used, \$5,000.00 or \$50,000.00. Belief that earnest would be 10% of the \$50,000.00. Mr. Wusterbarth- Also question to what plans are intended, Mr. Iler said it would be a business that is needed in the community. Mr. Wusterbarth Discussion about up to \$80,000.00 to be paid back for grants owed for the project Ms. Richards-. Total spent on project around \$300,000.00. Ms. Richards- Need to see gather more information to make an informed decision. Ms. McGuire Discussion on the amount being too low. Ms. Richards presented breakdown on taxable costs and operational cost of building.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

North Huron Street Property Sale – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to accept the purchase agreement for \$5,000.00 for parcel number 066-028-200-047-00.
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Tax Abatement Contract Reapproval – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve with lower limit of one million insured limits and fee for Mission North to perform this service in the amount of 46,820.00 - The Charter Township of Oscoda seeks a professional planning consultant to review the existing tax abatement policy for the Wurtsmith Business District and make recommendations to that policy to ensure Oscoda remains competitive with other municipalities to compete for capital investment and job creation with respect to its policy.
YEAS: Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Wusterbarth
NAYS: Ms. Richards, Ms. McGuire

MOTION CARRIED

IT Services –to request with Service Level Agreements and hourly and after-hours rates. Lots of discussion as to qualifications and needs of IT contract
ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

RFP for Legal Services – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to move forward with RFP for legal services with correction on page 3 paragraph C adding designated township attorney or lawfirm.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Interim Legal Counsel – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to accept White, Wojda, and Curtis as Interim legal counsel at the rate of \$165.00 per hour.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Ausable Sewer Contract – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to have White, Wojda, and Curtis review the contract.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Property Clean Up – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to postpone to get more information from Boden Company. Discussion as to removal of all debris and verification that it is being properly disposed of. Do they have excavation insurance? When and what restoration will be done? Superintendent stated it will be left as a dirt lot.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Wilbur Fire Services 2021 – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to accept The Wilbur Township Fire Services Contract in the amount of \$10,509.00 for 2021.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

New pump for Lift Station 4 – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve the purchase of a new pump for lift station number 4 in the amount of \$8,055.00.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution No. 2021-02 PFAS Mitigation Support – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to accept -**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, the Oscoda Charter Township Board resolves to support the efforts of the RAB Chairperson, the RAB, and local citizens in their efforts to gain a voice in the policy and decision-making process. The Board supports the recent letters sent to our area Congressional members and wishes to add its voice to others who are asking that the Oscoda area have the ability to help guide and provide insight in policy and implementation efforts to mitigate PFAS that has contaminated parts of our community. The Board continues to support the efforts to protect our citizens and environment from the harmful effects of PFAS contamination and allowing our citizens to have a “voice at the table” for all future discussions, policy development, plan implementation, and evaluation of mitigation effectiveness.

Resolution 2020-23: Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act .

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Other

Communication from Albert Grasser – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to have the EIC answer this letter to Mr. Grasser.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

2021 Community Profile Directory Advertisement – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to accept the 2021 Community Profile Directory Advertisement.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Fire Department Bid Request – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve request for bid For TWO New 2021 Gas powered, Three Quarter Ton, Regular Cab, Four Wheel Drive, Standard Trim Pickups with eight foot Utility Service bodies installed ..

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Board of Review Appointment – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve John Servinski for appointment to the Board of Review.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Board of Review Appointment – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. Richards to approve David Gottleber for appointment to the Board of Review.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Board of Review Appointment – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Ms. Richards to approve Jacki Gonterman for appointment to the Board of Review.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Planning Commission Appointment – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to accept Greg Schulz appointment to the Planning Commission providing he resign from the ZBA before taking office in the Planning Commission..

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Oscoda-Ausable Building Authority Appointments – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve Kelly M. Erickson to replace Jeremy Spencer term exp 12/31/2021 .

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Oscoda-Ausable Building Authority Appointments – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve Jeff Senn to replace Lee Mertz new term to expire 12/31/2022.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Oscoda-Ausable Building Authority Appointments – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve Devon Tasior - new term to expire 12/31/2022.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Oscoda-Ausable Building Authority Appointments – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. Richards to approve Catherine Larive (Alternate)renews- new term to expire 12/31/2022.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Township Board Orientation and Training – Ms. Richards supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve MTA Board training in the amount of \$350.00.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Rockfest Special Use Request – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Ms. Richards to approve The Veterans Memorial Park Foundation to host the Annual Oscoda Rock Music Festival at Furtaw Field on August 14th 2021 Hours of operation will fall between August 13th for set up, 9am – 11pm Saturday August 14th for Music Festival and 8:00am - 5:00pm Sunday August 15th for tear down and clean up. Approved Fee Waiver.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment – **Robert Tasior**- Clarification on motion for Rockfest. Liability Insurance covered by Oscoda Veterans Memorial Park. Questions as to if fee's are waived in lieu of 2500.00 in advertising for the Township and covered costs of Township employees.

Andy Laporte – question regarding the community center as to if the board members feel a sense of urgency as to replacing the community center. Hoping that sometime in the future that the board will address it. This topic deserves some attention from this board. Do any board members have a sense of urgency to replacing the community center? Request that the Replacement of the Community Center be on the next agenda.

Cathy Wusterbarth- Like to consider work session on Friday having a summary presented as to discussion. Resolution for PFAS issues, Thank you.

Brian Haley- Artisan Hall being brought up as a negative thing. Happy that the community fixed it up out of the goodness of their hearts. Previous board got rid of person who would have made it successful and when finished no sign for rent or

anything was done. How would anyone know that the building was for rent or lease. Do we have a sign on Warrior Pavilion?

Board and Staff Comments – **Bill Palmer** -0 made mention that the work session minutes are available on the website. I think that we should have a community center that meets our needs and budget while prioritizing public services like Police and Fire. We are still looking at options for a new community center.

Joshua Sutton -

Winter Sports Call to Action

January 25, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Being a student athlete during these uncertain times has been the challenge of a lifetime. High school student athletes have endured every hardship imaginable in the past eleven months - virtual learning, hybrid schedules, sports cancellations, family struggles, and social isolation. As winter sport athletes we had looked forward to starting our season, seeing our friends, connecting with our coaches, and participating in the sports that we love. Sadly, the news that contact sports - wrestling, basketball, hockey, cheerleading - will be paused and competition will be again moved to a later date is incredibly discouraging.

In one calendar year our generation has proven to be resilient. Luckily through winter sports we have developed sportsmanship, leadership, mental toughness, and a strong work ethic - qualities that were needed to overcome the adversity of 2020-2021. However, nothing can really prepare a team or individual for the prospect of losing your season or the inconsistency of continued delays. Our strength has been tested and our hearts have been burdened with learning that yet another delay to our season is imminent.

Our appeal to officials at the state and local level is simply to let us begin our season. We ask that contact sports be given clearance to begin as previously planned, on February 1st. We can and will follow all safety guidelines and will continue to practice and compete with the cautious guardrails that our coaches and administrators have put in place. The memories we will make and the cherished moments we will forge with our teammates this winter season are worth it. We are worth it. Please find it in your heart to allow high school athletes to return to the mat, the gym, or the ice on February 1st. My team and I will eagerly await your response to our request.

Respectfully,

Athletes Of Oscoda Area Schools.

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Steve Wusterbarth- Thank the planning commission and Mr. Tasior for their work in the community. Follow up on Jeffery Linderman email. The new proposed master plan needs to have the community center added back in. Words do matter and I still believe we ended up with debt from the HSAH. Clarification on weather funds were put in a CD or special account. Need to clarify.

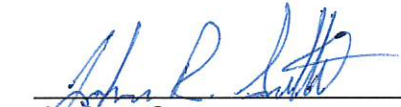
Ann Richards- Has reached out to Jeffery Linderman and opened up lines of communication and directed him to Todd at the EIC. We a lot to look at and will get the community center back in our master plan.

Jamie McGuire- Proceeds from the sale of the OACC are in a MICLASS fund but are not earmarked for a specific purpose.

Adjourn – Mr. Spencer made a motion to adjourn at 09:30 p.m.



Ann Richards
Supervisor
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton
Clerk
Charter Township of Oscoda