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## Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2021

**Call to Order** – Ms. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held virtually at web address: : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85286539180>  
Call-in: (929)205-6099 Meeting ID: 852 8653 9180

### 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. Freel

**Motion to Go into Closed Session**– Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to go into closed session To Discuss the Superintendent Evaluation and Contract Extension at the Superintendents request per 15.268 Closed sessions: permissible purposes. Sec. 8. A public body may meet in a closed session only for the following purposes: (a) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought Rendered, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open sessions. .

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**Motion to come out Closed Session**– Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to come out of closed session.

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**Additions** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to Approve addition to agenda .

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**Public Comment** –

**Anthony Miriani**- Discussion about the Holiday Inn Express. I think its wonderful that a holiday in is interested in our area. My concerns would be the location. I don't think the area would be good for a four-story building. I think the area needs a holiday inn express but the location is important.

**Rick Kowall**- I know that Oscoda is trying to the better area. Our beach is our best resource. A ninety-room hotel would take up space in an already crowded area. What impact would this have on local business. I applaud the board for their forward thinking and ask that they think hard about this.

**Bell Flora**- We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars marketing Oscoda Naturally. I feel that it would be a grand idea to look at another location for this hotel as the beach is already crowded.

**Debera Rauch**- I was shocked when I heard about this last Friday. Seems it just came out of the blue that we were building this huge hotel by the beach. I think that it's a bad idea to put something like that right on our beach.

**Dirk Thompson**- That piece of land has been great with the festivals and beach overflow. My other concern is that over time cottages in this area will be bought up. Look into your hearts and ask yourself if this is the right improvement.

**Ed Smith**- I am not against the Hotel. Just do not think that that is the right area. The holiday inn in Tawas defaulted on their loan and closed. Free press article about a hotel owner in dispute. If this individual is involved, this is not what we want in our town.

**Greg Schulz**- The property on the beach area is our most valuable property that we own. I think it is worth 10 times what Furtaw Field is. Work cautiously in developing and think of what is best for the town.

**Consent Agenda** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to Approve the Minutes: 1. Work Session Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2021 2.– May 18, 2021 1. Payment of Bills (Oscoda Township) – Total - \$125,587.86 a. Prepaid – May 18, 2021 - \$43,279.04 b. Check Run – May 25, 2021 - \$82,308.82

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**Action on Closed Session** – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Ms. Richards to accept a resignation by the superintendent effective June 22. Severance pay equal to two

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months compensation and accrued benefits and exchange of a full release. This will be formally memorialized by an agreement.

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**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:** (As Available)

1. Rowe Engineering Update

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:**

**Drop Off Refuse Contract Revisited** – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approved that the contract be approved with Travis Sanitation in the amount of \$3250.00 per event per year correction to contract.

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**Great Lakes Fireworks Agreement** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve a contract with Great Lakes Fireworks. The contract reflects an increase to \$12,000 to reflect rising costs. The funding for this will come from 101-299-880.000 which is community promotion.

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**Extend Meeting to conclude Business** – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve extending the meeting to conclude business.

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**Oscoda VA Clinic Janitorial and Maintenance Contract** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. Richards to approve the contract Alpena Marc Staff in the amount of \$3,433.00 a month.

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**MOU- CEDAM and Oscoda Township**– Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the first Memo of Understanding between the township and CEDAM..

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**MOU – Black Swamp Services**– Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve second Memo of Understanding creating a “pass through” arrangement with the Township so that Black Swamp Services (Todd Dickerson) can employ a person through his company directly or contractually. The Township will request the remaining funds for the former CEDAM fellow, and it will be sent to the Township to be held in our accounts. Black Swamp Services will then make draws on these funds to pay for the services of another individual until the funds are depleted. This will allow the Economic Improvement Director to have a person assisting in his efforts to finish out the process originally desired through the CEDAM fellowship program.

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**Demolition of 643 Bissonette Road Property** –Postpone to create an RFP.

**Ferguson Water Meter Pit Purchase** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve to replenish our supply of water meter pits as we now have only one 1” meter pit in stock at this time. The proposal from Ferguson Waterworks will purchase twelve (12) 1” meter pits and the accessories for this. I recommend that the Board approve the proposal from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$11,046.72 from 591-000-974.000 Capital Improvement/Outlay.

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### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2021-15: Notice of Intent-Capital Improvement Bonds** – – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to Approve RESOLUTION TO ACQUIRE AND CONSTRUCT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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**Resolution No. 2021-16: To Adopt Procedures for the Granting and Removal of Real Property Tax Exemptions** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to Approve RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE GRANTING AND REMOVAL OF REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.

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**Resolution No. 2021-17: Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Untimely Filed Property Transfer Affidavits** – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to Approve The resolution as presented waiving the penalty and interest for untimely filed property transfer affidavits.

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### **OTHER**

**Lake Street Property LOI** –Table the LOI from Oscoda Hotels, LLC to purchase the Lake Street Redevelopment Site for \$300,000.00.

**Lake Street Property MOU** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve Drafting a joint MOU with conditions for both parties to be for 45 days.

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**Friedman Listing Agreement** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer approve contract with Broker (Friedman Real Estate Brokerage Inc., a Michigan corporation, whose address is 34975 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48331) until 11:59 P.M. February 11, 2022 (the "Listing Period"), the exclusive right to sell the real estate located at 5671 N Skeel Avenue, City of Oscoda, County of Oscoda, State of Michigan, commonly known as 5671 N Skeel Ave. ("Property") Based on Mr. Freel reviewing.

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**Possible Social Media Policy Violation** – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to have this referred to the policy council.

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**Micromanagement Issue** – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to Approve having this issue moved to the policy council.

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**Bank Statement Reconciliation** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to Approve the Bank Statement Reconciliations to be moved back to the treasurer's office to be completed and then checked by the clerk Presented to the board in email and on the agenda.

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**Recommendation for Hiring a CPA** – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to Approve soliciting proposals for CPA services and training through all agencies.

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**Chamber of Commerce – 4 th of July Parade Request** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce to use Furtaw Field on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for a staging area for the parade.

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**Proposed Board Protocol Change- Agenda** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to postpone until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**Website Content Discussion/Review** – <https://cms9.revize.com/revize/oscoda/> .



**Part Time Clerical employee – Treasurer’s Office** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to postpone until our next meeting.

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**MTA Dues Subscription** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve payment of the MTA Dues in the amount of \$6229.65 to be paid from GL 101-299-882-000 and to approve payment of the Premium Pass learning subscription in the amount of \$1900.00 to be paid from GL 101-101-960-000.

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**Violation of Flag Code Complaint** –Complaint in regard to US Flag Code paragraph 8, subsection (g) which states: The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture or drawing of any nature. As the Township Board approved this flag to be purchased and flown, I am asking that you respond collectively to this complaint. General consensus to replace Memorial Flag with a new one that does not have an American Flag background and cost no more than \$250.00. Supervisor Richards to cover cost of new flag.

**Skeel Ave LOI** – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to accept the LOI from Danto Builders in the amount of \$60,000.00.

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**Public Comment** –

**Jessica Hanson**- I was just thinking since the last meeting when the attorney was put in motion to investigate a harassment complaint. Might want to have a third party for these types of situations.

**Terry Birkenbach**- I had spoken to the board on a special meeting about having a cornhole tournament this weekend.

**Brian Haley**- Discussed the need to protect our beach.

**Board and Staff Comments** –

**Mr. Wusterbarth**- None

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**Mr. Cummings-** None

**Mr. Spencer-** Discussed development over the last 30 years.

**Mr. Palmer-** The housing study was done based on what is needed now to house our current workers without Space X even being factored in. Big Fishing Tournament Sponsored by Cabela's coming in July.

**Ms. Richards-** Apologized for having to delay appointments until application process is complete.

**Ms. McGuire-** Drop off refuse permits available for \$10.00 at the treasurer's office. Give us a call at 989-739-3211.

**Mr. Sutton:** Thank you for getting through this agenda and tackling the issues tonight for the township. You guys rock!

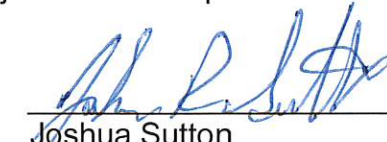
**INFORMATIONAL:**

1. Charter PEG Channel Removal
2. Library Spring Art Show

**Adjourn** – Ms. Richards made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 p.m.



Ann Richards  
Supervisor  
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton  
Clerk  
Charter Township of Oscoda

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