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## Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 24, 2023

**Call to Order** – Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 06:31 p.m. The meeting was held at SHORELINE PLAYERS 6000 N. Skeel Ave. Oscoda, MI 48750.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Roll Call** – Board Members Present: Ms. McGuire, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Tasior, Mr. Palmer  
Board Members Absent: Mr. Wusterbarth  
Others Present: Ms. Kline, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Winn, Mr. Richmond

**Consent Agenda** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve:

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023
2. Special Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2023
3. Special Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2023

Finance:

1. Payment of Bills (Oscoda Township) – Total – \$153,044.71
  - a. Prepaid – \$43,894.67
  - b. Check Run – March 31, 2023 - \$3,800.00
  - c. Check Run – April 3, 2023 - \$1,443.85
  - d. Check Run – April 4, 2023 - \$32,188.53
  - e. Check Run – April 6, 2023 - \$26,263.32
  - f. Check Run – April 11, 2023 - \$17,511.79
  - g. Check Run – April 18, 2023 - \$27,942.55
  - h. Checking Report - Bond Interest Expense – 3 payments left.
  - i. Checking Report - Bond Interest 2015 – 5 payments left.
  - j. Checking Report - Overpayments of Tax Bills
  - k. Investments – March 2023

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- I. EFT Report – WEX
- m. Checking Report – C2R2
- n. Checking Report – CWSRF
- o. Checking Report – Bond Payments New report provided.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

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

1. April 2023 Engineering Report – Rick Freeman – Working on wrapping up last year's projects as equipment comes in. Pump station 25 has been approved to add odor control into the project by EGLE. Phase 3 trial project is moving along on target. Still working with Catherine and her staff on water loss and homing in on locations for investigation. Mission St. lining project is on the agenda tonight. We did get direction on the grant from Gary Peters for 3 million dollars. Spark grant cycle two submission in process. MEDC Revitalization grant submission again this year. Holiday Inn Express meeting for water connection tomorrow.
2. Oscoda Charter Twp 2024 CWSRF Project Plan – Dave Richmond  
3 options for addressing the issues.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:**

**Drop Off Refuse Dates 2023** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to approve *the two above listed dates, June 10, 2023, and September 9, 2023, for the community Drop Off Refuse event.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Township Engineer Contract Renewal** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the contract renewal proposal submitted by Mr. Freeman for Township Engineer Services and have the Superintendent execute the contract.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Pump Station #4 Replacement Parts Purchase** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the replacement parts purchase request in the amount of*

*\$12,033.71 to be paid from Fund 590-000-890.000. (Contingency as this was not a budgeted repair cost).*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Dust Control Bid Award** – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to approve *the application of Liquidow for Liquid Calcium Chloride in the amount of \$0.648 per gallon from 203-000-969-000.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Fire Hydrant Purchase Request** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the purchase of 5 fire hydrants from EJ USA, Inc. in the amount of \$15,801.40 to be paid from Fund 591-000-974.000. (Capital Improvement/Outlay).*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Sting Invoice and Report -** Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to postpone *the STING Invoice of \$9,795.80 to be paid from the Police Fund 207-000-801.000.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 107853** – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to approve *paying invoice 107853 for the Losco Exploration Trail in the amount of \$26,985.00 to be paid from 101-751-880-572.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 107959** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *paying invoice 107959 for Water System Improvements 2022 in the amount of \$5,865.00 to be paid from C2R2 after Reimbursement is available.*

ALL YEAS:



MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 107966** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve paying invoice 107966 for Wastewater Pump Station Improvements in the amount of \$1,162.50 to be paid from CWSRF after reimbursement is available.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 107971** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve paying invoice 107971 for As Needed Services in the amount of \$4,347.50 to be paid from 101-299-821-000.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 108062** – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve paying invoice 108062 for Lakewood Shores Mapping in the amount of \$9,161.00 to be paid from 236-266-801-000.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 107949** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve paying invoice 107949 for Old Orchard Park Campground Mapping in the amount of \$1,791.00 to be paid from 218-000-984-000.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Rowe Invoice 108105** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve paying invoice 108105 for Water System Improvement Project 2023 in the amount of \$12,600.00 to be paid from C2R2 after reimbursement is available.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**OWAA Building Lease – Fire Department** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to tentatively approve *the Superintendent to execute the lease contract with the OWAA for the Oscoda Township Fire Department in the amount of \$1.00 per year pending insurance and attorney review.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Fire Department Ventilation Fan Purchase Request** Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Tasior to approve purchasing the ventilation fan from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$4,450.00 to be paid from Fund 206-000-981-000. (Fire Equip. Replacement)

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Cured-in-Place Lining at Mission Drive RFP** – Mr. Tasior supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve the Superintendent to go out for bids for the Cured-In-Place lining of Mission Drive storm sewer.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2006-233 Amendments Public - Safety and Fire Emergency Response Cost Recovery** – First read and review.

**Resolution No. 2023-07: Agreement Between Iosco County and Oscoda Township for Housing Commission Services** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Tasior to approve *Resolution No. 2023-07: Agreement Between Iosco County and Oscoda Township for Housing Commission Services as presented.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Section 1.6 Permit Renewal from Ordinance 2021-270 – Marihuana Permit Renewals** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *Section 1.6 Permit Renewal from Ordinance 2021-270 – Marihuana Permit Renewals as presented.*

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**OTHER**

**Letter of Support Request – Interim Remedial Action to Remove PFAS at Former WAFB** – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to approve *Letter of Support Request – Interim Remedial Action to Remove PFAS at Former WAFB as presented.*

ALL YEAS:

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**Auto Dialer Discussion Revisited** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the superintendent to prepare process to call in emergencies to the county as needed and bring to the board.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Surplus Vehicle and Portable Building Sale Request** – Mr. Tasior supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve Surplus Vehicle and Portable Building Sale Request with correction to fund to deposit to the general fund.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Munetrix Software Renewal** – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *Munetrix Software Renewal for a three-year contract.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**AYSO Operating Agreement 2023** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve the *AYSO Operating Agreement 2023 as presented.*

ALL YEAS:



MOTION CARRIED

**Oscoda Youth Softball and Baseball Agreement 2023** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the *Oscoda Youth Softball and Baseball Agreement 2023 as presented.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Furtaw Field Use Request** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve the *NE Michigan Touch A Truck fundraiser as presented contingent on attorney review and adding adherence to the noise ordinance.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Annual Meeting of the Boards Scheduling** – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve the *Annual Meeting of the Boards on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2pm located at the Shoreline Theater.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Sergeant Position Appointment** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve the *promotion of Officer Gallahar to Patrol Sergeant effective 04-15-2023.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Change in Police Officer Employment Status – Ethan Brandt** – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve *Officer Brandt being transferred from probationary employment to seniority status effective 04-11-2023.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**Downtown Light Pole Banner Mounting Bracket Purchase Request** – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve the *Downtown Light Pole Banner Mounting Bracket Purchase Request in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.*

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**AuSable Resident Agenda Item Request** – Mr. Tasior supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to decline the AuSable Resident Agenda Item Request as presented.

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

**INFORMATIONAL:**

1. ACC Talks – Just Jobs
2. 2020-2023 Water Loss by Area
3. Oscoda Township Quarterly O&M Report 2023
4. Oscoda PFAS Status Report March 2023

**Public Comment** –

**Brenda Godfrey** – Question on Mr. Palmer moving into the EID office and update on financial advisor.

**Melinda Morgan** – Comments on new Supervisor office being the EID office that the previous Supervisor was removed from. Why are you blaming the treasurer and not the clerk for financial problems? On January 16th I sent the entire board a letter along with an e-mail expressing some serious concerns and asking for you as the elected board members to investigate. What is taking so long?

**Kevin Kubik** – Question when firefighter hire will be on the agenda, who is responsible for the newsletters, and request to be on agenda.

**Reta Engle** – Questions on Closed Session and legality of going into closed session, follow up on group home on Norway and issues with residents, follow up on financial advisor, and follow up on Kubik being on the agenda.

**Kelly Brown** – Talked about transparency and use of social media, providing all resignations to the board, posting open positions, question on if a fraud audit is being done, previous audit review, Downtown Beatification at the family fun fair, and mention of upcoming cleanup at the beach and open for more volunteers to help.

**Jeff Linderman** – Congratulations to officer promoted to Sergeant and question on if a test was administered and how the choice was made for this position.

**Clayton Jolly** – Talked about First Amendment and freedom of speech being violated last year when a woman was removed from the meeting.

**Board and Staff Comments** –

**Mr. Cummings** – Would like to add a Happening Business Section to the Agenda. I would like to discuss committee appointments and the FOIA Process at our next meeting. Still working on EIC Website with Digital55 as the contract needed to be

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amended. I don't have the status of a financial advisor. The Sergeant was chosen by the process laid out by the Union Contract and I am aware of testing being one of the components.

**Mr. Spencer-** The Oscoda Township Fire Department needs 800-megahertz radios to standardize communications across the county. The county requests that our fire department go out for a grant to help pay for them and see if maybe the Township can pay the difference. I would also

**Mr. Tasior-** I will work to the best of my abilities to fill this position. I'd also like to thank Jeff for applying for the position. This position is very serious, and I was surprised that only two people applied. I would really hope that in the future more people in the community will step forward.

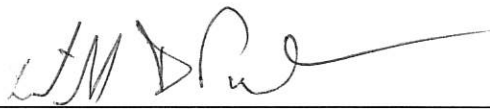
**Ms. McGuire-** I don't know what was going on with the timer for comment. I used the timer on my phone to ensure your time to speak and apologize if it seemed like you had unused time as I used my phone to make sure you had the full 4 minutes.

**Mr. Sutton-** I would like to remind everyone about the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, election.

**Mr. Palmer-** I have plans that when we hire a new EIC director I will find another location for my office hours. I mentioned before the person we were looking for to be a financial consultant has declined the offer and so we will be looking for someone else to fill that position in the future. I want to thank Ms. McGuire and her deputy for helping in the Clerk's office to make our accounts payable run a little more streamlined.

The workplace investigation is ongoing and we're waiting for a report I spoke with the attorney that's working on that a week ago and he is supposedly going to be wrapping that up and have a report on that to me soon.

**Adjourn** – Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn at 09:16 p.m.



William Palmer  
Supervisor  
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton  
Clerk  
Charter Township of Oscoda

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