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Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 25, 2023

Call to Order – Mr. Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was held at SHORELINE PLAYERS 6000 N. Skeel Ave. Oscoda, MI 48750.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Cummings,

Others Present: [Ms. Kline.] , Mr. Freeman

Agenda – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Sutton approve the agenda as presented.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment –

John Novak – I'm asking that an impact study be done on the lake before we put in any new drains.

Robert Blair – I am here in support of Oscoda hiring Don Bolen as Police Chief.

John Richards – I would be proud to have Don Bolen as my Township Police Chief.

Jeff Linderman – Cedar Lake Improvement board, I conducted a FOIA request with all townships and counties to get information on the CLIB. The CLIB is responsible for all those documents, and to date has not provided them. I would ask that the resolution before you tonight be postponed for collecting more information.

Lawrence Hazelton – A great concern on my part for changing the drain system. I would recommend getting a good engineering study.

Kelly Brown – Question on legal billing being charged too unallocated. Questions on hiring and interview process for new employees.

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Consent Agenda – Mr. Tasior supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve:

Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2023

Finance:

- a. Payment of Bills (Oscoda Township) – Total - \$ 298,287.29
- b. Prepaid – September 26, 2023 - \$ 59,461.92
- c. Check Run – September 19, 2023 - \$ 238,825.37
- d. Tax Overpayments - \$24,669.23
- e. C2R2 Payment - \$236,100.00
- f. SA Payoff – CLIF - \$1,050.00

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES: (As Available)

1. **OWAA** – Mr. Palmer – Repaved several taxi ways and are crack sealing in other areas. Repaving Perimeter Road and Car and Driver coming to the airport soon.
2. **Planning Commission** – Mr. Tasior – Case 108-2023 Storage Unit on US 23 will be scheduled for the October 2nd meeting. Changes and rezoning as well.
3. **ZBA** – Mr. Spencer – No update.
4. **LDFA** – Ms. McGuire – Going over parcels to update for the new capture.
5. **EIC** – Mr. Sutton – Discussed setting up work sessions to review EIC Bylaws and Strategic Plan.
6. **911** – Mr. Spencer – Next meeting will be on October 19th.
7. **HSRUA** – Ms. Kline – September 5th meeting. Discussed policies and mission. Also, Oscoda brought forth a motion to redesignate a Primary main to secondary main for fire hydrants on Lake St., which failed.
8. **RAB** – Mr. Palmer Alternate – Next RAB meeting will be November 8th with more information to come.
9. **Engineering** – Mr. Freeman – Report provided in the packet. Phases 5 and 3 are nearing completion. The 2024 DWRP \$7 million and CWSRF \$14.9 million have been tentatively approved pending next steps. Hull Island submitted and a request for more information is due by the first. We will be attending the MDNRF Meeting regarding this submission. Slip lining on Mission Ave. started today.
10. **Cedar Lake Improvement Board** – Mr. Wusterbarth – Next meeting is October 14th, Jaimie can you attend for me. (yes) I have two items left to finish reviewing and next meeting be asking for dissolution for the CLIB.
11. **Utility Sub-Committee** – Mr. Wusterbarth – Met on September 11th, we have a contract coming do for Water/Sewer services. Ms. Kline and I have been working on an RFP to bring to the board for services.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

IOSCO EXPLORATION TRAIL INVOICES – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to *Approve the payment of \$45,130.33 towards the Iosco Exploration Trail to be paid to the Iosco County Road Commission from 101-751-880.572.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

IOSCO EXPLORATION TRAIL INVOICES – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to *approve appropriations to Fund 101-751- 880.572 in the amount of \$45,130.00. (The Township has just applied for our first reimbursement in the amount of \$129,115.79 which we will be receiving soon).*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Invoice No. 110055 – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to *approve the payment of invoice 110055 for as needed services in the amount of \$1,666.00 to be paid from 101-299-821-000.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Invoice No. 110056 – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to *approve the payment of invoice 110056 for wastewater pump station improvements in the amount of \$340.00 to be paid from CWSRF (after reimbursement is available).*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Invoice No. 110059 – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to *approve the paying invoice 110059 for water system improvements in the amount of \$34,995.00 to be paid from C2R2 (after reimbursement is available).*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Invoice No. 110065 – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *the paying invoice 110065 for Oscoda Township River Rd Water Main Design in the amount of \$4,345.00 to be paid from 101-000-528-001.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

OSCODA PHASE III WATER MAIN PAY REQUEST NO. 5 – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve *the fifth pay request from Katterman Trucking, Inc., in the amount of \$129,492.00 to be paid from the C2R2 funds after reimbursement is requested and deposited into the Township's account.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

OSCODA PHASE V WATERMAIN PAY REQUEST NO. 7 – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve *the seventh pay request from Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc., in the amount of \$169,188.21 to be paid from the C2R2 funds after reimbursement is requested and deposited into the Township's account.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AN ORDINANCES

Corridor Business District Amendments – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to postpone *the Corridor Business District Amendments as presented.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2023-22 Regarding Lakewood Shores Drain – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *Resolution 2023-22 as presented.*

YEAS: Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tasiar, Mr. Palmer

NAYS: Mr. Spencer, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Wusterbarth

MOTION FAILED

Resolution 2023-22 Regarding Lakewood Shores Drain – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve *Resolution 2023-22 be rewritten with specifics in the resolution to be brought back to a special meeting as needed.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER

Police Department and Township Hall Server Purchase Request Update – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *the recommendation as presented.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Phase VI Water System Improvements Recommendation of Bid Award – Mr. Tasior supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the Bid award to Schaff and Associates in the amount of \$1,605,531.00.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Police Chief Hire Request – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the hiring of Don Bolen as Oscoda Township Police Chief pending a background check and a successful negotiation with the negotiation committee.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Fire Department Drug and Alcohol Policy – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve *the Fire Department Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Memo Request - Visa for Fire Department – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the Fire Department VISA Card in the Chiefs name with a \$3,000.00.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL:

Public Comment –

Dave Carmona – Thanks for taking care of Woodland Dr. Rick. Airport on call/on site fire fighters? Concern with transparency regarding hiring personal? I would like a copy of the hiring process.

Cathy Wusterbarth – Update on Oscoda Area Exposure testing. Over 500 people enrolled, 380 different households while working in waves to reach people for testing. They are scheduling appointments out through next year now. Results will be sent to you. Any questions or information can be answered by emailing at nowactiongroup@gmail.com.

Lawrence Hazelton – Questions regarding Resolution? Answered by board members.

Jeff Linderman – Thank you for denying that first resolution. Mention of balance and repair bills from the past couple years. This issue did not pop up overnight.

Kelly Brown – Questions, next budget work session? Old Business on the Agenda? Thank you, Mr. Spencer, for getting the Meeting Owl. Water loss liability for taxpayers? Transparency and consistency for hiring process.

Board and Staff Comments –

Mr. Wusterbarth-. I would like to state that I have received a lot of inquiries about how we hire. We have a Superintendent who is the CEO of the township. She is in charge, and we are her board of directors. The superintendent assumes all duties and responsibilities as the township personal director.

Mr. Tasior-. None.

Mr. Spencer-. After discussions and the attorney's advice, Facebook is a no go for us as it opens us to liability with custody of documentation.

Mr. Palmer-. RVs on the bike path need to be addressed as they keep going on it. Water loss explained again, cost based on budgeted use for HSURA. The hiring process has been the same as with the last four superintendents. We advertise the position and review applications as they come in. The superintendent interviews and recommends all hires to the board as the personal director.

Ms. McGuire-. We hired Tammy to do a job and it is hers to run.

Mr. Sutton-. Echo Ms. McGuire and Mr. Wusterbarth comments about superintendent.

1. Recycling Committee – Mr. Sutton - We received notice late last week that our grant proposal for the EGLE infrastructure grant was accepted. It was to cover the costs of

three drop off locations within Iosco County. We have extended our contract with RRS to assist us with implementation of the program. Next steps include host site agreements, determining the final site for the Tawas area, and an agreement with the Alpena Authority for processing.

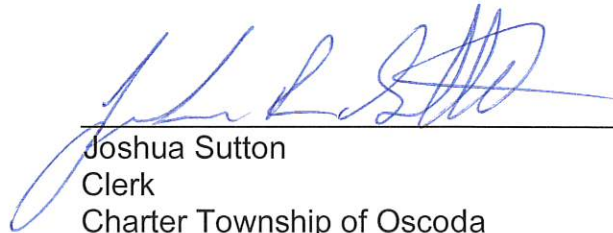
2. **Election Commission** – Mr. Sutton – We completed IOSCO COUNTY'S APPROVED MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL EARLY VOTING PLAN 2024 which will host early voting for the entire county at the Tawas Township Hall.

3. **Iosco Townships Association** – Mr. Sutton – We held our first meeting since January of 2020 on September 20th at the East Tawas Community Center. Next meeting will be in October.

Adjourn – Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn at 08:49 p.m.



William Palmer
Supervisor
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton
Clerk
Charter Township of Oscoda

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