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Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2022

Call to Order – Ms. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held at SHORELINE PLAYERS 6000 N. Skeel Ave. Oscoda, MI 48750 and virtually at web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81390980527> Call-in: (929)205-6099 Meeting ID: 813 9098 0527

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: [Ms. Kline.] , Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Freeman

Additions – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Spencer approve the addition of Renewal of Municipal Underwriters of West under Other Number 6, Remove Other Number 1 superintendent request to form a committee, add water loss report under reports number 3.

ALL YEAS

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment –

Jen Kitch- Topic to be discussed at second public comment.

Brian Haley- 4. Create a subcommittee for Township Hall. We never did a current structural needs assessment for township hall. The first step should have been to do a structural needs assessment of all the structures in the township. We have a lot of options.

Deb Rauch- Hybrid/Zoom Meetings – The board discussed that it wanted to be as transparent as possible by continuing to have Zoom Meetings even though we are back

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in person. The board already approved and paid for it and I think you should keep doing it. Now that you've committed to it and paid for it, you want to back out. This board should do all they can to be transparent. Shame on anyone who votes to end Zoom.

Lary Holland- First Net Contract- When Verizon moved their tower north it affected our service and ability to use the service. The people on the First Net like police officers will have the highest level of service. This will be a smart move for the township. They prioritize service for law enforcement, fire department, and first responders.

Consent Agenda – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2022, 2. Payment of Bills (Oscoda Township) – Total - \$48,012.56 a. February 1, 2022 - \$33,641.39, b. Prepaid – February 2, 2022 - \$725.78, c. Check Run – February 15, 2022 - \$13,645.39, d. Check Report – February 8, 2022, e. Cemetery Revenue Payment for 2021 – Ausable Township

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROJECT UPDATES: (As Available)

1. 911 Board Update- Ann Richards Per a recommendation of the EMS Subcommittee the MMR contract is being cancelled by the County, Management will be taken over by the county in March 2022. Ray Brunning will be the EMS Manager. Mike Eller to be the Director of Emergency Services as well as 911 Director. GIS project is in the verifying and updating Phase. Danny Gallhar has been working on Oscoda Township locations.

February 17 date to return verification of locations and corrections within the county. 800 mhz pager update: everyone now has, beginning February 15 EMS will be receiving alerts over new pagers instead of radio.

2. Economic Improvement Director Report- Todd Dickerson RRC progress update, Aune auction update, Skeel Dr. – housing developers express interest.

Annual Meeting of the Boards is March 16th at 6:00pm here at Shoreline Theater.

3. Water Loss Report- Mark F&V

Boil water in effect until tomorrow morning.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Fire Department Capital Improvement Plan Project – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Cummings to approve *the Fire Chief to begin the process of bunker gear replacement for our fire fighters with available funds from 206- 000-981.000 previously allocated for truck replacement.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe Engineering Invoices DWRF – Ms. McGuire supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *paying Invoice No. 0101297 - \$22,097.50, Invoice No. 0101298 - \$6,317.50, and Invoice No. 0101295 - \$23,065.50.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Rowe Engineering Invoices CWSRF – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Ms. McGuire to approve *paying Invoice No. 0101301 - \$16,140.00.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Parks Truck RFP Request – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *the Parks and Recreation Directors request to go out for RFP for a new Parks Plow truck.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Wireless Service Provider Contract Change Request – FIRST NET – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *the cancellation of Verizon wireless services and the changeover to First Net in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Patrol Car Grant Funding Authorization Request – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Sutton to approve *Chief David's Request to apply for grant funding for the 2 new vehicles for purchase in the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan through a USDA Grant for patrol vehicles.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Ausable Hardware Property Donation Request Placeholder, Phase 3 Meter Replacement Proposal – Placeholder, and Oscoda Township Property – Parcel #021-R30-000-013-00 Placeholder – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Ms. Richards to approve *postponement of all three awaiting further information.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Postal Meter Services Agreement – Mr. Cummings supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *Pitney Bowes Postage meter as recommended by the Township Clerk.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2022-03: Designation of Depositories – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Palmer to approve *the Resolution as presented for Designation of Depositories.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER

Board Discussion of Hybrid/Zoom Meetings – Mr. Spencer supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve to *discontinue Hybrid/Zoom Meetings at this time.*

YEAS: Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wusterbarth, Mr. Spencer, and Mr. Cummings
NAYS: Ms. McGuire and Ms. Richards

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion of Harassment, Slander and Liable Issues of Township Employees and Appointed Commissioners – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve *the township attorney to review statements for possible recourse in an amount of 10 hours' time at \$170.00 an hour.*

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ALL YEAS:

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Creation of a Sub-Committee within the Planning Commission to Investigate and Initiate the Planning Process for a New Multi-Use Facility to Include: Community Center, Police, Fire, Community Meeting Space and Township Offices – Mr. Sutton supported a motion by Mr. Wusterbarth to approve *Creation of a Sub-Committee within the Planning Commission to Investigate and Initiate the Planning Process for a New Multi-Use Facility to Include: Community Center, Police, Fire, Community Meeting Space and Township Offices*

YEAS: Mr. Spencer, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wusterbarth
NAYS: Mr. Cummings, Ms. McGuire, Ms. Richards

MOTION CARRIED

AuSable Canoe Marathon Program Ad Request – Mr. Wusterbarth supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *the add as presented and payment in the amount of \$500.00.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

Renewal of Municipal Underwriters of West MI – Mr. Palmer supported a motion by Mr. Spencer to approve *renewal and payment in the amount of \$81,597.00 to Municipal Underwriters of West MI.*

ALL YEAS:

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL:

1. What's Next? – ACC Campus Next
2. OTFD January 2022 Activity Report

Public Comment –

Nancy Howse- I am here as the director of the Chamber of Commerce. I apologize for not being here at the last meeting to speak on the Add proposed. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of our members. Thank you for your continued support of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Jenn Kirtch- I kicked off a fire storm on Facebook and I believe the response to that comment was not meant as I took it either. When I stepped back a few weeks ago and looked at the comments and effects on our community and realized it was not good for our community. Stepping back, I did some research of my own. We are lacking events in town. We need to get people drawn to our area through events. I bring the fun.

Cathy Wusterbarth- Good news that the work that the goals and objectives plan is almost done with the Master Plan, The Parks Plan, and the Strategic Plan are already done for you. These are our guiding lights. Related to PFA's exposure we will have a survey for exposure and possible water and blood testing that is valued at a cost of \$900.00 per patient. If you live in Oscoda please consider being involved in this study. DOD fielded some questions with us as to contamination of PFA's and said that there was no contamination.

Robert Taisor- I have been coming up for the last 8 years discussing the importance of our Master Plan. Since 2017 we spent a little over \$18,000.00 on our master plan. It was no surprise that I didn't like how vague it was. We did pass it despite it being imperfect. Last year we updated the plans with Beckett and Raeder. The goals and objectives are now specifically defined. We have a 20-year plan in place to keep moving our township forward and when completed the strategic plan will put more tasks on the list. We must have an active Master Plan and Strategic Plan to move forward.

Lary Holland- We keep authorizing the attorney to do things and I would like to hear some information on things already authorized for review. It is not the townships job to cover litigation for employees. But it is the townships job to protect that trademark, so let's do it. I want to see a push from the township for people to get their water tested. I encourage everyone to be positive.

Deb Rauch- I sent a letter to the township Clerk requesting that something be put on the agenda, and I never heard back. I can't believe you guys voted to remove Zoom.

Brian Haley- I clearly said last year that this issue with Furtaw was not going to go away. I believe that the pressure your feeling is due to unresolved issues with Furtaw. I would like to review everything we did against Furtaw on the next board meeting, and I want to be on the agenda. I want to bring in a retired judge to the next meeting or the one after.

Board and Staff Comments –

Mr. Wusterbarth- Condolences to Todd and his family. Tammy you are doing a great job keep it up.

Mr. Cummings- RAB Meeting at 5pm Wednesday February 16, 2022 here at the Shoreline Players with online access available.

Mr. Spencer- None

Mr. Palmer- None

Ms. Richards- None

Ms. McGuire- Thank Mark for taking care of the water situation. Some people saw the post on Facebook and heard it on the radio, but it was not on our sign or on the website. We also have email capability to in BS&A. I know that the water department is supposed to do door to door and didn't.

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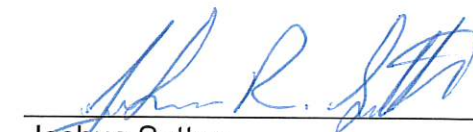
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Mr. Sutton- None

Adjourn – Ms. Richards made a motion to adjourn at 09:28 p.m.



Ann Richards
Supervisor
Charter Township of Oscoda



Joshua Sutton
Clerk
Charter Township of Oscoda

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