

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 29, 2007**

PRESENT: Anthony G. Forlini, Supervisor
Jan P. Jorgensen, CMC, Clerk
Darrin S. York, Treasurer
Michael H. Rice, Trustee
James A. Ulinski, Trustee

EXCUSED: Sharon Eineman, Trustee
Robert I. Garvin, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Huth Jr., Township Attorney
Bill Kinney, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Dave Nummer, Township Engineer
Carl Seitz, Chief
Battalion Chief Robert Knapp
Sergeant Andrew Houde
Firefighter Frederick Darga
John Gabor, Deputy Treasurer
Adam Wit, Deputy Supervisor
The Honorable Linda Davis, Chief Judge
The Honorable Sheila Miller, Judge

BOARD FORUM

Board Members addressed individual resident concerns.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Pastor Matt Trombley from Life of Purpose Christian Church.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the consent agenda with an addendum to amended the Bills from \$1,215,523.48 to \$1,215,915.38 to include two bills; one in the amount of \$205.00 to Citizen Planner and second \$186.90 to Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, and addendum V. Approve for the Clerk to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's Annual Conference June 26-29, 2007 in the amount of \$325.00. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 05/14/07 & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 05/07/07

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of 5/14/07 and Special Meeting Minutes of 05/07/07 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,215,915.38

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Bills in the amount of \$1,215,915.38 representing the \$1,215,523.48 as presented in the board packet and the amendment of \$391.90 representing two checks, \$205.00 to Citizen Planner and \$186.90 to Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE OF THE APRIL 2007 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the April 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL FOR WATER & SEWER TO PURCHASE POSTAGE TO MAIL WATER QUALITY REPORTS FOR 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,114.44

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve for Water & Sewer to purchase postage to mail Water Quality Reports for 2006 in the amount of \$2,114.44 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY CONSENT AGENDA ADDENDUM REQUEST FOR THE CLERK TO ATTEND THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 26-29, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325.00

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the expenditure for the Clerk to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's Annual Conference June 26-29, 2007 in the amount of \$325.00, in Troy Michigan as presented. This is a budgeted expenditure. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Ulinski to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of item D.1 Request the Township Attorney to draft a new Ordinance and new policy that addresses retirement and benefits for elected officials and their duties, to be brought back at a future board meeting, to include to receive donation to the Historical Commission in the amount of \$1,250.00 under Supervisor and Board Comments, to move D.2 Establish a contract negotiation committee to pursue and complete negotiation with unions to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for the AFSCME 1103 and Firefighter Union negotiations, and move Public and Board Comments before Closed Session. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Karczewski, Chairperson of the Historical Commission announced that they received a

donation from the Concerned Citizens of Harrison Township in the amount of \$1,250.00, and thanked them publicly for their generous donation. It was announced that the Township is still looking for volunteers for the Relay for Life - 24 hour walk on June 9 & 10 to support cancer research. The walk will begin at Mt. Clemens High School at 10:00 a.m. The Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a fishing Derby on June 9, 2007 and everyone is welcome. There is no cost, and you do not need a fishing license. Tomorrow, May 30, 2007, the Board of Trustees will be attending an Enhanced Use Lease meeting at Selfridge at 9:30 a.m. and will report back with information learned. A resident offered his comment.

Motion by Mrs. Jorgensen, and seconded by Mr. Rice to receive and file the Supervisor and Board Announcements and to accept the donation in the amount of \$1,250.00 on behalf of the Historical Commission from the Concerned Citizens of Harrison Township. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO THREE FIREFIGHTERS DURING THE WILD LAND FIRE ON APRIL 16, 2007

As part of the Harrison Township Fire Department's policy to publicly recognize and reward extraordinary, exceptionally meritorious, and/or outstanding acts or services that are above and beyond that normally expected, during the wild land fire on April 16, 2007 three firefighters performed at an exceptional level which significantly contributed to the averting a catastrophic loss, Chief Seitz presented to Battalion Chief Robert Knapp, Sergeant Andrew Houde, and Firefighter Frederick Darga, each a Harrison Township Fire Service Commendation, in recognition of their stellar performance in leadership.

Motion by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to receive and file. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW 41-B DISTRICT COURT

Judge Davis presented a short update on the progress of the new 41-B District Court, stating that the building is on schedule and under budget. Judge Davis responded to a skewed article that appeared in the Macomb Daily stating that yes, they have met hardship with regards to less revenue, and are confident that by year end will be in the black, because of newly established programs to collect old debts, making up the short fall in revenues. Judge Davis also spoke to cuts made in administration, losing employees and not filling those positions. She stated that in the near future the Board members will be invited to tour the construction site, to see first hand the progress. Board members complimented Judge Davis on a stellar job she is doing in overseeing the construction of the 41-B District Court Building, and in keeping the project on schedule and under budget. A short video was viewed showing the construction progress of the 41-B District Court building.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. York to receive and file the report/update on the progress of the new 41-B District Court as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR OFFICE

RESOLUTION FOR DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ADAM WIT FOR THE ROBERT R. ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A resident shared a comment.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Townships Association administers a scholarship fund established in memory of Robert R. Robinson, former executive director of the association, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the scholarship fund is to help students in Michigan who are preparing for a career in public administration and scholarship recipients are selected from nominees submitted by MTA member township boards, and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Supervisor of the Charter Township of Harrison, Adam Wit, is pursuing a masters degree in Public Administration through Oakland University, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Supervisor Wit volunteers his time in support of the community through organizations like the township's Environmental and Beautification Committees and the St. Hubert's Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS, through these volunteer efforts, he has helped coordinate the Freezewalk, a fundraiser for Parks and Recreation, the Arbor Day Tree Planting, which helped plant close to 1,000 trees in our community, and securing Township property, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Supervisor Wit helps the Trustees of the Township with requests for the variety of committees that they serve on as board liaisons, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Supervisor Wit work's full time at the Township striving for efficient local government and is constantly trying to professionally improve himself by attending training through the Michigan Township's Association and SEMCOG as well as working towards his masters degree, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Supervisor Wit tasks at the Township include coordinating human resource issues, managing the Assessing, Building, Fire, Maintenance and Water and Sewer departments and he has gained an intimate understanding of how these departments are run, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Supervisor Wit voluntarily attends all Township Board Meetings in order to be available to answer questions and be an active part of the governance of Harrison Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter

Township of Harrison support and nominate Deputy Supervisor Adam Wit for the Robert R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to adopt the above and foregoing resolution nominating Deputy Supervisor Adam Wit for the Robert R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship as presented.

**Roll Call: Ayes: York, Rice, Ulinski, Jorgensen, Forlini
Nays: None
Excused: Eineman, Garvin
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Sam Buschell, resident, requested that the Board update concerned residents in writing, regarding the removal of trees off of Emerick and to where the wetlands have been mitigated. He informed that Board that if they did not notice residents that he would. He also updated the Board that the Building Department is allowing work to continue on lot 1 of St. Clair Haven.

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Jim Ulinski responded to his right, pursuant to statue, as a board member to ask for and then withdraw his request for a special meeting as was done for the cancelled May 21, 2007 special meeting. He also spoke to the appointment of ZBA alternates, and that there should not be a primary and secondary appointments rather, the ZBA Chairperson should decided who will be asked, based on availability.
2. Mr. York had no comment.
3. Mrs. Jorgensen had no comment.
4. Mr. Rice spoke to dredging contractors completing one job before moving onto another, and that their bonds should be held if they do not complete the job. He spoke to Act 51 monies and requested that the Supervisor investigate with the County how much money was allocated for road repairs in Harrison Township, and where the money is going.
5. Mr. Forlini responded to Mr. Rice requests for Act 51 dollars, and stated that he will request the money allocated for Harrison Township for the last 25 years. He also spoke to the summer shuttle bus program and success in use the first weekend.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR AFSCME 1103 AND THE FIREFIGHTERS UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Ulinski to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy for AFSCME 1103 and the Firefighters Union negotiations at 8:27 p.m.

**Roll Call: Ayes: York, Ulinski, Rice, Jorgensen, Forlini
Nays: None
Excused: Eineman, Garvin
MOTION CARRIED.**

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Ulinski to enter into Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Rice, Ulinski, York, Jorgensen, Forlini
Nays: None
Excused: Eineman, Garvin
MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. York to engage with the Fishman Group for a (3) three year contract for AFSCME 1103 union negotiations, in the amount of \$17,400.00 annually, subject to the Township Attorney’s review of the contract. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Ulinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared & Submitted by,

Approved by,

**Jan P. Jorgensen, CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Harrison**

**Anthony G. Forlini, Supervisor
Charter Township of Harrison**