

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2008**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Huth, Township Attorney
Bill Kinney, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Carole Ryan, Assessor
Carl Seitz, Fire Chief
Adam Wit, Deputy Supervisor
Dave Nummer, Township Engineer

BOARD FORUM

Board Members addressed individual resident concerns.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Consent Agenda with the Bills in the Amount of \$2,598,371.41 and the following Emergency Addenda as presented from the Assessor, VI. Approval to Accept the Board of Review Alternative Meeting Date of Tuesday, March 3, 2008 and to amend the Annual Calendar to reflect the Change, and VII. – Adoption of the Property Tax Relief Policy Establishing Federal Poverty Guidelines Updated Annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the Harrison Township Property Tax Policy Guidelines. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 12/10/07 AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF 12/17/07

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 12/10/07 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of 12/17/07 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,598,371.41

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the Bills in the Amount of \$2,598,371.41 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CUB SCOUT PACK 152 REQUEST THE USE OF THE BEAUFAIT ADDITION AND WAIVER OF FEES ON JANUARY 26, 2008 FOR THEIR SPACE DERBY

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve the waiver of fees for the Beaufait Addition at Rosso Hall for Cub Scout Pack 152 Space Derby on January 26, 2008, and require that they post the \$100.00 refundable cleaning deposit and complete the lease agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve to renew the annual membership fee for the Clinton River Watershed Council in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Y2008 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF INVENTORY REPLACEMENT FOR WATER MAIN PARTS FROM HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,958.07, \$329.50 TO ETNA SUPPLY, AND \$278.50 TO EAST JORDAN IRON WORKS

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve for the Water & Sewer Superintendent to issue purchase orders in the amount of \$30,958.07 to HD Supply Waterworks, \$329.50 to ETNA Supply, and \$278.50 to East Jordan Iron Works to cover the annual cost of purchasing water meters and related parts as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF REVIEW ALTERNATIVE MEETING DATE OF TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 AND TO AMEND THE ANNUAL CALENDAR TO REFLECT THE CHANGE

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve to accept the Board of Review alternative meeting date of Tuesday, March 11, 2008 and to amend the Annual Calendar to reflect the Board of Review Meeting date to Tuesday, March 11, 2008 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF POLICY ESTABLISHING FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES UPDATED ANNUALLY BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AS THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX POLICY GUIDELINES

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Rice to adopt the Property Tax Relief Policy Establishing Federal Poverty Guidelines Updated Annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as presented as the Harrison Township Property Tax Policy Guidelines. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor thanked Maria Zinga and the Building Department for holding a FEMA Workshop on December 18, 2007 for residents and community official to discuss DEQ and DNR flood plain issues and requirements and for their efforts in assisting Township residents in saving money regarding flood insurance. The Supervisor announced that Harrison Township is the only community that is 100% in compliance with FEMA regulations. A reminder that the Relay for Life event is scheduled for May 31, 2008 – June 1, 2008 and to refer to the Harrison Township's website to link to the Relay for Life website for additional information and to register your team. Also St. Hubert is presenting "Dinner With a Perfect Stranger" January 27, 2007, please contact the Rectory for tickets and show time information. The Clerk announced that tomorrow is election day and reminded registered voters to get out and vote. She also reminded voters to be prepared to show picture ID at their polling locations and to be prepared to select a specific ballot type, either Republican or Democratic ballot. She announced that the VOTE ELECTION DAY sign was up at 16 and Crocker Blvd., and looks great, and hopes the reminder will increase voter turn out. The Treasurer announced that the Township was successful in the Sundog Litigation. Mr. Garvin thanked the Board for their continued support for the MCREST Program and for the use of the SMART busses. He stated that this year's program at Trinity was successful. Mrs. Eineman announced that the Holiday Night at Greenfield Village event was successful and thanked those individuals that attended.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. York to Receive and File the Supervisor and Board Announcements as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE FIRE CHIEF TO FILL COMMAND OFFICER POSITION VACANCIES RESULTING FROM THE RETIREMENT OF BATTALION CHIEFS KNAPP AND ELLIOTT

The Fire Chief stated that two (2) Battalion Chiefs are retiring this month. Chief Knapp officially retired effective January 3, 2008 after 23 years of dedicated service. The vacancy created by the retirement of Battalion Chief Knapp is scheduled to be filled by Lt. Frank Share. The next eligible candidate on the Lieutenants list, Andrew Houde, would then fill Lieutenant Share's position and the next candidate for Sergeant, Chris Syeon will fill Sergeant Houde's position. Chief Elliott will retire effective January 17, 2008 after 27 years of dedicated service. The vacancy created by the retirement of Battalion Chief Elliott is scheduled to be filled by Lt. Warren Castor. The next eligible candidate on the Lieutenants list, Mark Hoskin, would then fill Lieutenant Castor's position and the next candidate for Sergeant, Mike Barnhard will fill Sergeant Hoskin's position. The procedures for these promotions are in accordance with Civil Service Act 78 and Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). All of the above mentioned personnel meet the minimum requirements. In addition, two vacancies will then exist at the entry level as a result of these retirements which will be filled at a later date. Candidates were present at the meeting and after a

brief introduction of each candidate they were presented from the Chief, with their promotional ribbons.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Eineman approve the Fire Chief's request to promote the following individuals ; Franklin Share to the rank of Battalion Chief, Andrew Houde to the rank of Lieutenant, and Christian Syeon to the rank of Sergeant effective January 3, 2008. Warren Castor to the rank of Battalion Chief, Mark Hoskin to the rank of Lieutenant, and Mike Barnhard to the rank of Sergeant effective January 17, 2008. All promotions are subject to a 6-month probationary period in accordance with Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Rice announced that he has been working with the Base in regard to obtaining a piece of the Base's property located on the North side of the River for a future site for a 3rd fire station in the area where the two North River Roads come together. A comment from the Public was heard.

Motion by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to direct the Supervisor's Office to draft a letter to Selfridge Air National Base expressing the Township's interest in obtaining a conveyance of a portion of their property for a possible future site for a third fire station. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE'S REQUEST

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SAFETY OF SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Mrs. Eineman presented for consideration a resolution supporting safe use of Selfridge Air National Base. Board Members spoke to their position regarding the proposed public waterfront walkway and whether the proposed walkway would compromise security on and off the base. Board Members all concurred that ensuring the security of the base was vital. A letter dated November 26, 2007 from the Base Commander was read aloud stating the Base position that never would a course of action be pursued that would "intentionally adversely impact mission accomplishment or force protection on Selfridge". Comments from the Public were heard.

RESOLUTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

The Charter Township of Harrison Board of Trustees at their Regular Board Meeting held on January 14, 2008 at the Rosso Memorial Hall located at 38255 L'Anse Creuse Road, in said Township at 7:30 p.m., adopted the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, Selfridge Air National Guard Base has been an integral part of U.S. National Defense for many decades; and

WHEREAS, Selfridge Air National Guard Base has been a good neighbor to Harrison Township and its people; and

WHEREAS, the people of Harrison Township have strongly supported the mission of the men and women of Selfridge Air National Guard Base whatever the mission is; and

WHEREAS, a new Enhanced Use Lease program is being undertaken to enhance infrastructure improvements on the base to be consistent with national security; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Harrison Board of Trustees go on record as opposing any proposal that may compromise national security and endanger U.S. military personnel on and off the base and the residents of the Township of Harrison including any development on the waterfront.

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of said Resolution be sent to Honorable Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force; Honorable Carl Levin, U.S. Senator; Honorable Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator; Honorable Candice Miller, U.S. Congresswoman-10th District; Brigadier General Michael Peplinski, Commander Selfridge Air National Guard Base; Michael Beznos/Beztek Properties, and Thomas Cutler Major General AG State of Michigan.

Motion by Mrs. Eineman, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution supporting safe use of Selfridge Selfridge Air National GUARD Base.

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

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski that the BRAC Committee as established by this Board, Mrs. Eineman, Mr. Forlini and Mr. Garvin, get together and sit down and address our (Township's) concerns dealing with the bike path and start a vision group, working group to deal with the concerns that we (the Township) are going to have if the Air Force, Senate, Congress, decided to give to us i.e. security, who is going to pay for it and other issues that might be the resolved so that we (Township) can begin that process and put the motion under way with dealing with other communities to find out what their ideas are with their bike paths connecting to our bike paths and find out where some of this money is coming from. To work with the Federal Government to help get some of the money to help with it and the security issues and so forth, so that the burden does not fall to the citizens of Harrison. For the BRAC Committee to update the Board in three months. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Mr. Garvin offered no Board comments.
2. Mr. Rice offered no Board comments.
3. Mr. Ulinski announced that the Winowski Litigation is resolved.
4. Mrs. Eineman thanked the Board of Trustees for support.
5. Mr. York offered no Board comments.
6. Mr. Forlini reminded everyone to get out to vote.
7. Mrs. Jorgensen, too reminded everyone to get out to vote and that the discount Metro Park passes are still available, and are selling fast.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to adjourn. Meeting was announced adjourned at 9:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared and Submitted by,

Approved by,

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

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