

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 24, 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: Rosemary Davis, Township Attorney
Glenn Spencer, Finance Director
Bill Kinney, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Vijay Parakh, Building Official
Adam Wit, Deputy Supervisor
Dave Nummer, Township Engineer

BOARD FORUM

Board Members addressed individual resident concerns.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the following items to be placed under the Regular Agenda for discussion; II. Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$825,832.65, IV. Approval of the February, 2008 Revenue and Expenditures Report, VI. Approval to Appoint Fred Darga to the Firemen Pension and Retirement Board to Serve out the Term to July 31, 2009 for Robert Knapp's Appointment who Retired on January 3, 2008, VII. Approval for one (1) Member of the Pension Board to Attend the Spring Mapers Conference in Mt. Pleasant, from June 1-3, 2008, in the amount of \$334.00, VIII. Approval for Authorization to Renew the Firewall Protection on the Internet Systems in the Administration Offices and each Fire Station for Two (2) Years In the Amount of \$2,356.00. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 3/10/08

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 3/10/08 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT HCMA SEASONAL PARK STICKERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,300.00 TO RE-SELL TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to approve to purchase 100 discounted 2008 HCMA Seasonal Park Stickers totaling \$1,300.00 from General Fund appropriations, line item 101.999.000.730.000 Park Pass Expense, to resell to Harrison Township Residents, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2008 MEETING CALENDAR

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to approve to amend the FY 2008 Meeting Calendar as presented to correct the Firemen Pension and Retirement Board Meeting location from the Administrative Building (Conference Room) 38151 L'Anse Creuse to Fire Station No. 2, at 39460 Jefferson Ave., Harrison Township. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the need to follow policy when bringing forth items to be placed on the agenda for discussion. Residents' comments were heard.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to approve the Regular Agenda with the following Emergency Addendum requests; A.6 - Emergency Addendum Consent Agenda Request for Approval for the Building Official and two (2) Building Inspectors to attend the Reciprocal Electrical Council Meeting on April 2, 2008 in the amount of \$95.00, A.7 - Emergency Addendum Consent Agenda Request from the Fire Department to approve Fire Officer Training For Fire Fighter Paramedic Brian Lorkowski, and E.1 - Emergency Closed Session Addendum from the Supervisor's Office for Discussion Regarding Potential Property Acquisition, the insertion of the Consent Agenda items for discussion as follows; A.1 - Approval of the Bills in the amount of \$825,832.65, A.2 - Approval of the February, 2008 Revenue and Expenditures Report, A.3 - Approval to Appoint Fred Darga to the Firemen Pension and Retirement Board to Serve out the Term to July 31, 2009 for Robert Knapp's Appointment who Retired on January 3, 2008, A.4 - Approval for one (1) Member of the Pension Board to Attend the Spring Mapers Conference in Mt. Pleasant, from June 1-3, 2008, in the amount of \$334.00, A.5 - Approval for Authorization to Renew the Firewall Protection on the Internet Systems in the Administration Offices and each Fire Station for Two (2) Years In the Amount of \$2,356.00, and in addition the following items for discussion as requested by Trustee Garvin; D.3 – Discussion for Placing Trustee Items of the Agenda, D.4 – Rescind Motion that Approved to Hire Temporary Part Time Help in the Elections Department, D.5 – To Remove the Third Clerical Person in the Treasurer's Office, D.6 – Adding of a Trustee to the Contract Negotiating Team Regarding Local 1103 Negotiations, D.7 - Discussion of Wages vs. Benefits for the Three Full Time Officials, D.8 – Rescind Motion that Approved for the Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer to Attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute April 20-25, 2008 at Mt. Pleasant, in the amount of \$1,800.00, and A Closed Session Addenda to included under Closed Session, Receive an Update on the Rapp vs. Harrison Township Board Members litigation.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Garvin, Ulinski, Eineman, Rice
 Nays: York, Jorgensen, Forlini**

Excused: None
MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR/BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Supervisor announced that as printed in the Macomb Daily, the Macomb County Sheriff has created a citizen reserve unit to address illegal handicap parking issues to free up deputies to address other issues, and that a Townhall meeting to discuss "roads" will be scheduled for April 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Rosso Hall. The Clerk announced that it appears that a June 3, 2008 re-do presidential primary is dead, and other options are being discussed, that Absentee Voter Applications have been mailed out and are already coming back to the Office, and requested voters to be mindful to check off the box if they wanted to be added to the permanent Absentee Voter Application List. She also announced that discount HCMA Seasonal Park Stickers will be available for purchase to Harrison Township residents beginning Wednesday morning, at the Treasurer's Office. Mrs. Eineman announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee is hosting a bowling outing on Saturday, April 17, 2008 at Total Sports from 4-12:00, for \$9.00 which will include 2 games, pizza, pop, and shoes. For additional information and to reserve a spot contact 463-2647.

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 825,832.65

Mr. Garvin announced that he, along with Trustees Eineman and Rice will be contacting the Auditors regarding the prior years, before this Board took office, to determine the cause of the budget short fall in the Building Department, as well as to make sure that the policies for cutting and mailing checks are adhered to, pursuant to the Township's policies and procedures. Mr. Garvin also made inquiries to the Fishman bills as presented for approval. Residents' comments were heard.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mrs. Jorgensen to approve the Bills in the amount of \$825,832.65 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. Garvin that prior to any new involvement of the Fishman Group in personnel issues of the Township, that approval from the Board be obtained. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY, 2008 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES REPORT

Mr. Garvin requested that the Department Heads and full time Elected Officials make a verbal quarter report at the next regular board meeting and report where each department is with their expenses for the year thus far. Residents' comments were heard.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to Table the approval of the February, 2008 Revenue and Expenditures Report presented, until the next regular board meeting and have the Department Heads and three full time Official make a verbal report on

their respective departments expenses, and to a State of the Township Budget Review.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

APPROVAL TO APPOINT FRED DARGA TO THE FIREMEN PENSION AND RETIREMENT BOARD TO SERVE OUT THE TERM TO JULY 31, 2009 FOR ROBERT KNAPP'S APPOINTMENT WHO RETIRED ON JANUARY 3, 2008

Mr. Garvin inquired to the process on how the vacancy was filled.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman, to recognize the appointment of Fred Darga to the Firemen Pension Board, as Fire Fighter Represented through 07/31/09, to fill the vacancy created by Mr. R. Knapp's retirement, as elected by Harrison Township's Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 1737. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL FOR ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE PENSION BOARD TO ATTEND THE SPRING MAPERS CONFERENCE IN MT. PLEASANT, FROM JUNE 1 - 3, 2008, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$334.00

Mr. Garvin inquired if mileage was included in the cost to attend the conference as presented. The Board discussed whether to expense the conference costs to Administration or the Pension Fund, noting that the Township funds the Pension Fund, and that interest earned may offset these types of expenditures. Resident's comments were heard.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. York to approve for one (1) Member of the Pension Board to attend the Spring Mapers Conference in Mt. Pleasant, from June 1-3, 2008 in the amount of \$334.00, plus mileage, from line 101-999.000-809.731 Pension Costs, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FIREWALL PROTECTION ON THE INTERNET SYSTEMS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND EACH FIRE STATION FOR TWO (2) YEARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,356.00

Mr. Garvin announced that he is receiving junk mail and that the firewall is not working and requested that Mr. York work with SYO in coming up with a better system to filter out unwanted emails. Mr. York explained that the firewall works to filter out junk mail but may not catch all of it and the firewall also protects unwanted users from getting into our system. What is presented for approval is an agreement with SYO to renew our Firewall protection on the internet system in the Administration Offices and each Fire Station for two (2) years in the amount of \$2,356.00, which will allow new updates to our system, as well as allow SYO to perform future updates to our system as they are made available.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. York to approve to renew the agreement with SYO, for the Firewall protection on the internet system in the Administration Offices and each Fire Station for two (2) years in the amount of \$2,356.00, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY ADDENDUM CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND TWO (2) BUILDING INSPECTORS TO ATTEND THE RECIPROCAL ELECTRICAL COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 2, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95.00

Pursuant to the newly adopted policy, the Building Official requests approval for he and two (2) Inspectors to attend a Reciprocal Electrical Council Meeting in Warren on April 2, 2008 at a total cost of \$95.00. He states that the class is about swimming pools and will offer important information which will benefit the above mentioned department employees whom are attending.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to approve for the Building Official and two (2) Inspectors to attend a Reciprocal Electrical Council Meeting in Warren on April 2, 2008 at a total cost of \$95.00, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY ADDENDUM CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE FIRE OFFICER TRAINING FOR FIRE FIGHTER PARAMEDIC BRIAN LORKOWSKI

Pursuant to the newly adopted policy, the Chief requests approval for Fire Officer Training for Fire Fighter Paramedic Brian Lorkowski. Firefighters in Harrison Township are required to successfully complete all three levels and obtain 20 credit hours in a fire science degree curriculum from an accredited college before they are eligible for promotion. The completion of the classes requested to attend will certify FF Lorkowski to the State of Michigan Fire Officer III, and take the Civil Service Commission advancement test scheduled in May. The total cost to attend is \$1,520.00. The Board discussed that the expenditure was not appropriate at this time and questioned why the Township should have to pay overtime, if applicable, for any firefighter to attend schooling. It was suggested that the Chief be present to answer questions that some Board Members had prior to rendering a decisions for approval. It was also requested that the Fire Chief provide the ranking of this Officer as well as information regarding to overtime costs prior to making a decisions for approval. Resident's comments were heard.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to deny the Fire Chief's request.

Mr. Garvin offered an amendment to Table and have the Fire Chief bring back pertinent information such as the seniority list, why health and safety classes were included, and why was not the classes scheduled outside of overtime. Amendments accepted by Motion Maker and Supporter.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to Table and have the Fire Chief bring back the pertinent information for the Boards review in considering approval, at a Special Meeting if necessary.

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 15, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
MACOMB, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 15 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW EMERGENCY POWERS VESTED TO THE SUPERVISOR TO ISSUE TEMPORARY APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THE FINAL APPROVAL BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON:

Section 1. Article XV Section 15.05 (2) of the Zoning Ordinance, Charter Township of Harrison, Michigan, is hereby created to read as follows.

Section 15.05 (2)

THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF TWO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AN APPLICANT AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMIT VALID FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED THE NUMBER OF DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT AVAILABLE ZBA MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICANT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ZBA FOR FINAL TEMPORARY STRUCTURE APPROVAL.

PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMIT, THE SUPERVISOR SHALL REQUIRE THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE FIRE CHIEF, TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEEMED NECESSARY TO INSPECT THE PROPERTY AND APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY STRUCTURE CONFORMS TO ALL REGULATIONS AND TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO STRUCTURES PERMITTED IN THE PARTICULAR ZONING DISTRICT WHEREIN THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY STRUCTURE(S) WOULD BE LOCATED.

Section 2. Article XV Section 15105 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance, Charter Township of Harrison, Michigan, is hereby created to amended to read as follows:

Section 15.05 Approval of temporary structures or uses.

1. The zoning board of appeals may permit, upon proper application, temporary structures for periods not to exceed six months. All Seasonal structures regulated by the township's seasonal use ordinance are exempt from this section as well as tents erected on residential and commercial lots for a period not to exceed 7 days and thus are not required to appear before the zoning board of appeals for a temporary structure permit. The granting of six month extensions shall be permissible, but in no event shall any temporary structure or sign be allowed to exist in excess of 18 months. The zoning board of appeals, in granting permits for temporary structures, shall do so under the following conditions:

A. The proposed temporary structure shall conform to all regulations and township ordinances relative to structures permitted in the particular zoning district wherein the proposed temporary structure would be located.

B. The granting of a temporary structure permit shall be granted in writing, stipulating all conditions as to time for construction and removal and nature of the proposed structure.

C. No temporary structure permit shall be granted without the applicant having filed with the township building department a bond in an amount to be determined by the zoning board of appeals, which amount shall be set forth in the written grant of the temporary structure permit, which amount shall be sufficient to secure removal of said structure upon the expiration of the permit.

D. Any temporary structure permit granted by the zoning board of appeals shall not be valid unless and until a building permit for the proposed structure is obtained by the applicant. Any erection or construction of the temporary building shall be started and proceed to completion in accordance with the terms of the building permit. All setback, land coverage, lighting, off-street parking and other requirements shall be established and ~~made~~ approved by the building official at the discretion of the zoning board of appeals.

E. Any temporary structure must be located upon private property and not encroach upon lands not owned or leased by applicant.

F. If applicant is the lessee of the land upon which a temporary structure is desired, the applicant must provide a Letter of Understanding from the owner of the property providing the owner's concurrence for the temporary structure, and provide the owner's name address and phone number as well as a copy of the most recent rent or lease payment check signed by the applicant.

G. Sanitary facilities must be provided.

H. Any temporary structure utilizing electrical power of any nature must be inspected and approved by the Fire prior to final occupancy of the temporary structure.

I. Applicant shall provide to the Township a Hold Harmless Agreement for the erection and maintenance of the temporary structure.

E. The zoning board of appeals may, at its discretion refer the application to the township planning commission for review and recommendation.

F. The erection, construction, completion, use and maintenances of any temporary structure shall, at all times, be in full compliance with all state statutes, public health regulations and township ordinances.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion of this Ordinance, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication hereof.

Motion by Mr. York, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to Introduce the amendment to the Charter Township of Harrison, Chapter Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, Relating to Approval of Temporary Structures and Procedures and to publish for the first time with the intent to adopt at the next regular board meeting at the Charter Township of Harrison.

Roll Call: Ayes: York, Garvin, Eineman, Rice, Ulinski, Jorgensen, Forlini

Nays: None

Excused: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

ONE (1) APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE – TERM TO EXPIRE 3/24/11

At the January 28, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, the Environmental Committee's membership was

expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members with the addition of two (2) more resident positions. Ms. Landis has been involved with the committee since the formation and has made significant contributions. It is the recommendation of the Supervisor's office to appoint Ms. Landis to the Environmental Committee for a three year term to expire March 24, 2011.

Motion by Mrs. Eineman, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to appoint Ms. Terrell Landis to the Environmental Committee for a three year term to expire March 24, 2011, as recommended by the Supervisor. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE'S REQUEST

APPROVAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO INITIATE CONTACT TO VENDORS IN ANTICIPATION OF ACTIVATING A COASTAL CLEANUP PROJECT THIS SPRING

Mr. Ulinski stated that the Environmental Committee will focus on what is needed to having a spring cleanup project, such as contacting waste haulers for dumpster, and or reduced rates for renting a dumpster, and in contacting vendors in assisting to defer these kinds of costs.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Rice to approve for the Environmental Committee to initiate contact to vendors in anticipation of activating a Coastal Cleanup Project this Spring. MOTION CARRIED.

ATTORNEY OPINION TO OPT OUT OF THE SMART PROGRAM

The Township Attorney, Ms. Davis, reported back to the Board options to "opting out" of the SMART program. It was stated that Under Act 204, Macomb County is required to be a member of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), and does not allow under the act, for a township to opt out of a regional transportation authority. A township may elect to opt out of a public transportation authority created by Act 196 of 1986, but first the County Commission must create an authority, by adopting articles of incorporation by resolution by a 2/3's vote. Two options are available to Harrison Township; first, Macomb County Board of Commissioners may elect to opt out of the SMART program then Harrison Township would follow suit. Second, Macomb County Board of Commissioners can elect to form a public transportation authority pursuant to Act 196, and if done, Harrison Township would then be in a position to opt out. The Board held discussion to placing a question on the ballot asking if residents were interested in opting out or in drafting a resolution asking the County to consider creating an Authority. Fred Barbret, from SMART, was present and responded to questions from the Board and suggested that the Township and SMART work to being better partners and in ways that the Township can receive a better return on our investment. He stated that SMART is experiencing record ridership and the **TWO** most common complaints that he receives are, that there are too many buses, and **THEN** there are not enough buses. **MR. BARBRET ALSO STATED THAT HARRISON TOWNSHIP DOES NOT RECEIVE THEIR FAIR RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT, BECAUSE THEY ARE AT THE END OF THE ROUTE.** Residents offered comments.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to direct the Township Attorney, Mrs. Davis, to draft a resolution to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners requesting that they create an Transit Authority under Act 196 allowing Macomb County communities the opportunity to opt out.

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

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. York to recess for five (5) minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to reconvene at 11:18 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GARVIN'S ADDENDUM REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION FOR PLACING TRUSTEE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Garvin stated that he feels that the Clerk is censoring his agenda requests and asked the Township Attorney if the Clerk has that authority. The Township Attorney responded that she was not privy to the conversation between Mr. Garvin and the Clerk, and stated that she did not hear the Clerk deny his requests, but simply offered helpful assistance on how to find the information and made a recommendation in working with him with regard to his agenda requests. Mr. Garvin stated that he was denied and wants all agenda request items requested by Trustees to be placed on the agenda without questions or debate from the Clerk. The Clerk responded that Mr. Garvin's items were not denied and were scheduled for the April 14, 2008 agenda with Mr. Garvin's concurrence. The Clerk stated that she will continue to do her job as Clerk and still offer assistance to any and all Board Members with regard to their agenda items, but without question or debate, and will continue to follow the policy and procedures with regards to placing items on the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to allow all agenda items received in the Clerk's Office prior to 12:00 and that meets the criteria of the Township's policies and procedures regarding the placement of Agenda items, and that items requested be placed on the agenda without any questions or debate from the Clerk.

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

MR. GARVIN'S ADDENDUM REQUEST TO RESCIND THE MOTION THAT APPROVED TO HIRE TEMPORARY PART TIME HELP IN THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Garvin requested that the "maker" or "supporter" of the original motion offer to rescind the

motion. No response was offered. Mr. Garvin stated that it was necessary for the Township to pull back and save money, that the Board needs to get ready to line up with cuts and prepare for lay offs if necessary, because the Township is in union negotiations, the Township not jeopardize our position, and therefore recommends that the temporary employee in the Election Department be terminated immediately. Some Board Members concurred with Mr. Garvin's position and agreed that they are forced in this times to make cut backs. Mr. York stated that there were no underlying basis for Mr. Garvin's claims as he presented, and the Clerk responded that temporary help in needed in the Elections Department, that there are three more elections this year, and that it is unrealistic for this Board to think that election support is not necessary. Resident's offered comments.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Ulinski to terminate the temporary part time help in the Elections Department as of 3/25/08.

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

Mr. Garvin called for a Point of Order requesting that the Clerk rotate the board names in calling roll call, and directed the Attorney to confirm his request pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order. The Township Attorney stated that she would have to research the law. The Clerk responded that the order of roll call is Motion maker, supporter, then Trustee names called in alpha order and that has been the practice for over three and a-half years, and offered to research and report back to the Board her findings, regarding what the law requires.

The Clerk excused herself from the meeting.

MR. GARVIN'S ADDENDUM REQUEST TO ELIMINATE THE THIRD CLERICAL PERSON IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mr. Garvin praises the lock box system in place and states that the process frees up an individual from the Treasurer's Office to be placed in the Clerk's Department in a temporary assignment position at that individuals same rate of pay. Mr. Garvin stated that the Township has the right to move employees in areas of need under management rights. The Treasurer urged the Board to not eliminate that position from his Office, but instead suggested that they consider sharing the third person with the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Ulinski Called the question, seconded by Mr. Eineman

Mr. York motioned to adjourn the meeting

At 12:30 a.m., the Board excused the Clerk from the remainder of the Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to appoint Mr. Ulinski as Acting Clerk for the remainder of the Regular Board Meeting of March 24, 2008. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Mr. Ulinski, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to Call for the Question.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ulinski, Eineman, Forlini, Garvin, Rice
Nays: York
Excused: Jorgensen
MOTION CARRIED.

Residents offered comments.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Rice to eliminate the third clerical person in the Treasurer's Office and allow for that person to be assigned to the Clerk's Office on a 30 day Temporary Basis.

Roll Call: Ayes: Garvin, Rice, Eineman, Ulinski
Nays: York, Forlini
Excused: Jorgensen
MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GARVIN'S ADDENDUM REQUEST TO ADD A TRUSTEE TO THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATING TEAM REGARDING LOCAL 1103 NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Garvin stated that the next meeting for 1103 negotiations is March 26, 2008, and that the negotiation process is taking too long, therefore he requests that he be able to assist in the negotiation, and in trying to resolve the present grievance(s). Mr. Garvin stated that his assistance will help reduce the Fishman legal bills and will assist in finding final resolution in both negotiations and grievance(s). He stated that Settlements offers will be brought back to the Board for direction. A resident comment was heard.

Mr. York excused himself at 12:45 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mrs. Eineman to allow Trustee Garvin to participate in AFSCME Union Negotiations, to work with Fishman Representatives and the Deputy Supervisor and get resolutions to the other issue that are out there with Board approval.

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

Mr. York returned to Meeting at 12:48 a.m.

MR. GARVIN'S ADDENDUM REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF WAGES VS. BENEFITS FOR THE THREE FULL TIME OFFICIALS

Mr. Garvin stated that he understands that the wages can change during the term of the elected

officials, but is looking for clarification regarding benefits. Since there was an understanding that the full time officials would be removed from the union contract regarding benefits, Mr. Garvin requests clarification as to whether benefits can be changed during the term of the elected official or are they tied to the benefits that they had at the time they took office. He requests direction from the Township Attorney so that the issue of official's benefits it can be addressed prior to the filing date for the next term. It was also requested that benefits be considered in the future for all board members.

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Rice to Receive and File and have Kirk and Huth review laws pertaining to benefits and report back to Board in two weeks, at the next meeting, for all elected official. MOTION CARRIED.

MR. GARVIN'S ADDENDUM REQUEST TO RESCIND MOTION THAT APPROVED FOR THE TREASURER, AND DEPUTY TREASURER TO ATTEND THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S INSTITUTE APRIL 20-25, 2008 AT MT. PLEASANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00

Mr. Garvin stated that he too shared Trustee Eineman's concern that both the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer should not attend the conference at the same time, and stated that this was not the best time for the Deputy Treasurer to go, and requests for the "maker" or "supporter" of the original motion offered to rescind the motion. No motion was offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. James Senstock, resident stated that inaccurate information regarding the Supervisor's salary is being distributed to potential candidates receive nominating petition paperwork. Actual salary per motion is now \$9,500.00 per year and is a part time position with no benefits. He also spoke to the County Executive issue and Detroit Mayor.
2. Connie Marhevko, resident, spoke on Board actions and challenges residents face in this current economy. Addressed foreclosure rates and decreasing assessed values. She questioned the Board what could they do?

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Mr. Forlini, spoke on the lake conference held and participation from elected officials attending from U.S. Senate, House and Township. Spoke about variety of issues on conference. Spoke about legal action review on other communities that pollute.
2. Mr. Garvin, spoke on difficulty of tasks to get control of spending, and the foreclosure process. Spoke on importance of maintaining property values in light of foreclosure rate.
3. Mr. Rice, spoke on water pollution in Canada and its impact on local waterways. Spoke on Canadian geese and damage to property. Congratulated St. Clair Shores on Receipt of Grant and Property. He also shared his displeasure with the Supervisor with regard to he being excluded in meeting with the Base Commanders regarding base property for a proposed future fire station.
4. Mr. Ulinski, spoke on issues of making hard choices when budgets require trustee intervention.

5. Mrs. Eineman, spoke on difficulty of making decisions that effect employees, retirees, and tone of discussion on issues. Spoke on election information package and the inaccurate information that has been corrected. Spoke about pollution, weed control and Metro Beach. Also spoke in regard to past fires at Beach/Marsh property. Requested that the Supervisor meet with Park authorities to discuss weed control to prevent fires.
6. Mr. York requested that Board Members offer the same courteously that he offers to those Board Members, when speaking, calling the Boards behavior, Hypocrisy. He stated that we will have problem with the unions, and pay more in Fishman bills. He also stated he did not understand how moving money from one department to another saves money.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S EMERGENCY ADDENDUM FOR DISCUSSING A POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND MR. GARVIN'S CLOSED SESSION ADDENDA REQUEST TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE RAPP VS. HARRISON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS LIGITGATION

Motion by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Rice to enter into Closed Session for the Supervisor's Emergency Addendum for Discussing a Potential Property Acquisition and Mr. Garvin's Closed Session Addenda Request to Receive an Update on the Rapp vs. Harrison Township Board Members litigation, at 1:30 a.m.

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

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Rice to enter into Open Session at 1:59 a.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. York to authorize the Superior to make offer as discussed in closed session with regard to property acquisition. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Garvin to adjourn. Meeting was announced adjourned at 2:02 a.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**