

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Green, Supervisor; Cynthia Dagenhardt, Treasurer; Trustees Randal Busick, William Mazzara, Dale Wiltse, Brien Worrell

ABSENT: Colleen Schwartz, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Elowsky, Township Attorney; Larry Waligora, Fire Chief; Kim Jarvis, Kensington Metropark Superintendent; Peter Arvant, Keith Stark, John Fiero, Childs Lake Estates Representatives; John Nelson, Rich Chowanec, American Legion Post 216; Fourteen Audience Members, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Supervisor Green called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Nelson, 286 River Oaks Drive, Milford, announced that he was the commander of American Legion Post 216 and invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, APRIL 22, 2009 (REGULAR);
APPROVAL OF BILLS (REGULAR): GENERAL FUND \$284,885.79; FIRE DEPARTMENT \$160,752.63; SENIOR CENTER \$6,072.58;
REQUESTS, KENSINGTON METROPARK: PERMIT, FIREWORKS DISPLAY, JUNE 14, 2009, VARIANCE FROM HUNTING ORDINANCE FOR THE BE AN OUTDOORS WOMAN PROGRAM, JUNE 27, 2009; TEMPORARY STAGE PERMIT, DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT, JUNE 26, 2009; VARIANCES FOR SWIMMING OUTSIDE DESIGNATED SWIMMING AREA, KENSINGTON VALLEY TRIATHLON, JUNE 28, 2009, HAPPY TRAILS TRIATHLON, JULY 19, 2009 AND HE TRIED/SHE TRIED TRIATHLON, AUGUST 30, 2009; VARIANCE FOR HISTORICAL FIREARMS POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE, COLONIAL KENSINGTON PROGRAM AUGUST 15 & 16, 2009;
REQUEST, PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY, JULY 4, 2009 – DEARBORN RESOLUTION, WEST NILE VIRUS FUND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FROM OAKLAND COUNTY

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Busick seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Dagenhardt, Busick, Wiltse, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Green reported the new trail's grand opening celebration will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Kensington Metropark's group campsite on Martindale Road; the annual spring picnic and movie in the park will be on Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Central Park; he is working with the Road Commission for Oakland County regarding the drainage issue at Milford and Rowe Roads; and the township will send a letter to the Department of Environmental Quality along with the village and CSX Railroad stating all entities have done all they can regarding the Milford Sanitary Landfill on Old Plank Road.

Supervisor Green reminded the board to review the West Oakland County Transportation Authority's booklet because it will be on next month's agenda.

Supervisor Green requested to remove the following items from the agenda: Request, Funds for Labor Day 30K Race – Huron Valley Running Club and Quote, New Office Phone System – Verizon.

Trustee Worrell moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to remove the requested items from the agenda. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Supervisor Green requested to add Funds for Spring Picnic and Movie in the Park and Culvert Improvements at Rowe and Milford Roads to the agenda at the end of new business.

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to amend the agenda as requested. **Vote unanimously carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Trustee Mazzara reported on the Planning Commission's meeting of April 30, 2009.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Trustee Wiltse reported on the joint meeting with the Planning Commission on April 30, 2009. He said the joint meeting was for the purpose of discussing the elimination of use variances in the ordinance. Trustee Wiltse said he understood the Planning Commission would review use variances before drafting any language to eliminate them however the ordinance amendments are being introduced at this meeting.

Trustee Mazzara responded that they needed to draft language to review.

Mr. Rich Chowaniec, chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), said the ZBA wants to have input on the ordinance amendments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Waligora reported the following:

Runs for the month of April totaled 87 with 293 year to date.

The station renovation project is moving forward. The transition to the former Iverson's Lumber Company will make construction smoother, faster and less costly.

Chief Waligora requested permission to hire Evan Mueller, an explorer with the department, as a firefighter trainee.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the hiring of Evan Mueller as requested. **Vote unanimously carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REQUEST, APPROVAL OF MDEQ APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF GROUND WATER DISCHARGE – CHILDS LAKE ESTATES

Mr. Peter Arvant and Mr. Keith Stark, representatives for Mr. Bruce McDonald, owner of Childs Lake Estates, presented their request for the township to endorse their application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for an extension of ground water discharge authorization rather than connect to the Southeast Milford Interceptor Sewer (SEMIS). He explained the financial hardship his client would have if he had to connect the mobile home park to the SEMIS at this time.

The board, Mr. Arvant and Mr. Stark discussed at length the history of the SEMIS and the request. Supervisor Green stated it was understood at the outset of the sewer project that the park would tie in to the sewer once their existing ground water discharge permit expired. Mr. Stark said his client was not one of the parties that forced the township to install the sewer.

Discussion continued regarding the MDEQ approval process and the township's input to the state, the process and expense of dismantling the existing treatment plant, expenses the park's owner would incur to tie in to the sewer, and the agreement to expand the City of Wixom's waste water treatment plant.

After discussion it was determined the township would not submit a letter to the MDEQ indicating they did not agree with the extension, they would, however, request the MDEQ to allow the property owner to extend the remediation of their waste water treatment plant once they are connected to the sewer.

Trustee Busick moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to postpone the request. **Vote unanimously carried.**

REQUEST, IMPROVEMENT OF ROADWAY, MILFORD MEMORIAL CEMETERY – MILFORD CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Trustee Mazzara said he met with Mr. John Grissim regarding the bid specifications for the roads in Milford Memorial Cemetery. He asked Supervisor Green to make any changes he felt necessary before he sent the requests for proposals out.

No action taken.

REQUEST, FLAG HOLDERS FOR VETERANS GRAVES – MILFORD CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. John Nelson and Mr. Rich Chowaniec, American Legion Post 216, Milford, requested the township expend funds to upgrade veteran's flag holders at Milford Memorial Cemetery to the standard of those at Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. Nelson stated he'd just

learned that Oakland County was offering up to fifty aluminum flag holders per entity for veterans graves. He said up to 200 holders could be obtained for our cemeteries. Mr. Chowaniec expressed concern that they wouldn't equal the quality of the holders at Oak Grove however they were free.

The board, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Chowaniec discussed the holders and directed Mr. Nelson to pursue the holders from the county prior to purchasing holders.

Trustee Busick moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the request to expend funds for the purchase of flag holders for veteran's graves at Milford Memorial Cemetery if necessary in an amount not to exceed \$3,599.00, but to pursue the county's offer first. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Busick, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST, REFUND OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) FEE, \$200.00 – CARL & JUDY GERHARDT, V-08-008

The board discussed the refund request from the applicants whose case was heard by the ZBA but chose to have their case postponed to see if an ordinance would be amended, which would nullify their need for a variance. They determined to deny the request because funds were expended by the township in order to hear the variance request.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Busick seconded to deny the request for a refund for ZBA case no. V-08-008, Gerhardt. **Vote unanimously carried.**

BASIC BIDS FOR FIRE STATION ADDITION/RENOVATION

Supervisor Green said that Mr. Bill Moy, the project manager, has reviewed the first eight trade bids and has made his recommendations regarding them as follows:

1A	Selective Demolition	Bluestar Demolition	\$ 44,800.00
2A	Site Work	Blue Ribbon Contracting	\$158,900.00
3A	Concrete Foundation	Novi Wall, Inc.	\$ 38,194.00
4A	Masonry	Zimmerman Masonry	\$263,800.00
5A	Steel	Cass Erectors	\$189,525.00
15A	HVAC	Mills Mechanical	\$257,000.00
15B	Plumbing	USA Plumbing	\$143,113.00
16A	Electrical	Lakes Electric	\$194,700.00

The board discussed the bids and the recommendation process.

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to approve the bid from Bluestar Demolition for bid specification 1A, Selective Demolition in an amount not to exceed \$44,800.00 as presented. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Busick, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Busick seconded to approve the bid from Blue Ribbon Contracting for bid specification 2A, Site Work in an amount not to exceed \$158,900.00 as presented. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Dagenhardt, Busick, Wiltse, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Votes unanimously carried.**

Trustee Busick moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the remaining bids as presented. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Busick, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY FIRE STATION – IVERSON'S LUMBER COMPANY

Supervisor Green stated an opportunity arose to lease Iverson's Lumber Company on Huron Street to house a temporary fire station during the construction of the renovation/addition to the existing fire station. He said the Iverson's site would be able to accommodate equipment, management and sleepover operations and could save up to four months of construction time.

The board discussed the matter and felt the proposal was a good idea. Trustee Mazzara said the township should be spending less for the project manager fees and recommended a list of credits from the George W. Auch Company be kept.

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to approve the lease agreement and authorize the supervisor to sign it. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Busick, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR SEWERS – RIDGE VALLEY

Supervisor Green stated the Ridge Valley development needs to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the operation and maintenance of their waste water treatment plant.

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to authorize the clerk to sign the resolution of intent to assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of Ridge Valley community sewer system, utilize the Ridge Valley maintenance and replacement escrows, and designate a SAD against which additional costs of operation and maintenance are to be assessed as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to set a public hearing for June 17, 2009 to hear objections. **Vote unanimously carried.**

PURCHASE OF OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN

Supervisor Green stated there is a group of six municipalities that are considering creating a consortium to purchase an outdoor movie screen. He explained that only those municipalities would be able to use the screen and the cost would be about \$6,000.00 per participant. Supervisor Green said the township has spent about \$3,600.00 on screen rentals in each of the past two years for Parks & Recreation events.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to authorize the supervisor to enter into an agreement with other communities for the purchase of a movie screen. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Worrell, Dagenhardt, Green. **No** – Busick, Wiltse. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote carried.**

REQUEST FOR FUNDS, SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK, \$10,500.00 – CONCERTS COMMITTEE

Supervisor Green said the bands and stage rental cost approximately \$10,500.00 and he's expecting to receive funds from the Milford Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Milford Village to reimburse the township.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Dagenhardt seconded to expend funds on the amount of \$10,500.00 for the summer concert series as requested. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Wiltse, Dagenhardt, Busick, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

INTRODUCTION, ORDINANCE 156-A-138, STANDARDS OF DIVISION 2, BOARD OF APPEALS, SECTION 32-66

Trustee Worrell moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to introduce Ordinance 156-A-138. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Worrell, Mazzara, Dagenhardt, Busick, Green. **No** – Wiltse. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

INTRODUCTION, ORDINANCE 156-A-139, APPROVAL PERIODS OF DIVISION 2, BOARD OF APPEALS, SECTION 32-68

Trustee Worrell moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to introduce Ordinance 156-A-139. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Worrell, Dagenhardt, Mazzara, Busick, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

INTRODUCTION, ORDINANCE 156-A-140, POWERS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION REVIEW, BOARD OF APPEALS, SECTION 32-65

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to introduce Ordinance 156-A-140. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Dagenhardt, Worrell, Wiltse, Busick, Mazzara, Green. **Vote unanimously carried.**

FUNDS FOR SPRING PICNIC AND MOVIE IN THE PARK

Trustee Mazzara moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve funds for the spring picnic in an amount not to exceed \$2,700.00. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Dagenhardt, Worrell, Busick, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AT ROWE AND MILFORD ROADS

Supervisor Green stated there is a culvert problem at the site which is causing water to cover Milford Road and creating a traffic hazard. He requested the authority to pursue resolving the issue with the road commission.

The board discussed the matter and determined that more information was needed as to who should correct the problem.

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to postpone pending further investigation into the matter. **Vote unanimously carried.**

BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS

Trustee Mazzara reminded the board about the Milford Recreational Trail's grand opening ceremony on Saturday, May 30th and the spring picnic on Saturday, June 6th.

Treasurer Dagenhardt said she recovered some unclaimed property on behalf of the township from the state.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Green adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Colleen Schwartz, MMC
Clerk