

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; Laura & Durk Knebler, Ray Toma, Ray Leduc, RPL Corporation; Rich Chowanec, Milford Cemetery Committee; Aileen Wingblad, Milford Times; Fifteen Audience Members, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING, SET ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR RIDGE VALLEY COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM

Supervisor Green requested to adjourn the public hearing until the regular board meeting for August, 2009 and to file the roll with the clerk's office.

Trustee Worrell moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to adjourn the public hearing as requested. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Worrell, Dagenhardt, Mazzara, Busick, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JUNE 17, 2009 (REGULAR);
APPROVAL OF BILLS (REGULAR & BOND): GENERAL FUND \$409,090.64, FIRE DEPARTMENT \$116,025.00, SENIOR CENTER \$6,979.84, SEMIS \$2,370.50;
REQUEST FOR FUNDS, MILFORD MEMORIES FESTIVAL, \$1,500.00 – HURON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FUNDS, \$1,000.00 – VILLAGE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION;
ADOPTION, ORDINANCE 198, LAND DIVISION STANDARDS, SECTION 16-1;
ADOPTION, ORDINANCE 199, LAND DIVISION STANDARDS, SECTION 16-36

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Green requested to add Tax Abatement Moratorium to the agenda at the end of new business.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to amend the agenda as requested.
Vote unanimously carried.

Supervisor Green reported the following:

All but one wall of the remaining fire station #1 have been torn down due to structural issues.

The original foundation for station #1 was extra deep because the station was built on fill dirt.

Concrete will replace asphalt paving at the new fire station #1.

He will be meeting with representatives from Schupan & Sons regarding their site plan issues the following day.

The roads at Milford Memorial Cemetery will be redone in about two weeks.

The pond at Milford Memorial Cemetery has been filled in and seeded.

The attendance at the summer concerts in the park has been tremendous.

He and Treasurer Dagenhardt attended a meeting with Brighton Township officials regarding General Motors' tax assessment appeal.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Trustee Mazzara reported on the meeting of June 25, 2009.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Trustee Wiltse reported on the meeting of July 8, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Waligora reported the following:

Runs for the month of June totaled 102 with 499 year to date.

Annual hose testing was completed on June 25, 2009 with 9,450 feet of hose tested.

Annual ladder testing completed on June 30, 2009 with parts on order for a bad seal on aerial ladder.

All firefighters passed fitness requirement for SCBA masks.

Annual pump testing will occur in October.

Rescue – 1 had new brakes, shocks and sway-bar bushings installed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LAND DIVISION/COMBINATION APPEAL – MORELLI, 16-14-476-037 & 16-14-476-038
Trustee Busick moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to allow the supervisor and treasurer to remove themselves from the board table and abstain from voting on this matter because they sit on the land division board and authorize Trustee Mazzara to conduct the meeting. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Mr. Ray Toma, the applicant's attorney, discussed his memorandum, dated July 9, 2009, which explained the history of the land division request and related surveys.

Trustee Mazzara said that the second survey, exhibit B of the memorandum, was the redone survey that should have met the ordinance, but it did not and the planning commission recommended denial of the division. He said the recommendation to deny was because the lots were non-symmetrical, the division would add an additional flag lot and parcel 1-A did not have road frontage, which are not allowed in the ordinance.

Trustee Busick moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to enforce the planning commission's recommendation and deny the request. **Vote unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

SET ASSESSMENT ROLL, RIDGE VALLEY COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD)

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to accept the roll for filing with the clerk for public viewing for the next thirty days. **Vote unanimously carried.**

REQUEST, TREES AT OAK GROVE CEMETERY – MILFORD CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mr. Rich Chowaniec, committee vice-chairman, presented the request to hire arborists to evaluate the trees at the cemetery to establish a preventative maintenance plan and life expectancies.

The board and Mr. Chowaniec discussed the matter at length and directed Mr. Chowaniec to obtain competitive bids from independent arborists.

No action taken.

REQUEST, 2009 TAX RATES & AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO SIGN STATE TAX RATE REPORTING FORM L-4029

Trustee Busick moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to approve the 2009 tax rates and authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign form L-4029. **Vote unanimously carried.**

APPLICATION & CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT, \$131,638.00 – GEORGE W AUCH COMPANY

Trustee Mazzara moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to authorize the supervisor to make the payment as required within the scope of the contract. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Dagenhardt, Worrell, Busick, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Schwartz. **Vote unanimously carried.**

AMENDMENTS TO FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION

The board reviewed the recommended fee schedule changes. The fee for ZBA applicants, recommended to increase to \$1,000.00 was discussed at length. Supervisor Green felt the fees should reflect the cost to the township to hear a case. Mrs. Elowsky stated that applicant fees should uniformly apply for all boards.

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Trustee Busick moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to adopt the recommended fee schedule changes with the exception of the new ZBA fee and request the supervisor to provide detailed fees at next month's meeting to reflect the actual cost. Roll call vote: Yes – Busick, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. Absent – Schwartz. Vote unanimously carried.

TAX ABATEMENT MORATORIUM

Trustee Mazzara moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to declare a moratorium on tax abatements until such time as the economy stabilizes to be determined by a vote of the board. Vote unanimously carried.

BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

Trustee Mazzara commented on a letter received from Schupan & Sons.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Worrell moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Vote unanimously carried.

Charter Township of Milford,

Colleen Schwartz, MMC
Clerk