

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Green, Supervisor; Colleen Schwartz, Clerk; Cynthia Dagenhardt, Treasurer; Trustees William Mazzara, Dale Wiltse, Brien Worrell

ABSENT: Trustee Randal Busick

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Waligora, Fire Chief; Jennifer Elowsky, Township Attorney; John Grissim, Rich Chowaniec, Milford Cemetery Advisory Committee; Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP); Aileen Wingblad, Milford Times; Nine 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 (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Mr. John Grissim and Mr. Rich Chowaniec, Milford Cemetery Advisory Committee, presented a request to replace the chain link fence at Milford Memorial Cemetery with a four foot high commercial grade black fence. Mr. Grissim said the existing fence is in disrepair and has a poor appearance. Mr. Grissim stated he has contacted several local organizations for grants and donations and felt confident funds could be raised to supplement the funds the committee has set aside from their budget for special projects.

The board, Mr. Grissim and Mr. Chowaniec discussed the funds set aside for special projects. Supervisor Green said he didn't believe there was very much left after the road paving project and the pond project at Milford Memorial this year, which were in excess of \$84,000.00. Treasurer Dagenhardt said she thought there were funds from the committee's budget totaling approximately \$32,000.00.

After discussion it was determined the remaining funds in the 209 account carry over to the following year less the tree trimming expense at Oak Grove Cemetery for the purchase of a new fence for Milford Memorial Cemetery and to notify the committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 (REGULAR);
APPROVAL OF BILLS (REGULAR & BOND): GENERAL FUND \$94,133.03, FIRE DEPARTMENT \$513,341.86, SENIOR CENTER \$4,936.61, SEMIS \$1,318.61;
APPROVAL OF 2010 REGULAR MEETING DATES;
APPROVAL OF REVISED RULES & REGULATIONS FOR MILFORD MEMORIAL AND OAK GROVE CEMETERIES;
APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS: DAVID KULP, RICHARD LEMKE, RIC MUELLER, LISA MARCKINI-POLK, TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2012;

APPROVAL, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) RE-APPOINTMENTS: GEORGE JOERIN, RICHARD LEMKE, TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2012;
APPROVAL, MILFORD CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTMENTS: CRAIG BAKER, JOAN BASIL, TIGE READER, TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2012;
APPROVAL, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS: LORI HANSEN, STEVE WOLFE, TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2012;
APPROVAL, 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE WEST OAKLAND COUNTY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
2009 AUDITOR SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT – PLANTE & MORAN;
RESOLUTION OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF LOCAL CONTROL FOR THE SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE LEVY

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Green reported the following:

He met with officials and Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) representatives regarding the intersection crossing at Milford Road and Huron River Parkway with the result being the HCMA will submit grant applications to cover the expense of improving the crossing situation.

The consent agreement property at the south end of the township within the Southeast Milford Interceptor Sewer (SEMIS) district will be sold for back taxes in March 2010 if it's not paid.

New Department of Environmental Quality regulations will require the recently approved Ridge Valley Special Assessment to be redone, which will result in a higher amount charged each year.

The matter with the Huszti development at Milford Pointe on Milford Road is still under investigation. The waste water treatment plant at the development is in foreclosure.

There was a letter in the meeting packet from the ZBA requesting that Mr. Tim Brandt, building, planning and zoning official, continue to attend their meetings.

Supervisor Green requested to add the following to the agenda at the end of new business: Discussion regarding Foreclosures and Add Title Insurance Clause to Land Division Application.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to add those items to the agenda as requested. **Vote unanimously carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There was no meeting to report.

ZBA REPORT

Trustee Wiltse reported on the meeting of December 9, 2009.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Waligora reported the following:

Runs for the month of November 2009 totaled 71 with 904 year to date.

Firefighters collected funds for the good fellows charities on December 12, 2009.

WASHER/EXTRACTOR BIDS

Chief Waligora presented bids for the purchase of an additional washing machine at station #1. He explained the new drainage pipe wasn't large enough to accommodate the commercial grade washer so a holding tank and washer base was needed for both the existing and new washers. Chief Waligora said two washers are needed because one was for towels and linens and one was for turnout gear, which may have fire suppression materials on them.

The board and Chief Waligora discussed at length the needs of the department in regards to commercial versus residential washers, the correct sized drainage pipe and the need for a holding tank and base for the washers. After discussion the board determined that more information was needed regarding the correct size washer and the correct sized drainage pipe and directed Chief Waligora and Supervisor Green to find the correct information.

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Clerk Schwartz to postpone until the regular January meeting. **Vote unanimously carried.**

PHONE & WIRING BIDS FOR FIRE STATION PROJECT

Chief Waligora stated the phone system bids as follows:

Allied Communication	\$ 5,490.00
CTI	\$ 6,772.00
Intelesys	\$ 5,600.00
ITI	\$ 6,271.61
Verizon	\$11,185.80

He stated that he was recommending the bid with ITI because, although not the least expensive, he felt the entire package, which included maintenance coverage, would be the best for the new station.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to approve the bid from ITI for the purchase of a phone system for the new fire station in the amount of \$6,271.61 as presented. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Schwartz, Worrell, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Chief Waligora presented the bids for the wiring of the phone system as follows:

Allied Communications	\$ 6,600.00
CTI	\$ 7,148.00
Intelesys	\$ 9,550.00
ITI	\$11,678.00
Tech Resources	\$ 9,906.65

Trustee Mazzara moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to approve the bid from Allied Communications in the amount of \$6,600.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – Mazzara, Schwartz, Worrell, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. Absent – Busick. Vote unanimously carried.

TRAINING DUMMY BIDS

Chief Waligroa stated the bids for the training dummies as follows:

Simulaids	\$1,561.57
Time Emergency Equipment	\$1,345.00
West Shore Fire	\$1,520.00

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to approve the bid for the model 9000 Randy from Time Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$1,345.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – Mazzara, Wiltse, Worrell, Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Green. Absent – Busick. Vote unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST, FILL & GRADE PERMIT – RUNNY RUN, LLC, 16-25-201-014

Mr. Robert Langan, Runny Run, LLC, presented his request for a fill & grade permit. He said he would only use clean fill.

Trustee Mazzara stated he had several changes to the plan as follows: remove the noted stockpile, make all solid contour lines dotted, no storage on the property and also to use only clean fill. Mr. Langan agreed to the changes and conditions.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to approve the fill & grade permit for Runny Run, LLC, 16-25-201-014 as submitted with the provisions that the dotted line format is used to identify contour lines, removal of the stockpile, applicant has agreed to no storage on the site and will use only clean fill. Vote unanimously carried.

BIDS, REMOVAL OF OAK TREES & TREE TRIMMING AT OAK GROVE CEMETERY

Trustee Wiltse moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to accept the bid from The Tree Corp. in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the removal of ten oak trees as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – Wiltse, Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. Absent – Busick. Vote unanimously carried.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to accept the bid from The Tree Corp. in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the trimming of oak trees as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – Wiltse, Mazzara, Dagenhardt, Wchwarz, Worrell, Green. Absent – Busick. Vote unanimously carried.

DIRECT PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CLARIFICATION FOR MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

Supervisor Green said Mr. Brandt, township building official, has found an inconsistency in the ordinance regarding regulations for maximum lot coverage in the R-1-S residential zoning district and has requested the board direct the planning commission to review the matter.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to direct the planning commission to review the ordinance as requested. **Vote unanimously carried.**

RECOMMENDATION FOR ENDORSEMENT FROM PARKS & RECREATION FOR PROPOSED SKATE PARK

Trustee Mazzara stated the Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP) have presented a conceptual plan for a skate park with a possible location on Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority owned land that is leased by the village of General Motors Road.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to endorse the skate park proposal from the Friends of Milford Skate Park as recommended by the parks & recreation commission. **Vote unanimously carried.**

REQUEST, RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE COSTS AND GRANT FUNDS – FOMSP

Trustee Mazzara said the township helped establish the skate park group for the purpose of raising funds for a skate park, which is the first priority on the township's parks & recreation master plan.

The board and Mr. Mueller discussed at length the grant process, which included the need to have up-front funds to begin the project once a grant is approved, the grant reimbursement process, the village's involvement in the process, sharing perpetual maintenance costs once the park has been constructed, location, construction, insurance.

After discussion it was determined more information was needed to make a decision.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to postpone for further investigation. **Vote unanimously carried.**

EXPENSES FOR 2010 MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION (MTA) CONFERENCE – JANUARY 2010

Clerk Schwartz said her costs would be reimbursed by the MTA as part of her presidency of the organization.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to approve the expenses for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to attend the MTA conference in January 2010 as requested. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Worrell, Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

MORATORIUM FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS (SAD)

Supervisor Green explained that SADs put the township at risk and with so many foreclosures there is no guarantee the township will be reimbursed through an SAD.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to place a moratorium on SADs.
Vote unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FORECLOSURES

Supervisor Green said the six parcels at the south end of the township, which were all included in the lawsuit that resulted in putting in the sewer system are in foreclosure. He said the township has the first right of refusal and requested permission to pursue purchasing the parcels for back taxes if the opportunity arises.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to authorize the supervisor to pursue the purchase of the south end parcels as requested. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Schwartz, Worrell, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

ADD TITLE INSURANCE CLAUSE TO LAND DIVISION APPLICATION

Mrs. Elowsky stated that she thought this matter was already addressed in the new code of ordinances and said she would research to verify.

BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS

There were no comments from the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wiltse moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Charter Township of Milford,

Colleen Schwartz, MMC, RP
Clerk