

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

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Waligora, Fire Chief; Jennifer Elowsky, Township Attorney; Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park; Mary Bajcz, Liaison, Huron River Watershed Council; Aileen Wingblad, Milford Times; Twenty-Five Audience Members, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, DECEMBER 16, 2009;
APPROVAL OF BILLS (REGULAR & BOND): \$36,630.95, Fire Department \$327,202.40, Senior Center \$5,914.23, SEMIS \$1,161.40, Ridge Valley Sewer \$1,148.37

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Green reported the following:

He discussed the cemetery account with Milford Cemetery Committee chairman Brent Morgan regarding the \$27,000 that was not spent in 2009. He said that amount, once township auditors confirm it, will be in the 2010 cemetery fund however the some of the funds will be used for the tree trimming expense at Oak Grove.

Supervisor Green said he is still looking into the purchase of properties at the south end of the township that will be coming up for tax sale.

The five municipalities interested in purchasing the movie screen equipment have all approved the agreement for purchase.

Supervisor Green will be meeting with village officials regarding the police department layoffs to review all options.

Supervisor Green requested to add the following to the agenda at the end of new business: Temporary Employee for the Clerk's Office; Village Sub-Committee to Investigate Cityhood and Other Options.

Clerk Schwartz moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to amend the agenda as requested.
Vote unanimously carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There was no December meeting to report on.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) REPORT

There was no January meeting to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Waligora reported the following:

Runs for the month of December totaled 81 with 1,019 year to date.

He's in the process of obtaining bids for kitchen appliances, a washing machine and furniture for the new fire station.

A donation was received from the Ford Motor Company allowing the purchase of desks and file cabinets for \$150.00 from the Wixom Ford Plant.

Commerce township has offered to donate some fitness equipment that was donated to them that they don't use.

The department will be conducting cold water rescue training on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the mill pond on Liberty Street.

Two firefighter trainees have started at the Waterford Emergency Medical Services Academy.

The department responded to a working structure fire on Rolling Green on Thursday, January 14, 2010 with the structure and contents a total loss. Mutual aid was provided by surrounding communities and the General Motors Proving Grounds provided thousands of gallons of water.

Chief Waligora requested permission for Assistant Chief Culham and himself to attend the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs' winter workshop February 26 – 27, 2010 in Midland. He said the cost would be \$300.00 for both registrations plus the accommodation cost.

Clerk Schwartz moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the request at the cost quoted. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Mazzara, Worrell, Busick, Wiltse, Green. **Vote unanimously carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WASHER/EXTRACTER BIDS

Chief Waligora said that instead of a refurbished commercial grade washer he would get quotes for residential grade equipment.

Trustee Mazzara and Supervisor Green discussed the retention basin and drain and the possible need for a holding tank for the washer. Supervisor Green stated if the drain doesn't work properly CDPA, the architectural firm for the fire station project should be responsible for paying for and installing the equipment necessary for making the drain operate properly.

No action taken.

**REQUEST, RESOPNSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE COSTS AND GRANT FUNDS –
FRIENDS OF MILFORD SKATE PARK (FOMSP)**

Ric Mueller, chairman, FoMSP, requested to postpone any action on their request in light of the township and village's financial situation.

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

NEW BUSINESS

HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Mary Bajcz, township liaison to the council, reported on the state of the Huron, which included the following:

Two stream banks were restored that feed into the Huron River.

The river is monitored three times per year.

The council is helping communities to meet storm water runoff mandates from the state.

The dam removal in Dexter is almost complete. Dexter also received stimulus funds to divert a sewage leak that threatened the river.

The Argo dam removal project will be a complicated process.

Phosphorus levels have dropped significantly in the Ann Arbor area of the river.

Green Oak Township has been a leader in best management practices along the river.

The council has a new website and has information posted on social network systems.

The board thanked Mrs. Bajcz for her report.

NEW POSTAGE METER CONTRACT

Clerk Schwartz explained Neopost, the township's postage meter leasing company has offered to let the township out of its current lease and provide new equipment for a savings of \$80.00 per month. She said the new lease also includes maintenance and rate change upgrades.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the new postage meter lease with Neopost for \$110.00 per month. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Wiltse, Dagenhardt, Busick, Schwartz, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Vote unanimously carried.**

RESIGNATION OF CLERK – COLLEEN SCHWARTZ

Clerk Schwartz read her letter of resignation into the meeting record as follows:

Dear Fellow Board Members,

It is with a warm heart that I come to you to announce my retirement as Clerk of the Charter Township of Milford, effective March 31, 2010. After dedicating thirty two (32) years of service to our community, I feel it is time to step aside.

My Bob always said that you should leave a place better than the way you found it. It is my hope that he and I did just that. I have enjoyed the time spent as Clerk and thank the community for their faith in me and support for me over these many years.

Trustee Busick moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to accept the letter of resignation from Clerk Schwartz with deepest regrets. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Busick, Worrell, Wiltse, Dagenhardt, Schwartz, Mazzara, Green. **Vote unanimously carried.**

PROCESS OF APPOINTMENT OF CLERK POSITION

Supervisor Green explained the board would need to appointment someone to fill the office of clerk until someone is elected to the position in the November 2010 general election. He said they could make an appoint tonight or wait until just before the clerk's retirement takes effect.

Trustee Wiltse recommended the appointment is done at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to appoint Deputy Clerk Holly Brandt to fill the clerk position.

Discussion on the motion:

Clerk Schwartz said Deputy Clerk Brandt has been the deputy clerk for the township for nine years and she was happy to have her appointed.

Treasurer Dagenhardt said Deputy Clerk Brandt has the education and certification necessary and has been performing many of the clerk's tasks for the last several years.

Roll call vote: **Yes** - Wiltse, Dagenhardt, Busick, Schwartz, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Vote unanimously carried.**

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Trustee Wiltse moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to authorize the hiring of a temporary employee for the clerks office with the wage to be discussed.

Discussion on the motion:

The board discussed whether or not an additional employee is needed, workload shifting among current employees and other employee options.

Roll call vote: **Yes** – Wiltse, Dagenhardt, Busick, Schwartz, Worrell, Mazzara, Green. **Vote unanimously carried.**

VILLAGE SUB-COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CITYHOOD AND OTHER OPTIONS

Supervisor Green said Mr. Shufflebarger, Milford Village manager, requested several board members join a sub-committee the village has initiated to look into becoming a city. Supervisor Green stated he would like to join the sub-committee and also pursue other options besides just cityhood. Trustees Mazzara and Wiltse also wanted to join the sub-committee.

Trustee Busick moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to appoint Supervisor Green, Trustee Mazzara and Trustee Wiltse to the Milford Village cityhood sub-committee. **Vote unanimously carried.**

BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS

Trustee Wiltse thanked Clerk Schwartz for her years of dedication and service to the community. He said former Milford firefighter John Baczinski has had a stroke and was not doing well.

Trustee Busick commented on the recent village council meeting and the announcement about switching Milford Police Department's dispatch services to Novi city and letting Milford's dispatchers go. He said hopefully they could renegotiate their contract.

Trustees Mazzara and Worrell said they were happy for Clerk Schwartz.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wiltse moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Vote unanimously carried.

Charter Township of Milford,

Colleen Schwartz, MMC
Clerk