

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; Wayne Walli, Police Chief; Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP); Aileen Wingblad, Milford Times; Twenty-Six 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 ONLY)

Mr. Ric Mueller, Chairman, FoMSP, explained that his request for sharing 50% of maintenance and insurance costs with Milford Village was postponed by the board at his request and he wanted to address the request at this meeting. Supervisor Green said he would ask the board to add it to the agenda under supervisor's report.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JANUARY 20, 2010 (REGULAR);
APPROVAL OF BILLS: GENERAL FUND \$224,759.57, FIRE DEPARTMENT \$703,068.48, SENIOR CENTER \$11,144.31, SEMIS \$4,833.76;
ANNUAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR AGREEMENT – HURON CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY;
AUTHORIZE SIGNATORY FOR SUMMER CONCERTS – ALAN SMITH, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION;
REAPPOINT SUPERVISOR GREEN AS TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO HURON VALLEY YOUTH ASSISTANCE BOARD;
ADOPTION OF 2010 FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING SERVICES – WADE TRIM

Supervisor Green requested to add \$4,000.00 to the general fund list of bills to pay The Tree Corp. for Oak Grove Cemetery tree removal.

Trustee Worrell moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to approve the consent agenda with the addition of \$4,000.00 payable to The Tree Corp. from the general fund. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Worrell, Mazzara, Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick.
Vote unanimously carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Green reported the township has granted a one-year extension to pay back taxes to property owners at the south end involved in the consent agreement for sewer. He requested to add Request for Responsibility of Maintenance & Insurance Costs and Grant Funds, FoMSP to the agenda at the end of new business.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Trustee Mazzara reported on the meeting of January 28, 2010.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

There was no February meeting to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Waligora reported the following:

Runs for the month of January 2010 totaled 80.

The office furniture received from the Ford Motor Company was free.

A cold water rescue training day was held on January 30, 2010.

The department responded to a barn fire on Garner Road, January 30, 2010 however Milford Police were able to put the fire out.

Chief Waligora presented bids, which included delivery, for the purchase of a refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave/hood fan for the fire station as follows:

ABC Warehouse (Brighton)	\$2,360.00
Best Buy (Internet)	\$2,286.12
Lowe's (Howell)	\$2,159.96
Sears (Howell)	\$2,341.94

Trustee Wiltse provided a bid from the contract sales division of ABC Warehouse which totaled \$2,142.00. He said he felt it was important to support a Michigan company and product manufacturers even if the bid was slightly higher.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the bid from Lowe's of Howell for the purchase of a Whirlpool refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave/hood fan in an amount not to exceed \$2,159.96. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Dagenhardt, Worrell, Schwartz, Green. **No** – Wiltse. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote carried.**

Chief Waligora presented bids for the purchase of four chairs for the day room at the fire station as follows:

Art Van Furniture	\$3,199.96
LaZBoy Furniture	\$3,039.96
Stevens Furniture	\$2,800.00

Clerk Schwartz moved, Treasurer Dagenhardt seconded to approve the bid from Stevens Furniture in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00. Roll call vote: **Yes** –

Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Mazzara, Worrell, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 ANNUAL REPORT – MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Walli presented his annual report for 2009, which included a graphical statistics history and a month by month incident report by category. He said investigation of crimes was paramount to deterring crime. Chief Walli stated the village and township are exploring other operating options in response to reduced revenues.

Clerk Schwartz moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to accept the 2009 annual police department report as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES

Supervisor Green stated he had a list of all properties in Milford Township with sewer that would be foreclosed on after March 31, 2010 for back taxes and he was investigating the possibility of the township obtaining them.

Mrs. Elowsky said each property will have to be investigated in order to establish clear title.

Treasurer Dagenhardt said someone has already inquired about paying the back taxes on parcels owned by SC Milford, LLC prior to the foreclosure date. She also explained the special assessment for the Southeast Milford Interceptor Sewer (SEMIS) has been redistributed to reflect on each parcel in the district associated with the Garrett/Robertson development.

The board discussed the situations in each development. Supervisor Green said one parcel to be foreclosed on is for Mill Pointe development's wastewater treatment plant. He requested authorization to pursue the purchase of some of the properties if necessary.

Trustee Wiltse moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to authorize the supervisor to negotiate the purchase of properties in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 should they actually be sold at tax foreclosure sale. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Wiltse, Mazzara, Dagenhardt, Schwartz, Worrell, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

TRANSFER OF PART-TIME CEMETERY EMPLOYEE POSITION TO CLERK'S OFFICE

Treasurer Dagenhardt moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to reassign the part-time cemetery position to the clerk's department from the cemetery account. **Vote unanimously carried.**

HIRING OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE – CLERK’S OFFICE

Supervisor Green stated he, the clerk and treasurer felt the position in the clerk’s office needed to be full time.

Treasurer Dagenhardt questioned why the position was temporary. Supervisor Green said the position would be temporary contingent upon the outcome of the election.

The board discussed a wage per hour, temporary status as outlined in the personnel policy and date of hire.

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Worrell seconded to approve the temporary full-time employee position for the clerk’s office at \$15.75 per hour to begin on March 16, 2010 with no benefits. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Worrell, Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SUMMER CONCERTS CONTRACTS

Trustee Mazzara moved, Trustee Wiltse seconded to authorize the supervisor to sign summer concerts contracts that are under budget. **Vote unanimously carried.**

REQUEST FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE & INSURANCE COSTS AND GRANT FUNDS – FOMSP

Mr. Mueller presented his request for the township to commit to share the ongoing expense of annual insurance and maintenance costs with the village once the skate park was complete. He also explained the group will be submitting a grant application that requires an up-front financial commitment for the cost of the entire project, estimated at this time to be around \$500,000. Mr. Mueller said the village council has already tentatively committed to their portion of support, which would be half that amount. He asked the board if they would commit to the remaining \$250,000.

The board, Mrs. Elowsky and Mr. Mueller discussed the requests at length, which included the group’s cash on hand, in-kind commitments, scope of project, amount of maintenance and insurance costs and the grant submittal, approval and construction timeline. It was noted that if any of the in-kind donations didn’t materialize the township and village would have to pay for them.

Board members expressed concern for such a great commitment at this time with so many other financial issues facing the township and reluctantly felt the township could not provide matching grant funds.

Trustee Worrell moved, Trustee Mazzara seconded to agree to cover 50% of the annual insurance and maintenance costs of the skate park upon its completion. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Worrell, Mazzara, Schwartz, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Trustee Mazzara moved, Clerk Schwartz seconded to reluctantly not participate with the \$250,000 in matching grant funds for the construction of a skate park. Roll call vote: **Yes** – Mazzara, Schwartz, Worrell, Dagenhardt, Wiltse, Green. **Absent** – Busick. **Vote unanimously carried.**

BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS

Trustee Wiltse reported that Lyon Township's building official has resigned and he has inquired about possibly contracting with them for our building official to fill that position. He also explained that he wanted to help keep Michigan businesses in Michigan.

Treasurer Dagenhardt reported that she has filed a jeopardy tax assessment for 2010 on a local restaurant that has closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Green adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Colleen Schwartz, MMC
Clerk