

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

LOCATION: MACOMB TOWNSHIP MEETING CHAMBERS  
54111 BROUGHTON ROAD  
MACOMB, MI 48042

PRESENT: JANET DUNN, SUPERVISOR  
MICHAEL D. KOEHS, CLERK  
KAREN GOODHUE, TREASURER  
DINO F. BUCCI, JR, TRUSTEE  
CLIFFORD W. FREITAS, TRUSTEE  
ROGER KRZEMINSKI, TRUSTEE  
NANCY NEVERS, TRUSTEE

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Esordi, Legal Counsel  
James Van Tiflin, Township Engineer  
*(Additional attendance on file at the Clerk's Office)*

Supervisor DUNN called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

1. Clerk KOEHS called the roll and the Board of Trustees was present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

2. The agenda was reviewed and items 7 & 8 were tabled indefinitely. Item 5F1 removed from consent agenda and placed on regular agenda (9a). Item 5C2 was added to consent agenda.

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by KRZEMINSKI to approve the agenda as amended.**

**MOTION carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

3. Both bill runs were reviewed and there were no additions, deletions or corrections.

**MOTION by NEVERS seconded by GOODHUE to approve both bill runs as presented.**

**MOTION carried.**

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**APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 13, 2016 were reviewed and any additions, corrections or deletions were discussed and made.

**MOTION by FREITAS seconded by GOODHUE to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2016 as amended.**

**MOTION carried.**

5. **Consent Agenda Items:**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

1. Wellington Center Release of Easement.

**CLERK'S DEPARTMENT:**

1. Reimbursement for PSI Printing Systems for Election Supplies.
2. Reimbursement for CDW-G for Backup Laptops for Election Use.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Request Authorization to Attend Seminar.
2. Request for Family Medical Leave of Absence-Fire Dept.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

1. Contract Extension with St. John Providence for Services.

**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

1. Request Authorization to Pay Tyler Business Forms for a Bill Stock.
2. Request to Attend Conference.

Supervisor DUNN reviewed this matter and asked if any of the Board members wanted to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and place it for discussion on the regular agenda.

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**MOTION by GOODHUE seconded by FREITAS to approve the Consent Agenda as earlier amended.**

**MOTION carried.**

**6. Public Comments, Agenda Items Only**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

7. Land Division Variance from Section 17-135; Christenbury Creek Site Condominiums; Located on the east side of Card Road, ½ , mile south of 23 Mile Road; Section 23; Arteva Homes Woodlands, LLC., Petitioner. Permanent Parcel 08-23-300-024. *(tabled from January 13, 2016)*

**This item was tabled indefinitely.**

8. Request to Grant a Pay Raise for the Fire Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief. *(tabled from January 13, 2016)*

**This item was tabled indefinitely.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

9. *BPI 2015 Projects and Services Update*

Beth Case, from BPI, gave a summary of the services they have provided this past year to the township.

Informational Only.

- 9a. Building Department Sidewalk Bill

Township Engineer Jim Van Tiflin addressed this item with the Board.

Clerk Koehs had questions regarding this item being handled as an emergency, whether bids were received for it and if it violated the township purchasing policy. He requested this item be tabled for two weeks.

**MOTION by KOEHS seconded by BUCCI to table this item for two weeks.**

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**MOTION carried.**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

10. Authorization for Road Paving; Fairchild and Omo Roads, North of 24 Mile Road.

Township Engineer Jim Van Tiflin addressed this item with the Board.

**MOTION by KRZEMINSKI seconded by NEVERS to approve and proceed providing the County funds are available for this project.**

**MOTION carried.**

**Public Comments, Non-Agenda Items Only - (3 minute time limit)**

Resident Mark Grabow addressed the Board regarding the lack of pay raises for Fire Chief and assistant Fire chief, the low employee staffing levels and low morale and the questionable purchasing issues and policies.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

11. Supervisor Comments

None.

12. Clerk Comments

Clerk Koehs addressed the issue brought up at the last meeting regarding his not signing the sheriff contract. He stated past contracts have never been signed by him and questioned the motive behind this item being brought up by Trustee Krzeminski.

In addition, he explained the total cost of the contract is 1.2 million over the next three years. The cost of the contract for fiscal year 2015 was \$3,292,168.00. For fiscal year 2016, the cost will be \$3,722,318.00. The difference between the two is \$430,150.00 and that was the number he referred to at the last meeting for the cost of the contract. He stated although there is a surplus in the Law Enforcement fund, which has 1.4 million in it, it isn't being used for this contract. He further stated corrective measures are needed now to prevent the General fund from being depleted to \$219,765.00 by the end of 2018.

He further stated, "If we continue to fund from the General Fund, at some point this Board will be forced to increase the millage for law enforcement or continue to

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supplement it from the General Fund balance. As the cost of these contracts continue to go up, the number of police and dispatchers increase, this could deplete the general Fund balance unless corrective measures are taken, such as modifying the millage, which I know isn't popular in an election year.

This is clearly what happens when this Board approves items added on to the agenda without allowing public debate, without getting any hand out material to review and simply following the lead of a Board member who's more interested in getting re-elected than overseeing the public good."

13. Treasurer Comments

None.

14. Trustees Comments

Trustee Bucci responded with this statement. "Michael, back in Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> in the meeting minutes, you made a statement that I made a motion with a contract proposal for increase in law enforcement for \$430,000.00. When in fact your office received a document from the Sheriff's office back in August indicating what the increase was. So when you say you had no knowledge of that, that's incorrect. It's stamped on Clerk's office stamp, so you were aware of it."

Clerk Koehs responded "I said it was stamp received. That doesn't mean I was personally aware of it."

Trustee Bucci responded, "Your office got it Michael so if you didn't get it-shame on you. That's where the \$430,000.00 amount came from. When I spoke to the Sheriff, he gave a number of \$388,000.00. I asked Stacy in the Finance office to for the record find out what the number was. She put in there that it was \$390,000.00 something or whatever it was in the minutes.

All I was trying to do Mr. Koehs was trying to get clarification. All we're trying to do is increase law enforcement which I'm kind of shocked that you served as a police officer for the Sheriff of Macomb County that you wouldn't want an increase in police protection in this township.

Number 2, you didn't sign the contract which you don't have to sign it Michael which is fine. When I asked the attorney at the last meeting if you have to sign it, he said no. You were trying to make this into a political event just like your puppet over there Mr. Grabow's trying to do and quite frankly I'm tired of it. You want to run for office Michael run for the merits of the township for what they are. If you want to play these political games do it somewhere else."

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by FREITAS to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet I. Dunn  
Macomb Township Supervisor

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Michael D. Koehs, CPM, CMC  
Macomb Township Clerk