

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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

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

ABSENT: MICHAEL D. KOEHS, CLERK

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Scott, Legal Counsel  
Thomas Esordi, Legal Counsel  
Al Addis, Legal Counsel  
Patrick Meagher, Planning Consultant  
James VanTiflin, 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. Deputy Clerk GELIOS called the roll and the Board of Trustees were present except for Michael Koehs.

**MOTION by KRZEMINSKI seconded by BUCCI to refrain from calling Michael Koeh's name for any roll call vote this meeting.**

**MOTION carried.**

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2. The agenda was reviewed and items #5C1, #9A and #9B were added to the regular agenda. Item #15 was added to Closed Session. Item #4 was tabled for two weeks for corrections.

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by FREITAS 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.

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

**MOTION carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on January 27, 2016 were reviewed and any additions, corrections or deletions were discussed and made.

**Tabled to February 24, 2016.**

**5. Consent Agenda Items:**

A. Planning Department:

1. Partial Site Development Bond Release; Riviera Ridge Estates I; Section 23.
2. Partial Site Development Bond Release; Monarch Estates Site Condominiums.
3. Request Release of Partial Site Development Bond; Misty Brook Estates Site Condominiums.

B. Water and Sewer Department:

1. Request to Renew MDOT Annual Permit.

C. Human Resource Department:

1. Personal Leave of Absence-Building Dept.

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.

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

**MOTION carried.**

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

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Resident Mark Grabow discussed item #7, asking if any bids were received for this item. He also questioned if this was a violation of the township's Purchasing Policy and indicated he felt this wasn't an emergency as indicated at previous meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

7. Building Department Sidewalk Bill  
(tabled from January 27, 2016)

Township Engineer Jim Van Tiflin addressed this item with the Board members. He indicated that plans were initiated for this repair in August of 2014 but then building issues prevented the work from being done then. In August 2015, the Building Department received three quotes for this project. Due to complaints from residents and the sidewalk becoming unsafe, the sidewalk work was done in November 2015.

Trustee Bucci asked if the sidewalk was in fact unsafe and Mr. Van Tiflin stated yes and that's why it was deemed an emergency. It is used for children walking to school from a subdivision and the complaints continued on this issue from residents. He also asked if the clerk was given this information and was he satisfied. Mr. Van Tiflin stated he was given the information and he explained the process as best he could and answered his questions.

Mr. Bucci asked Legal Counsel Larry Scott if this action was a violation of the township's Purchasing policy and he stated he didn't believe there was any violation with that policy due to it being a health and safety issue as explained by the engineer Jim Van Tiflin.

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by NEVERS to Approve the payment of this bill**

**MOTION carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

8. Public Hearing for CDBG Funding.

Supervisor Dunn opened the Public Hearing for CDBG Funding at 7:12 p.m.

The first requester was Ms. Sue Pallazolo from St. Isadore Society of St. Vincent de Paul. On behalf of this organization, she requested \$5,000.00 to continue their work.

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The second requester was Mr. Steve Gibson from Hope Center in Macomb. On behalf of this organization, he is requesting \$2,000.00.

The third requester was Ms. Agisha Mathew from Care House organization. On behalf of this organization, she is requesting \$6,000.00.

The fourth requester was Ms. Dina Antoon from Turning Point organization. On behalf of this organization, she is requesting \$3,000.00.

The fifth requester was Ms. Marie Bristow for Senior Chores Program, the office of Senior Services. On behalf of this organization, she thanked the Board for the \$6,800.00 allocation of funds.

The sixth requester was Ms. Elisa Diez from Macomb Literacy Partners. On behalf of this organization, she is requesting \$3,000.00.

In addition, the following organizations submitted requests:

Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) is requesting \$1,890.00.

The Samaritan House is requesting \$1,000.00.

The Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan program is requesting \$3,000.00.

The Macomb Homeless Coalition program is requesting \$10,148.00.

Macomb Township Senior Programming is requesting \$22,000.00.

Supervisor Dunn thanked everyone and closed the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

9. Promotion for Employee #1442.

Supervisor Dunn addressed this item with the Board members, indicating this employee would go from Supervisor to Manager Grade 5.

**MOTION by KRZEMINSKI seconded by FREITAS to approve the promotion of employee #1442 from supervisor to Manager Grade 5.**

**MOTION carried.**

9a. Request Release the Twin Rivers Drive Development Bond.

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

**MOTION by KRZEMINSKI seconded by GOODHUE to approve the release of the Twin Rivers Drive Development Bond for the amount of \$186,805.00.**

**MOTION carried.**

- 9b. Offers of Employment for a Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector.

Building Official Joe Maples addressed this item with the Board members, stating six of eight applicants were interviewed for these positions by the Selection Committee; consisting of Supervisor Dunn, Treasurer Karen Goodhue, Trustee Dino Bucci and himself. At this time, the Selection committee is recommending Joseph Downs for Plumbing Inspector and Glenn Murray for Mechanical Inspector.

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by GOODHUE to approve the Offers of Employment for a Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector to Joseph Downs and Glenn Murray for their respective positions.**

**MOTION carried.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

10. Request to submit plans to Planning Commission for Dog Park.

Park and Recreation Director Sal DiCaro addressed this item with the Board members. He stated this process started in 2013 but was delayed due to County road work on a bypass lane at this location. He stated they are ready to proceed.

**MOTION by KRZEMINSKI seconded by FREITAS to approve the Request to submit plans to Planning Commission for Dog Park to the Planning Commission.**

**MOTION carried.**

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

Resident Mark Grabow spoke again regarding the Board not following the Purchasing Policy. He also stated the sidewalk, if it was an emergency, should have been fixed in 2014. He stated the Board should have dealt with this issue much quicker than they did.

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**BOARD COMMENTS**

11. Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Dunn indicated the Macomb County Department of Roads has asked about future road paving priorities in the township for the next several years. She indicated a Road Paving Committee needs to be in place to determine which road paving projects are priorities. Trustee Nevers, Treasurer Goodhue and Supervisor Dunn indicated they are available to be in this committee. Trustee Krzeminski indicated he is available if the supervisor is not available as an alternate.

**MOTION by FREITAS seconded by BUCCI to reform the Road Paving Committee with Trustee Nevers, Treasurer Goodhue and Supervisor Dunn as discussed.**

**MOTION carried.**

12. Clerk Comments

None

13. Treasurer Comments

Treasurer Goodhue indicated the last day to pay taxes without penalty is February 16, 2016.

14. Trustees Comments

Trustee Freitas stated at the last meeting the sheriff contract was discussed. He stated he researched the contract and disagreed with the numbers provided by the clerk.

Trustee Krzeminski read the following comments:

1. Embarrass Clerk - I was not trying to embarrass the Clerk. I was trying to ask some questions as to why he did not sign the contract.
2. Received copy - Mr. Koehs had asked how I received a copy. I answered that I asked the Supervisor for the copy and to see what was signed. It was really interesting how it was signed.
3. MTA inquires - True - I called MTA and had asked them if a Supervisor signature was enough for a binding contract. They said "yes". So I was incorrect in that, that Mike did not have to sign it.

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a. Mr Koehs in his letter stated that he never signed a contract, only the Supervisor and also mentioned that it went back to John Brennan back to 04 that Mike never signed a contract.

4. My Feelings on signature line - I felt that if a signature line for Supervisor and Clerk are there, and the Clerk to put some type of hieroglyphics there, a "zero and a line through it", just didn't do any good for me. I could not believe that was the way it was done.
5. Hieroglyphics - covered above in my statement.
6. My feelings on 3 full time officials - I feel that the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer are the face of this Township. If a line is there to sign your name, sign the name. You represent the TWP. Even though you haven't signed it since 04, it was there as the Clerk, sign it. I live by 3 words. I have to bring up from the Veterans is Duty, Honor and Country. My Duty is a Trustee of this Twp. I do everything I can for it. Honor is signing my name when my name is on something here, I will sign my name. I have the Honor to do that. And Country, is this TWP. I work for this TWP and no one else. I don't have any hidden agendas and do accordingly to what the book should be. My feelings on you three guys if your name is on it, sign it. You are representing the TWP. I want to Thank you for that, thank you Madame Chair.

Trustee Nevers addressed the comments made by resident Grabow. She asked that since under his tenure the township had to take him to court and garnish his wages, how can he accuse this Board of any wrong doing?

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by GOODHUE to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:59 p.m.**

**MOTION carried**

**CLOSED SESSION**

15. Written legal Opinion Regarding Employee Discipline

Back in regular session at 8:45 p.m.

Fire Chief Robert Phillips addressed the Board regarding this item and stated the following: Based on the charges and response to charges, he was recommending the termination of employee #371, effective immediately.

**MOTION by FREITAS seconded by KRZEMINSKI to adopt the recommendation of Chief Phillips to terminate employee #371, effective immediately.**

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**MOTION carried.**

**MOTION by BUCCI seconded by KRZEMINSKI to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.**

**MOTION carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet I. Dunn  
Macomb Township Supervisor

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James R. Gelios  
Macomb Township Deputy Clerk