



# MACOMB TOWNSHIP *Michigan*

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020

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

Call Meeting to Order

**Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dunn at 7:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.**

1. Oath of Office - Trustee Charles Oliver

Clerk Pozzi administered the Oath of Office to Charles Oliver for a term ending at Noon on November 20, 2020.

2. Roll Call

**Clerk POZZI called the roll:**

**Present: Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Absent:**

Supervisor Dunn read a brief statement indicating she has provided information to the United States Attorney's office.

3. Approval of Agenda Items (with any corrections)

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Kathy Smith to approve the agenda as amended with the following changes; remove New Business Item 22, Discussion regarding the evaluation of employee #2205 and New Business Item 23, Evaluate the reorganization of the Human Resources and General Counsel needs for Macomb Township and add New Business Item 17a, Authorization to Extend Offer of Employment - Planning Director. Items 22 and 23 will be addressed at a Special**

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**Meeting on February 19, 2020 at Town Hall at 6:30 PM to include Closed Session for attorney-client confidential written legal opinion, discussion regarding whether or not just cause exists to discipline employee #2205 and evaluate and consider the reorganization which would eliminate the combined position of human resources director/general counsel position.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Tim Bussineau to approve the Special Meeting for February 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM to discuss the matters outlined by Supervisor Dunn.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

4. Approval of Bills

**MOTION by Nancy Nevers seconded by Kathy Smith to approve the bills as presented.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

**MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Kathy Smith to approve meeting minutes from January 22, 2020 as presented.**

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**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

6. Engineering Department
  - a. Request to Approve Final Site Development Bond Release for Strathmore Site Condominiums II (\$10,000.00)
  - b. Request to Approve Partial Site Development Bond Release for Niko's Import/Export Warehouse (Units 17, 18, 19 of Regency Commerce Center) (\$348,436.00)
7. Human Resources Department
  - a. Request for Medical Leave of Absence - Fire Department EE # 1006
  - b. Request for Military Leave of Absence - Fire Department Employee # 2321
8. Fire Department
  - a. Request for Fire Inspectors to Attend Training
  - b. Request to Attend Fire Instructors Training Conference
  - c. Request to Attend the Station Based Risk Reduction Course at the National Fire Academy
9. Supervisor's Office
  - a. SEMCOG Membership Dues
  - b. Request to attend annual MTA Conference
10. Treasurer's Office

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- a. Request approval for Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to attend MMTA Advanced Institute

**MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Charles Oliver to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.**

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**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

11. Public Hearing for 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

Supervisor Dunn opened the public hearing at 7:08 PM.

Requests for funding have been received from the following: Macomb Township Senior Program \$31,000, Care House \$12,000, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers \$672, Macomb County Warming Center \$4,000, Maggie's Wigs for Kids of Michigan \$2,000, MCA Chore Program \$7,500, MCREST \$1,890, Samaritan House \$1,000 and Turning Point \$1,500. Representatives from Care House, Maggie's Wigs for Kids of Michigan and Turning Point spoke. Resident Jay Lamky also spoke.

Supervisor Dunn closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

Supervisor Dunn indicated Macomb County will determine the CDBG allocations and no motions are necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

12. Request to Approve the Blanket Maintenance Permit with the Macomb County Department of Roads. (5 year permit)

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Item presented by Water and Sewer Superintendent Gerry Wangelin.

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Charles Oliver to approve the Blanket Maintenance Permit with the Macomb County Department of Roads. (5 year permit).**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

13. Request to Approve Extension of Time for Landscaping and Site Improvements for Stillwater Crossing Site Condominiums

Item presented by Township Engineer James Van Tiflin.

**MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Kathy Smith to approve Extension of Time for Landscaping and Site Improvements for Stillwater Crossing Site Condominiums until June 30, 2020.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

14. Request to Adjust Engineering Plan Review Fees

Item presented by Township Engineer James Van Tiflin.

**MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Kristi Pozzi to Adjust Engineering Plan Review Fees based on the current-year CPI number.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

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**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

15. Request for Authorization for Township Supervisor to sign Quit Claim Deeds for the Dedication of the Ultimate Road Right-of-Way for Macomb Township Owned Properties (Parcel Nos. 08-05-400-029, 08-10-400-025, 08-24-427-002, and 08-35-276-005)

Item presented by Township Engineer James Van Tiflin.

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Karen Goodhue to Authorize the Township Supervisor to sign Quit Claim Deeds for the Dedication of the Ultimate Road Right-of-Way for Macomb Township Owned Properties (Parcel Nos. 08-05-400-029, 08-10-400-025, 08-24-427-002, and 08-35-276-005).**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

16. Request to Approve Release of Utility Easement for Water Main at Lutheran North High School

Item presented by Township Engineer James Van Tiflin.

**MOTION by Nancy Nevers seconded by Kathy Smith to approve Release of Utility Easement for Water Main at Lutheran North High School.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT:**

17. Authorization to Extend Offer of Employment - Elections Manager

**MOTION by Tim Bussineau seconded by Kathy Smith to approve the promotion of EE# 1374 to the position of Elections Manager pursuant to the AFSCME, Local 1917 Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Kathy Smith to extend offer of employment for Planning Director to Josh Bocks.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

18. Rezoning Request; Agricultural (AG) to Residential Urban-One Family (R-1); Located on the south side of 25 Mile Road and 1/4 mile east of Romeo Plank Road; Permanent Parcel #08-08-200-009

Item presented by Planning Consultant David Scurto.

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Charles Oliver to to Accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the Rezoning Request; Agricultural (AG) to Residential Urban-One Family (R-1); Located on the south side of 25 Mile Road and 1/4 mile east of Romeo Plank Road; Permanent Parcel #08-08-200-009 based upon the recommendation from the Master Plan and all the various Departments that have given recommendations along with the similarities in use of this parcel and surrounding parcels (as motioned by the Planning Commission).**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

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**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

19. Request to Promote Probationary Firefighter

Item presented by Fire Chief Robert Phillips.

**MOTION by Kathy Smith seconded by Karen Goodhue to approve the promotion of Probationary Firefighter Smith.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

20. Request to Renew Radio Recording System Agreement

Item presented by Fire Chief Robert Phillips.

**MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Nancy Nevers to approve the five (5) year renewal with Equature.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

21. Travel Expense Policy

Item presented by Finance Director Stacy Smith.

**MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Nancy Nevers to approve the revised**



**Travel Expense Policy.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE:**

22. Discussion regarding the evaluation of employee #2205

Item removed from the agenda.

23. Evaluate the reorganization of the Human Resources and General Counsel needs for Macomb Township.

Item removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

John Parkinson provided his thoughts on the Supervisor's job performance.

Dan Johnson thanked several Board members for their service.

Mark Grabow spoke regarding potential corruption in the Township.

Charles Missig offered his thoughts on the current state of the Township.

Kathy Western spoke about leadership and accountability.

Paul Ruggeri welcomed Charles Oliver to the Board and spoke about the combined HR/General Counsel position.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Trustees Comments

Trustee Nevers spoke regarding her efforts to speak with Township employees who signed letter expressing dissatisfaction with the HR Director/Legal Counsel.

Trustee Bussineau spoke regarding corruption within Township government. He outlined efforts the Board has taken to reform Township governance.

Trustee Oliver thanked the Board for the appointment. He explained to residents the reason he was unable to attend the January 15, 2020 Special Meeting.

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Treasurer Comments

Treasurer Goodhue reminded residents they have until Monday, March 2, 2020 to pay winter taxes at Town Hall.

Clerk Comments

Clerk Pozzi reminded resident of the upcoming March 10 Presidential Primary. The clerk's office will offer extended hours March 2-5 (8:00 AM - 7:00 PM) and March 6 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM). The deadline to apply for an absent mail-in ballot to be issued by mail is March 6 at 5:00 PM. Voters may request and vote a mail-in ballot at the clerk's office Monday, March 9 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. (Ballots issued at the clerk's office Monday, March 9 must be voted in person.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Dunn welcomed Charles Oliver to the Board.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

24. Closed Session to Discuss Status of Pending Litigation - Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-003513-CZ

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Charles Oliver to enter into Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation - Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-003513-CZ.**

**ROLL CALL Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Ayes - Kristi Pozzi, Charles Oliver, Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Janet Dunn**

**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:10 PM and reconvened into Open Session at 8:25 PM.

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Charles Oliver to authorize settlement of litigation - Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-003513-CZ.**

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**Nays - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Nancy Nevers to adjourn the February 12, 2020 Board meeting at 08:26 PM.**

**Vote Summary: (7 - 0 - 0)**

**Aye - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn**

**Nay - None**

**Abstain - None**

**THE MOTION Passed.**