



MACOMB TOWNSHIP *Michigan*

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

LOCATION: AUDIO CONFERENCE

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 Supervisor Dunn.

1. Roll Call

Clerk POZZI called the roll:

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

Absent:

2. Approval of Agenda Items (with any corrections)

MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Nancy Nevers to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Request to Adopt Resolution to Authorize Submission of MNRTF Grant Application for \$1.2 Million for the 26 Mile Road Property.

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

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

3. Approval of Bills

MOTION by Nancy Nevers seconded by Karen Goodhue to approve the bills as

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presented.

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

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2020, Closed Session Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2020

MOTION by Kristi Pozzi seconded by Karen Goodhue to approve meeting minutes from April 22, 2020, April 22, 2020 Closed Session meeting minutes and April 29, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

5. Water and Sewer Department
 - a. Request to Pay Pamar Enterprises, Inc. for the North Avenue Emergency Water Main Break Repair on 2/5/2020 and 2/10/2020 (\$11,148.61)
6. Human Resources Department
 - a. Request for Medical Leave of Absence - Fire Department EE # 1006
 - b. Request for Personal Leave of Absence - Fire Department EE # 1094
 - c. Request approval for FMLA for EE # 2199
 - d. Request for Family & Medical Leave of Absence - EE # 2410

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7. Parks and Recreation Department

a. 2020 Spring/Summer R.E.A.C.H. Programs

MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Kathy Smith to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

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

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

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

Pamela Leidlein spoke about gun violence and Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Dennis Martin spoke regarding statements made by a board member at a previous meeting.

Frank Cusumano spoke about order of business for meetings, pension board meetings and agenda item 10.

Tom Sokol spoke regarding the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution and the AFSCME Management Bargaining Unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL COUNSEL:

8. FOIA Appeal 2020-64

Item presented by Attorney Greg Meihn.

MOTION by Charles Oliver seconded by Kathy Smith to deny the appeal of FOIA 2020-64.

ROLL CALL Vote Summary: (4 - 3 - 0)

Ayes - Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn

Nays - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Karen Goodhue

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE:

9. Request to Schedule the 2020-2021 Macomb Township Budget Public Hearings for May 27, 2020 and June 10, 2020.

Item presented by Supervisor Dunn.

MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Nancy Nevers to Motion to schedule the 2020-2021 Macomb Township Budget Public Hearings for May 27, 2020 and June 10, 2020.

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

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

Nays - None

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

10. Foley & Mansfield Invoice (\$6,932.50)

Item presented by Supervisor Dunn.

MOTION by Nancy Nevers seconded by Tim Bussineau to pay Foley & Mansfield \$5,000.00.

ROLL CALL Vote Summary: (2 - 5 - 0)

Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers

Nays - Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Failed.

MOTION by Kathy Smith seconded by Charles Oliver to pay the full amount of \$6,932.50.

ROLL CALL Vote Summary: (5 - 2 - 0)

Ayes - Kathy Smith, Charles Oliver, Karen Goodhue, Kristi Pozzi, Janet Dunn

Nays - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

11. **Add-On:** Request to Adopt Resolution to Authorize Submission of MNRTF Grant Application for \$1.2 Million for the 26 Mile Road Property.

Item presented by Treasurer Goodhue and Chris Bunch from Six Rivers Land Conservancy.

MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Nancy Nevers to adopt resolution according to Option 1 as presented by Mr. Bunch.

Vote Summary: (4 - 3 - 0)

Ayes - Tim Bussineau, Nancy Nevers, Karen Goodhue, Janet Dunn

Nays - Charles Oliver, Kathy Smith, Kristi Pozzi

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustees Comments

Trustee Bussineau thanked the military squadrons that flew over the region this week. Trustee Nevers responded to comments made during public participation and thanked the Township's technology vendor for their assistance with the remote meetings. Trustee Oliver gave an update on the reopening of landscaping services and garden centers.

Treasurer Comments

Treasurer Goodhue informed residents the April and May water bills were mailed late and that no penalties will be assessed. She also commented on the beauty of the 26 Mile Road property and suggested establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission to decide how to utilize the property.

Clerk Comments

Clerk Pozzi encouraged residents to consider the method by which they will vote in August. All residents are eligible to receive a mail-in ballot or vote at a precinct. Safety measures will be taken to ensure a safe environment in the precincts. Voters not on the mail-in application list received a mailing with instructions on how to be placed on the list.

Supervisor Comments

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Supervisor Dunn announced the appointment of Terri Kowal as Deputy Supervisor. She also spoke about the Loudermill Hearing held on April 29, 2020.

MOTION by Janet Dunn seconded by Charles Oliver to terminate Mr. Esordi immediately.

Charles Oliver withdrew his support for the motion.

MOTION by Kathy Smith seconded by Charles Oliver to have outside counsel for employee matters, including, but not limited to the whistleblower lawsuit.

Discussion was had amongst Board members which resulted in:

MOTION by Kathy Smith seconded by Charles Oliver to postpone until the next meeting to have outside counsel for employee matters, including, but not limited to the whistleblower lawsuit.

Vote Summary: (6 - 1- 0)

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

Nays - Janet Dunn

Abstain - None

THE MOTION Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Karen Goodhue seconded by Kristi Pozzi to adjourn the May 13, 2020 Board meeting at 08:40 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.