

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 1, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Rick Hamill, Supervisor
Tami Flowers, Clerk
Jennifer Frederick, Treasurer
Judy Cooper, Trustee
Brian Howe, Trustee
Beth Lewis, Trustee
Joseph Salvia, Trustee – Arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Also Present: Fire Chief Nick George
Lieutenant Matt Snyder
Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney
Matthew Zalowski, Township Attorney

Visitors: 10

Approval of Agenda:

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a) March 4, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
- b) List of Bills dated March 21, 2024 and April 4, 2024 plus additions
- c) Resolution 24-07 2024 Poverty Exemption Policy, Guidelines, and Determinations
- d) Resolution #24-08 to Authorize West Nile Virus Fund Expense Reimbursement
- e) Resolution #24-09 to Authorize the Placement of Signage on M-59 Median for Founders Day Celebration
- f) Resolution #24-10 to Authorize the Closure of Roads for Founders Day Parade and Events
- g) Kris Kopacki Independent Contractor Agreement
- h) S & D Seasonal Services, LLC Independent Contractor Agreement
- i) Road Commission of Oakland County 2024 Dust Control
- j) Standard Dental and Mutual of Omaha Insurance Renewals

Receive and File:

Activity Council Minutes – February 2024
Activity Director's Report – February 2024
Building Department Report – February 2024
Financial Report – Pre-Audit 2023 and February 2024
Fire Department Report – February 2024
Library Board Minutes – February 2024
Library Director's Report – February 2024
Treasurer's Report – February 2024

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

Announcements and Information Inquiry:

- a) Invasive Plant Removal Workday at Hickory Ridge Pines Park on Saturday, April 6th at 10 a.m.
- b) Duck Lake Pines Park Earth Day Cleanup Project April 20th at 3:30 p.m.
- c) Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 2nd, for National Day of Prayer

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Public Hearing:

- a) Reprogramming of 2022 and 2023 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Public Hearing was opened at 6:34 a.m. and closed at 6:35 p.m. There were no public comments.

New Business:

- a) Reprogramming of 2022 and 2023 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve the Reprogramming of 2022 and 2023 Community Development Block Grant Funding as presented. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

- b) Resolution #24-11 to Approve Police Services Millage Renewal Ballot Language

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve Resolution #24-11 to Approve Police Services Millage Renewal Ballot Language as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

- c) Resolution #24-12 Surplus Property – South Bay Shores

Ms. Frederick moved to approve Resolution #24-12 Surplus Property – South Bay Shores as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

- d) Resolution #24-13 Surplus Property – Gateway Park

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve Resolution #24-13 Surplus Property – Gateway Park as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – no, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

Ms. Frederick moved to approve funds from Capital Improvement for Duck Lake Pines in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the purchase of supplies from Iverson's Lumber Company. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

f) Seasonal Part Time-Floater Activity Center Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve Ashley Valdez as Seasonal Part Time-Floater Activity Center Administrative Assistant up to 29 hours per week at a starting wage of \$17.94/hour starting April 2nd. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

Possible Closed Session

a) Pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) to discuss settlement strategy in Scott Rhodes v Charter Township of Highland, et. al., the open discussion of which would have a detrimental financial effect on the Townships' settlement position.

Mr. Hamill moved to recess into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e), to discuss settlement strategy in Scott Rhodes v. Charter Township of Highland, et. al., the open discussion of which would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township's settlement position. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes.

The Board went into closed session from 7:07 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. Hamill moved to decline the Offer to Settle in Scott Rhodes v. Charter Township of Highland. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Hamill adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Tami Flowers, MiPMC
Highland Township Clerk



Rick A. Hamill
Highland Township Supervisor