

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2017  
MEETING ROOM – 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Braman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Braman, Rumsey, Fritts, Myers, Piper, Pray and Slueter.

**Pray moved and Myers seconded to approve the agenda as amended, adding Michigan Tax Tribunal to New Business. Carried: 7-0.**

**Piper moved and Rumsey seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried: 7-0.**

REPORTS:

Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Holliday reported on events being handled in township. Piper congratulated Deputy Holliday on his letter of accommodation last week.

Planning Commission: None.

Sewer Board: None.

Emergency Service Department:

Chief Miller reported 1) After securing additional information requested for our Medicare Reimbursement Revalidation, we have received confirmation that we are good for another 5 years. 2) The required participation and information was sent to the state EMS Quality Assurance Assessment Program. This was a law that was passed in 2015 requiring all EMS providers to participate in reporting Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements. The state is also requiring us to report all revenues received. This is concerning, it is unclear on what they are trying to accomplish with this study, whether our Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement will be reduced based on our private pay receipts. The Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and Michigan Association of Ambulance Services lobbyist are meeting with the State to figure out why the state needs our private pay receipts. 3) Three (3) of our paid on call employees, Kaleb Benjamin, Megan Declercq and Jeff Carrow have passed their Paramedic Class and another, Zach Bailey will be taking the written this week. Congratulations to them all. 4) From February 27<sup>th</sup> thru March 13<sup>th</sup>, interviews will be conducted for a new full time staff person to replace Joel Wilkens. 5) MIOSHA was at the Station last Wednesday to train some new safety inspectors. They like coming to Windsor Township for training and were very complimentary of our trucks and building.

Assessor: None

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Braman reported receiving a couple complaints for excess cars and rubbish, both on Windsor Hwy. Sent out letter to property owner.

Public Officials:

Commissioner Eakin reported 1) They are starting out tackling unfunded liabilities, particularly health care for retirees and potential retirees. 2) Eaton County has been dismissed from the lawsuit filed by the Guilford family. The lawsuit against Sgt. Frost is still ongoing, he is still a county employee and the county will cover both legal and expenses until lawsuit is over.

Other Reports & Announcements: None

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Braman commented there are significant changes coming in 2018 to the state's medical marijuana laws. In the next few months, the township needs to decide on how we want to participate. More information will be coming from the township's counsel.

A preliminary map has been supplied to the township for the Road Millage Program for 2017. The road commission would like any recommendation into them by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

There's a big issue in Michigan Tax Tribunals dealing with big box stores. There's an evaluation theory out there that has allowed big box stores to significantly cut their tax bills. Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC has asked us to join, with other townships, to support an Amicus Brief; which is filed with Supreme Court, giving the court an idea how horribly this impacts our townships. **Slucter moved and Rumsey seconded to contribute up to \$1000.00 to support the Amicus Brief. Carried 7-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion took place on the Azzawi properties. Signed offers were presented to Mr. Azzawi, he was assured that he would not be charged any fees or commission and Mr. Azzawi stated that he does not want to deal with a real estate broker. Supervisor Braman will be calling Mr. Azzawi to inform him the township is aware of the contact that was made and that he would not work with them, therefore he is in violation of the agreement he made with the township with respect to him listing his properties for sale professionally. Mr. Azzawi will be informed the township will be proceeding with the dangerous building ordinance.

HEAR PUBLIC PRESENT ON ANY SUBJECT:

Chief Miller commented that there is a preliminary map along with a list of roads by township on the road commission website.

Trustee Myers inquired about what property was being referred to in the previous minutes on Billwood & Canal Road. A short discussion was held on the property being the Kamphuis property, right on the corner, where all the trees are gone. Just cleaning the property up to make it more appealing.

Discussion was held on the property across from Kamphuis property, on the other corner of Billwood & Canal Road. The houses were demolished a while ago and there isn't anything currently in the works for the property.

With no further business **Piper moved and Pray seconded to adjourn the meeting. Carried 7-0.**  
**Adjourned at 8:17 pm.**

Lisa A. Rumsey, Clerk  
Windsor Charter Township