

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at Lake Point Church, 1550 W. Drahner Road, Oxford, Michigan 48371.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Curtis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

RESPECTS TO THE FLAG

NOTING OF ROLL

Members Present: Wright, Curtis, Nold, Ferrari, Colvin, Charles

Members Absent: Payne

Also Present: Township Attorney Kelly, Township Engineer Sharpe, Fire Chief Majestic, Executive Assistant Smith, Recording Secretary McCullough, Communications and Grants Manager Carnacchio, two camera operators (OCTV), and approximately 250 guests.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to approve the April 12, 2023 agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Colvin seconded, to approve the April 12, 2023 Consent Agenda including the following:

1. The Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023;
2. The Closed Session Township Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023;
3. The Treasurer Reports for November 2022, December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023;
4. The Clerk Reports for November 2022, December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023;
5. The Regular Bills through April 7, 2023;
6. The Consultant Bills through April 7, 2023;
7. 2022 National Opioid Participation Settlement;
8. Acceptance of Permanent Easement for Safety Path on Parcel P-04-22-200-030;
9. DTE payment for pole relocation at Fire Station #3.

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Nold, Charles, Ferrari, Wright, Curtis

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No citizens spoke during this portion of public comment.

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PUBLIC HEARING

To Consider the Establishment of a Special Assessment District to Eradicate and Control Aquatic Weeds in Paint Lake Canal

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to open the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the establishment of the Paint Lake Special Assessment District (SAD) to hear objections to the SAD Petition, the SAD project, and the SAD cost estimate.

Roll call:

Ayes: Wright, Ferrari, Curtis, Nold, Colvin, Charles

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

There being no public comment, Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Wright seconded, to close the Public Hearing to discuss the establishment of the Paint Lake Special Assessment District to hear objections to the SAD Petition, the SAD project, and the SAD cost estimate at 6:33 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Charles, Ferrari, Curtis, Wright, Nold

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

To Consider the Possibility of Utilizing One Company to Provide Waste Disposal Services to the Charter Township of Oxford

Supervisor Curtis made the following statement:

“The next item on our agenda is ‘To Consider the Possibility of Utilizing One Company to Provide Waste Disposal Services to the Charter Township of Oxford.’ In preparation for this discussion and public hearing with our residents, at our public meeting on January 11 of this year, the Township Board authorized a “Request for Proposal for Solid Waste , Recycling and Yard Waste Collection, Transportation and Disposal Services.” While recently the Township received responses to the RFP, the acceptance of any bid or contract was and has always been conditioned upon the Township Board considering and approving a new Waste Disposal Ordinance, which tonight’s Public Hearing was intended to discuss and obtain input from our residents.

Unfortunately, I recently learned that a contractor of the Township may have had contact with some, **but not all**, potential bidders during the RFP process. While there is no evidence confidential information was exchanged or other impropriety occurred, it has always been my practice that Oxford Township will not only adhere to the strict language of our Procurement Policy, but we will also avoid even the appearance of impropriety or unfair treatment.

For this reason, I am exercising the Township’s right to reject any and all proposals under the RFP and thereby terminate the previously approved RFP. I am requesting this Board refer the matter back to the Waste Disposal Ordinance Committee with direction to consider a Request for Proposal specifying that all Township employees,

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contractors and representatives strictly adhere to the Oxford Township Procurement Policy in a manner consistent with fairness and transparency to all interested parties, and to avoid at all times even the appearance of impropriety.”

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to direct the Waste Disposal Committee consider a Request for Proposal for Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection, Transportation and Disposal Services, which specifies that all Township employees, contractors and representatives strictly adhere to the Oxford Township Procurement Policy in a manner consistent with fairness and transparency to all interested parties, and to avoid at all times even the appearance of impropriety.

Roll call:

Ayes: Nold, Colvin, Charles, Ferrari, Wright, Curtis

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to open the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. to consider contracting with one company to provide waste disposal services to the Charter Township of Oxford.

Roll call:

Ayes: Ferrari, Colvin, Nold, Curtis, Wright, Charles

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

The following residents spoke against a single waste hauler:

1. Shelby Stewart-Soldan, Worcester
2. James Montgomery, Waterstone subdivision
3. Edward Strzelecki, Coryell
4. Edward Zaucha, Golf Highlands
5. Kevin Robertson, Harwood
6. Brian Janks, Golf Highlands HOA
7. Julie Mayes, Baldwin Road
8. Jason, Waterstone
9. Steven Fox, Waterstone
10. Unidentified speaker
11. Rand Kulkis, Stanton Road
12. Jay Havener, S. Coats Road
13. Rick McLatcher, Waterstone
14. Sandra Firnhaber, Waterstone
15. Unidentified speaker, Lakes of Indianwood
16. Elton Hicks, S. Coats Road
17. Lisa Reilly, Maloney
18. Unidentified speaker, Golf Highlands
19. Kristine Payne, Coryell

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20. Jim Porritt, Oak Ridge
21. Leah McLatcher, Waterstone
22. Representative of the Kanka household, Oakmont Drive

The following residents spoke in favor of a single waste hauler:

1. Frederick Dick, Willow Lake Subdivision
2. Dan, Davis Lake
3. Pat Johnson, Huron Court
4. Doug Anderson, Beemer Court
5. Dan Davis
6. Barb Kenyon, Red Bard Subdivision
7. Julie Ann Nordquist, Deer Path Trail

The following residents also spoke regarding the process:

1. Eric Benninger, Bluffs of Waterstone HOA
2. Kathy Graham, Minnetonka Drive
3. John McNelis, Glaspie Road
4. Ron Ziemba, Great Pines Drive
5. Tamara Martin, Davison Lake Road
6. Candace Isaacson, Tanview
7. Charles Harper, Seymour Lake Road
8. Sarah, Baldwin Road
9. Kurt Dawson, Harwood
10. Dan Brinker, Dayton
11. Peggy Redaway, Pointe Drive
12. Charles Devlin, Keble
13. Matt, Gill Street
14. Larry Roesner, Cobblestone
15. Gilbert Liptak, Waterstone
16. Nicole Blankenship, Harvard Court
17. Paul Taddonio, Community Disposal Services
18. Jim Powers, Seymour Lake Road
19. Harvey Westley, Horner Drive
20. Shirley Bolterstein, Stony Lake Drive

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to close the Public Hearing to consider contracting with one company to provide waste disposal services to the Charter Township of Oxford at 8:49 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Charles, Ferrari, Curtis, Wright, Nold

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Purchase of New Fire Engine

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to approve the purchase of one (1) Sutphen Custom Heavy-Duty G-9 Pumper complete and delivered to the Oxford Fire Department and, per the prepayment discount options letter provided by Sutphen Corporation dated April 4, 2023, approve prepayment Option 4 with a discount of \$53,635.69 for a total purchase price of \$816,132.31. This \$816,132.31 purchase price to be paid with a loan from the Oxford Township Building Department Fund to the Oxford Fire Department. The Oxford Fire Department will be charged a 1.00% interest rate beginning on the loan date to be paid back in one balloon payment three (3) years after the loan date or later depending upon the actual arrival of the new fire engine. The final payment is estimated to be \$840,979.00 with \$816,132.31 being paid in principal and \$24,846.69 being paid in interest.

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Charles, Nold, Ferrari, Wright, Curtis

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

Fire Station #3 Well Bids

Trustee Nold moved, Treasurer Ferrari seconded, to rescind the motion approved at the March 8, 2023 Oxford Township Board of Trustees meeting to award the Oxford Fire Station #3 Fire Protection Well bid to Ed Birkmeier Well Drilling at a base bid price of \$41,794.00 and now award the Oxford Fire Station #3 Fire Protection Well bid to C.E. Layman for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00, to be determined from which fund the \$48,000.00 amount will be paid.

Roll call:

Ayes: Curtis, Wright, Ferrari, Nold, Charles, Colvin

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

SHARPE ENGINEERING REPORT

Engineer Sharpe provided a written update regarding ongoing projects in the Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paint (f/k/a "Squaw") Lake Canal Special Assessment District Request Resolution #2

Clerk Wright moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to approve Resolution #2 to establish the Paint Lake Canal Special Assessment District as presented.

Roll call:

Ayes: Ferrari, Nold, Colvin, Curtis, Wright, Charles

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

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Oakland County 2023 Gravel Road Program Cost Participation Agreement

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to approve the Cost Participation Agreement between the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Oakland and the Charter Township of Oxford for the 2023 Gravel Road Program as presented, and authorize Supervisor Jack Curtis to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Charter Township of Oxford.

Roll call:

Ayes: Nold, Wright, Curtis, Ferrari, Charles, Colvin

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Carlisle/Wortman Associates Agreement for Consulting Services

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to approve the Agreement for Consulting Services between the Charter Township of Oxford and Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. as presented and authorize Supervisor Jack Curtis and Clerk Curtis W. Wright to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Charter Township of Oxford.

Roll call:

Ayes: Charles, Nold, Curtis, Wright, Ferrari, Colvin

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

Ordinance Review Committee Request for Funding

Trustee Nold moved, Treasurer Ferrari seconded, to approve an amount not to exceed \$13,680.00 payable to Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. to work with the Oxford Township Ordinance Review Committee to draft and adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendments for the following identified Priority Group 1 items:

- Signage
- Lighting
- Landscaping Standards
- Zoning Map Maintenance
- Animal Definitions
- Zoning Amendment Criteria
- State-licensed Residential Uses
- Sound Standards

This \$13,680.00 amount to be expensed to General Fund account 101-701-801.000 Planner/Professional Services.

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Charles, Ferrari, Wright, Nold, Curtis

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

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Speed Study Request

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Colvin seconded, to approve the Resolution to request the Michigan Department of Transportation to conduct a speed study on Lapeer Road (*M-24 Highway*) from Ray Road in Oxford Township, Oakland County, to Harriet Street.

Roll call:

Ayes: Ferrari, Wright, Curtis, Colvin, Charles, Nold

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

CDBG for Senior Services (Meals on Wheels)

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, that the Oxford Township Board of Trustees agrees to waive its resolution to solicit bids and award the Senior Services Contract for 2022 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) in the amount of \$5,352.00 to Rochester Older Person Commission (OPC) and authorizes CDBG Coordinator Joseph G. Ferrari to sign the applicable contract and/or documents.

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Nold, Charles, Curtis, Ferrari, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

2023 West Nile Virus Prevention Program

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to purchase 65 cases of the Mosquito Dunks 12x2 packs at \$45.84 per case for \$2,979.60 (includes shipping) and 1 case of the Natular XRT tablets for \$968.00 (includes shipping). The total project expenditure is \$3,947.60 with \$3,912.38 coming from the Oakland County West Nile Prevention Grant (account number 101-000-072.006) and \$35.22 coming from the Oxford Township General Fund (account number 101-531-880.001).

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Charles, Ferrari, Curtis, Wright, Nold

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Wright seconded, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the West Nile Virus Fund Expense Reimbursement Request as presented.

Roll call:

Ayes: Curtis, Wright, Ferrari, Nold, Colvin, Charles

Nays: None

Absent: Payne

Motion Carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

None.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Two citizens spoke during this portion of public comment.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Colvin thanked the residents for their input at this meeting. She also announced that the DDA will be having a clean-up day in the Village on April 22, 2023.

Trustee Charles commended Supervisor Curtis for his handling of the meeting. He also expressed frustration with the single hauler issue and the lack of communication from the consultant.

Treasurer Ferrari thanked the residents for their attendance and input. He suggested that the Committee investigate developing special assessment districts with the HOAs.

Trustee Nold stated that the Committee will have a lot to consider. He thanked those residents who were cordial and polite.

Clerk Wright thanked Supervisor Curtis for handling the meeting and thanked Deputy Clerk McCullough, Grants and Communications Manager Carnacchio and Executive Administrative Assistant Smith for their assistance. In addition, Clerk Wright thanked Lake Point Church for hosting the meeting.

Clerk Wright asked that the HOAs provide a copy of their By Laws to the Township. He echoed Trustee Nold's comment that the Committee will conduct thorough research based on the comments and information received from the residents.

Supervisor Curtis thanked Lake Point Church and Joel for the use of the facility, and thanked OCTV for making sure the meeting was live-streamed for those who could not attend.

Supervisor Curtis shared that Oxford Schools has a group called Community in Action who help out those in the community that are unable to do outside cleanup projects around their homes.

Supervisor Curtis thanked the residents who stayed for the duration of the meeting. He assured the community that their comments have been heard tonight. He stated that the Board is very conscientious with taxpayer's dollars to ensure that money is spent wisely.

ADJOURNMENT

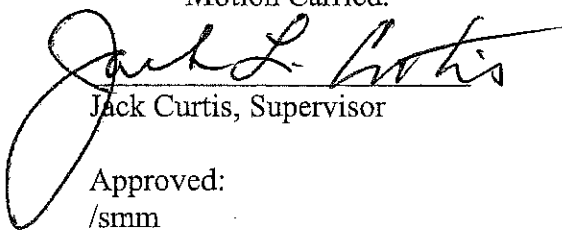
Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried.


Jack Curtis, Supervisor


Curtis Wright, Clerk

Approved:

/s/mm