

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING,  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at the Oxford Township Meeting Room, 300 Dunlap Road, Oxford, Michigan 48371.

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

**RESPECTS TO THE FLAG**

**NOTING OF ROLL**

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

Members Absent: Payne (*arrived at 6:31 p.m.*)

Also Present: OCTV Manager Teri Stiles, Fire Chief Matthew Majestic, Fire Dept. Finance Manager Lindsay Young, Executive Assistant Danielle Smith, Recording Secretary Susan McCullough, one camera person (OCTV), and 5 residents.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Wright seconded, to approve the August 28, 2024 special meeting agenda as amended: Removing 7.B. 2025 Fire Department Operations (206) Budget from the Public Hearing.

Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 1  
Motion Carried.

(*Trustee Payne arrived at 6:31 p.m.*)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Three residents spoke during this portion of public comment. Mary Spearman, Val Cerat and Deb Richards all thanked the Board for the designated funds for the new pickleball courts at Seymour Lake Park.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Charles stated that the new website is underway.

Trustee Payne stated that she appreciates the gratitude from the residents for the new pickleball courts.

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – TRUTH IN BUDGETING**

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Colvin seconded, to open the Truth-in-Budgeting public hearing at 6:37 p.m. to discuss the property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets for the following:

2025 General Fund (101) Budget  
2025 Police Contracting (207) Budget  
2025 Parks & Recreation (208) Budget

Roll call:

Ayes: Colvin, Payne, Nold, Ferrari, Wright, Charles, Curtis  
Nays: None

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Absent: None

Motion Carried.

There being no public comment, Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to close the Truth-in-Budgeting public hearing at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budgets for the following:

2025 General Fund (101) Budget

2025 Police Contracting (207) Budget

2025 Parks & Recreation (208) Budget

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The purpose of this workshop is to review the proposed 2025 operating budgets as follows:

2025 General Fund (101) Budget

2025 Road Fund (204) Budget

2025 Fire Department Operations (206) Budget

2025 Police Contracting (207) Budget

2025 Parks & Recreation (208) Budget

2025 Cemetery Maintenance Fund (209) Budget

2025 Telecommunications Fund (239) Budget

2025 Building Department Fund (249) Budget

2025 Cable Fund (296) Budget

2025 Safety Path Fund (297) Budget

2025 Polly Ann Trail Management Council Fund (298) Budget

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

One resident spoke during this portion of public comment.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Nold stated that the Water & Sewer Committee is working hard and would like to provide a synopsis of their work at each Township Board meeting. The Committee is working on 1) a recommended plan for the extension of sewer to the Brabb-Dewey subdivision; 2) 2025 water and sewer budgets for consideration to keep the entire Township Board apprised and involved in the funding of each system; 3) possible water rate adjustment for the standard minimum and additional usage; and 4) a recommendation for consideration for individual requested water and sewer billing adjustment(s) .

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Treasurer Ferrari stated that he would like to postpone the ballot issue for a single hauler until Priority (the preferred vendor) straightens out all its issues pertaining to the acquisition of GFL. Due to the issues with other communities as well as some of the township's own issues, he feels that the ballot question would not be able to get fair consideration by the voters. If the township waits until the 2026 midterm elections, all the transition issues would hopefully be worked out and the voters would be able to judge accordingly.

Supervisor Curtis explained that the Township works with both the County and State in dealing with invasive species mentioned by a resident during public comment. He also explained that through the process of updating the Master Plan, preserving open space has been a focus of the Planning Commission and the Township Board. The Board has been attempting to purchase available open space, but the developers are always able to pay more for available property.

Supervisor Curtis stated that the Township Board will adopt the budgets reviewed tonight at the Wednesday, September 11, 2024 meeting.

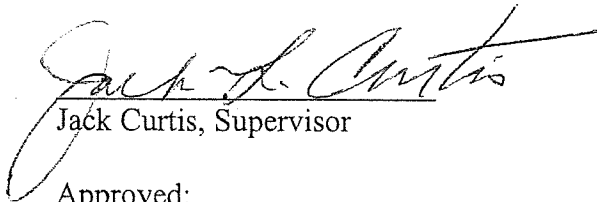
Trustee Charles stated that he appreciates the efforts of the Township to maintain open space. He also complimented Supervisor Curtis regarding the significant savings shown in the 2025 Police Contracting budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Colvin seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Ayes: 7                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 0

Motion Carried.

  
Jack Curtis, Supervisor

  
Curtis Wright, Clerk

Approved:  
/s/mm