

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, June 12, 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, Payne, Colvin, Curtis

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Township Attorney Ellis, Fire Chief Majestic, Building Official London, Communications and Grants Manager Carnacchio, Executive Assistant Smith, Recording Secretary McCullough, one camera person (OCTV), and 10 residents.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to approve the June 12, 2024 agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Payne seconded, to approve the June 12, 2024 Consent Agenda including the following:

1. Regular Township Board meeting minutes dated May 8, 2024
2. Special Township Board meeting minutes dated May 15, 2024
3. Closed Session Township Board meeting minutes dated May 15, 2024
4. Treasurer Reports for January, February and March 2024
5. Clerk Reports for January, February and March 2024
6. Regular Bills through June 7, 2024
7. Consultant Bills through June 7, 2024
8. Committee Reports

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

One resident spoke during this portion of public comment.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Charles shared that Glenn Pape, former executive director of the DDA, passed away recently.

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Trustee Charles stated that the Website Committee will be bringing a recommendation to the Board at the July 10, 2024 meeting.

Trustee Charles shared that the Oxford Addison Youth Assistance (OAYA) will have booths at the Concerts in the Park each week, as well as at the Farmers' Market.

Clerk Wright stated that the Clerk's office is getting busy with the August 6, 2024 Primary election.

Trustee Colvin shared that the DDA will have Concerts in the Park each Thursday throughout the summer at Centennial Park, as well as line dancing lessons in Washington Square each Tuesday.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BOB GERDS

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to adopt the Resolution in Recognition of Bob Gerds as presented.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Curtis called a five-minute recess at 6:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION (6:46 p.m.)

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of written legal opinions regarding the following:

- Potential litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(h), and MCL 15.243(g); and
- Potential purchase of property pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) and MCL 15.268(1)(h).

with attendance to include the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees, Township Attorney Ellis, Executive Assistant Smith, and Recording Secretary McCullough.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Trustee Payne moved, Trustee Colvin seconded, to return to Open Session at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of possible Board action regarding the above Closed Session items.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to amend the agenda to add item 12.a. and move everything down accordingly, to be Consideration for the Recission of the Authorization for Litigation Pertaining to the Library Board Candidates.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

SHARPE ENGINEERING REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration for the Recission of the Authorization for Litigation Pertaining to the Library Board Candidates

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to rescind the prior motion authorizing litigation against the County with regard to the striking of library board candidates from the ballot and authorize the Township Attorney to draft a letter to the County setting forth the Township's concerns with the handling of election issues.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Single Waste Hauler Recommendation

Trustee Nold moved, Trustee Payne seconded, to authorize the single hauler subcommittee to draft proposed ballot language for placement on the general election ballot for consideration by the Board of Trustees on the July 10, 2024 agenda, which shall allow voters to determine whether to have a single waste hauler service for all of Oxford.

Roll call:

Ayes: None

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

Absent: None

Motion Failed.

Trustee Nold moved, Trustee Payne seconded, to authorize the single waste hauler committee to draft proposed ballot language for placement on the general election ballot for consideration by the Board of Trustees on the July 10, 2024 agenda, which shall allow voters to determine whether to have a single waste hauler service for all of Oxford Township, excluding the Village of Oxford.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

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Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Trustee Nold moved, Trustee Payne seconded, to accept the response to Request for Proposal submitted by Priority Waste to be Oxford Township's single hauler conditioned upon a majority of Township voters voting in favor of having a single waste hauler service for all of Oxford Township, excluding the Village of Oxford.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Funding Recommendation

Clerk Wright moved, Trustee Charles seconded, to approve the reallocation of the American Rescue Plan Act Ray Road Safety Path project funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, and to approve the reallocation of any remaining American Rescue Plan Act legal fees to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

2024 Graveling of Additional Oxford Township Roads

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, that the Oxford Township Board of Trustees formally approves the 2024 additional gravel road program of Gardner Road and Delano Road as outlined by RCOC's Colin Campbell in a total amount of \$85,689.24. If this work cannot be done in 2024, then these gravel roads are to be addressed in 2025. These funds are to be expensed to the Roads Fund, account number 204-440-969.000.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MI Switch Business Phone System

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to approve the renewal Agreement between MI Switch Communications and the Charter Township of Oxford for a duration of three years in the amount of \$668.44 per month. This amount is to be expensed to account number 101-265-853.000 Telephone, and further authorize Supervisor Jack Curtis to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Charter Township of Oxford.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

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Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Set First Reading for Soil Erosion Ordinance 129.001

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Nold seconded, to set a First Reading of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance No. 129.001 for the July 10, 2024 Oxford Township Board of Trustee regular meeting.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Meals on Wheels Contract

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Supervisor Curtis seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Love Inc. of North Oakland County and the Charter Township of Oxford for the purpose of providing Meals-on-Wheels services to Oxford Township residents, conditioned upon Love Inc. providing evidence of adequate insurance coverage as required under the MOU, and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the same. These funds are to be expensed to 101-995-965.865.

Roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three citizens spoke during this portion of public comment.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Treasurer Ferrari stated that he has been happy with Community Waste as his trash hauler, and he wishes they had bid on the project.

Supervisor Curtis asked members of the Single Waste Hauler Committee to address the following questions:

1. Whether the rates will be included in the ballot proposal;
2. Was the community involved in the bidding process;
3. Will the proposed language be presented at the July meeting;
4. The validity of the process;
5. Will there only be one choice for the community.

Trustee Nold stated that the cost of all five years of the contract will be included in the ballot proposal. Clerk Wright stated the ballot language will be prepared by legal counsel.

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Clerk Wright explained that all meetings of the Single Waste Hauler Committee have been public meetings, with notice of said meetings posted and minutes of the meetings are a matter of public record. The Committee meetings have all been formally posted and open to the public.

Clerk Wright stated that it is the goal of the Committee to provide proposed ballot language to the Township Board at the July 10, 2024 regular Township Board meeting, to be submitted to Oakland County by the August 13, 2024 deadline.

Supervisor Curtis stated that there has been no impropriety on the part of the members of the Single Waste Hauler Committee. The process has been handled with complete transparency.

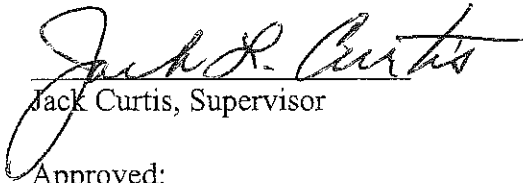
Supervisor Curtis explained that *single* hauler means one hauler for the community.

ADJOURNMENT

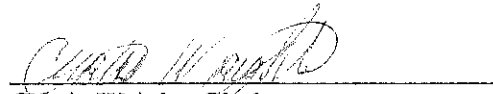
Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Payne seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried.



Jack Curtis, Supervisor



Curtis Wright, Clerk

Approved:
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