

**NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
Township Board
Minutes
November 23, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Supervisor Mozurkewich at 8350 Main Street.

PLEDGE/INVOCATION

Supervisor Mozurkewich led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Dan Flynn provided a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call:

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| Debra Mozurkewich | Present |
| Michele Manning | Present |
| Cynthia Wilson | Present |
| Wayne Dockett | Present |
| Samuel Iaquinto | Present |
| Daniel Rowe | Present |
| Dan Smith | Present |

Also present:

Police Lt. Tim Greene
Recording Secretary Lisa Lemble
Members of the community

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Bills**
- **Minutes of November 9, 2010**

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Rowe supported, that the bills be approved as presented and the minutes be approved as amended by the Clerk.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

ADOPT BALANCE OF AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Mozurkewich supported, that the balance of the agenda be adopted with the addition of a budget discussion as Item 1 in place of the previously scheduled discussion of Post Retirement Benefits.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments.

REPORTS/UPDATES

Mozurkewich reported on the Façade Improvement Plan and results of the comprehensive survey, and suggested holding a joint meeting with the Whitmore Lake school board. Iaquinto reported on Planning Commission work on the *Privately Owned Community Sewage Systems, Home Occupations*, and medical marijuana ordinances.

ACTION ITEMS

**1.
Acceptance of Easements
for Barker Road Pathway**

- ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Iaquinto supported, to approve the resolution for dedication of the Permanent Sidewalk Easement on Parcel 02-06-300-019. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote. Resolution adopted.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Rowe supported, to approve the resolution for dedication of the Permanent Sidewalk Easement on Parcel 02-06-300-003. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote. Resolution adopted.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**1.
Budget Discussion**

The Board discussed suggestions from Mozurkewich for changes to the budgeting process.

**2.
Appropriate Appointments
to Boards/Commissions**

The Board discussed whether to create a policy about appointments to Township boards and commissions.

**3.
Township Board Opening**

Manning referred to letters from four Township residents interested in filling the Township Board position being vacated by Trustee Smith due to his election to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

- ▶ **Motion:** Dockett moved, ~~Rowe~~ Iaquinto supported, that Mark Stanalajczo be appointed as Trustee to fill the Township Board position being vacated by Dan Smith. **Motion carried 6—0—1; Smith abstaining on a voice vote.**
- ▶ Iaquinto moved, Manning supported, to formally accept Dan Smith's resignation as a Board Trustee with regret effective November 24, 2010.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

4.
**Online Publishing of
Salary and Compensation Package**

Mozurkewich provided copies of *Washtenaw County's Open Book*, and the Board discussed the types of information that should be posted on the Township's website including budgets and audits, the checkbook registry, flex spending accounts, credit card charges, and salaries.

5.
Grant for Tire Cleanup

The Board agreed that the Township should apply for grant funding for collection and disposal of tires.

6.
Post Audit Discussion

- ▶ **Motion:** Rowe moved, Iaquinto supported, the Township authorize the office staff to hire personnel to complete the work in the Treasurer's department for up to \$20,000 to be taken from the general fund contingency budget to complete the critical tasks that are not being completed in the Treasurer's office as recommended by the auditor.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

7.
Police Car Purchase

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Rowe supported, to finance the new Police Department vehicle through the Wastewater Treatment Plant fund at an interest rate of 3% for a three year term.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Dockett thanked Wilson for collecting another \$1,875.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Linda Lupi, 9077 Butternut, commented on the need for the Board to follow up on the auditor's suggestions regarding the most recent audit.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board made comments about donations to the DDA for use as matching funds for a grant, repairing the Senior Center driveway, posting online of the audit and Board member attendance at meetings, continuing problems with television broadcasts of Board meetings, and Smith's resignation from the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

- ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Rowe supported, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.258(8)(e) to discuss Tax Tribunal cases involving The Links of Whitmore Lake and Fagin Family Real Estate. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Smith moved, Iaquinto supported, that the Board return to open session. **Motion carried 6—0 on a voice vote, Mozurkewich not present.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Rowe moved, Iaquinto supported, to authorize the Township attorney to proceed with the settlement action as offered in closed session.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

- ▶ **Motion:** Wilson moved, Iaquinto supported, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned 9:11 PM.

Submitted by Lisa Lemble.
Corrections to the originally issued minutes are indicated as follows:
Wording removed is ~~stricken through~~;
Wording added is underlined.
Approved by the Township Board on December 14, 2010.

Michele K. Manning, Clerk

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