

**Northfield Township Board Meeting
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street
February 14, 2012**

Township per discussion in closed session.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

REPORTS

Department Heads.

- *Police.* Lt. Timothy Greene summarized his written report.
 - ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Mozurkewich supported, that part-time officer Jason Smith be hired as referenced in the Police Department Report.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.
 - ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Mozurkewich supported, that the original allotment of \$23, 895 be increased to \$24,790 for the Police Department vehicle referenced in the Police Department Report.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.
 - ▶ **Motion:** Stanalajczo moved, Mozurkewich supported, that purchase of a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility All-Wheel Drive vehicle for \$35,263 be authorized.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.
- *Fire.* Public Safety Director Wagner summarized his written report. He noted that Firefighter Charles Cassidy has found another position. He said very little expense went into his training.
 - ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Manning supported, that the resignation of Charles Cassidy be accepted effective 12/31/2011.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.
- *Senior Center.* Director Laity referred to her written report.
- *Wastewater Treatment Plant Report.* Superintendent Hardesty noted that he has gotten some quotes for repairing a pump, and the lower bid is \$5,730.
 - ▶ **Motion:** Stanalajczo moved, Iaquinto supported, to allow for payment of up to \$5,370 to Hydro Dynamics for repair of a pump at the wastewater Treatment
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

Supervisor's Report. Mozurkewich read her written report.

Downtown Development Authority. Mozurkewich said the DDA has not met.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Stanalajczo noted no meeting has been held since the last Board meeting.

Planning Commission. Iaquinto reviewed the written annual report from the Commission, and asked the Board to confirm informally that it would still like the Commission to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan for the Township. The Board confirmed that. Iaquinto also asked that Board members provide him with input on billboard

regulations and whether zoning ordinance enforcement should continue to be done on a complaint basis or whether a systematic zone-by-zone enforcement effort

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Township Finances

Bond counsel Robert Bendzinski reviewed the history of the bonds issued for the construction of the Public Safety Building and said his firm is working on refinancing them at a lower rate. He also said he does not think the Board needs to amend the list of millages approved by the Board (from which the millage for the Public Safety Building was omitted), but the Board should consult with attorney Burns

The Board and Township Controller Rick Yaeger discussed some of the history of investment of Township funds. Iaquinto suggested that the Board to approve an investment policy annually and receive quarterly reports. He asked that all Board members be provided with a copy of the investment policy now and the quarterly reports from this point on. Yaeger said there would be no problem doing that.

Training Requests

Mozurkewich questioned whether approval of these funds would be a violation of the Board's own policy. After discussion she said she would like to ask the Township attorney for an opinion about the legality of this and for him to conduct an Open Meetings Act seminar with the Board.

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Stanalajczo supported, that the items in the Consent agenda be approved.
Motion carried 4—1 on a voice vote, Mozurkewich opposed.

Bills

Wagner, Manning, Greene, and Mozurkewich answered several questions from Dockett about the bills.

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Stanalajczo supported, that the bills be approved as presented.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

**PRESENTATION:
Township Government**

Stanalajczo said comments from the public at previous meetings made it clear to him that many people do not understand how Township government works. He presented slides which he said he got directly from the Michigan Townships Association and made comments about them. He said the slides will be posted on the Township's website.