

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**September 26, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Noble called the Roll:

**Present:**

Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
Scott Ruggles, Trustee  
Liz Smith, Trustee  
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee  
Michael Powell, Trustee

**Absent:**

None

**Also Present:**

John Holland, Fire Chief  
Cathy Derocher, H.R. Manager  
Brandon Fournier, Township Labor Attorney  
Hannah Micallef, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Smith requested to amend the agenda to add a new item 7C. – AMENDMENT TO FOUR CORNERS MOTION FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Powell to approve new item 7C.**  
**The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).**

**It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to approve the agenda as amended.**  
**The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268(c) 8(h)

**It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Ruggles to Recess into Closed Session to Consider Attorney/Client Privileged Communication Regarding Collective Bargaining and Material Exempt from Disclosure, In Accordance with MCL 15.268(C) 8(H). The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes)**

**(Kowall/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes).**

The Board recessed into closed session at 5:41 P.M.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:15 P.M.

**It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to return to open session. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. REQUEST TO APPROVE IAFF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

**It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Voorheis to approve the IAFF Agreement as submitted and discussed. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes).**

**(Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes).**

- B. REQUEST TO APPROVE MERS DROP PROGRAM FOR MERS DIVISION

**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, seconded by Trustee Ruggles to postpone the request to approve the MERS Drop Program to a date uncertain.**

**The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).**

- C. AMENDMENT TO FOUR CORNERS MOTION FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Trustee Smith reviewed the complete punch list for the Four Corners Property. She was requesting that the all-encompassing punch list be approved. The six outstanding items needed to be included for repairs.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Powell, to amend the motion to include all of DLZ's punch list, along with the six items provided by Community Development Director O'Neil, to be completed on or by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, including completion of all the checklist items from the Road Commission, with the exception of the actual permit paperwork. The Board agreed that the actual permit paperwork from the Road Commission could follow at a later date. The motion will include approval from the Community Development Department. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes).**

**(Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Kowall/no, Ruggles/yes).**

**Supervisor Kowall stated his no vote was due to being blindsided and uninformed by the request.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman, to adjourn at 6:34 P.M.  
The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).**

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Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
Charter Township of White Lake

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Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
Charter Township of White Lake