

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**August 15, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Noble called the Roll:

**Present:**

Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
Mike Roman, Treasurer  
Scott Ruggles, Trustee  
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee  
Michael Powell, Trustee

**Absent:**

Liz Smith, Trustee

**Also Present:**

Elaine Homeister, Finance Director  
Dave Hieber, Township Assessor  
Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director  
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Powell to approve the agenda as presented.  
The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

A. PRELIMINARY BUDGET – 2025

Supervisor Kowall briefly went over the 2025 budget. The budget is dissected line by line, and Supervisor Kowall recommends any Board members who has questions about the budget to take notes and direct any questions to Director Homeister or the appropriate Department Head.

Trustee Powell stated most of the increases are due to personnel or personnel related expenses.

Director Homeister indicated the increases in salaries are due to the wage increases that will go into effect in January 2025. She stated there are increases to the employee health insurance budget for 2025.

Trustee Powell asked where the biggest increases are anticipated in revenue. Assessor Hieber responded there is an increase in property value and taxes that contributed to the revenue.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. TO HEAR COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED ON THE WINTER TAX BILL FOR 2025

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to open the public at 5:12 P.M. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes)  
(Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Noble/yes).

Seeing none, it was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall to close the public hearing at 5:12 P.M. Trustee Ruggles seconded, and the motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. RESOLUTION #24-041; TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2025

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to approve Resolution #24-041; To Approve the Millage Rate For 2025. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

- B. REQUEST TO APPROVE ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION INSPECTION BUDGET MODIFICATION AGREEMENT – DLZ

Supervisor Kowall stated the project is not receiving appropriate inspection services from the County, and since there is \$8,000.00 left in the DLZ contract, Supervisor Kowall stated he wants a full time DLZ inspector for the remainder of the project.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Powell, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to approve the quote for \$40,000 of additional funds subject to WLT staff verifying DLZ's time and materials used. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman, to adjourn at 5:17 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes)

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Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
Charter Township of White Lake

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Anthony L. Noble, Clerk, MiPMC  
Charter Township of White Lake