

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**July 10, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Noble called the Roll:

**Present:**

Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
Mike Roman, Treasurer  
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
Steve Anderson, Trustee  
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee  
Liz Smith, Trustee

**Absent:**

Scott Ruggles, Trustee

**Also Present:**

Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney  
Matthew Zalewski, Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, PC  
Stu Pettitt, Straub Pettitt Yaste  
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Kowall suggested amending the agenda to swap items A and B under New Business.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. APPROVAL TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING U.S. DISTRICT COURT - EASTERN DISTRICT, CASE NO. 25-10303, WHITE LAKE CADDIS, LLC Vs WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268(1)(e), AND TO CONSIDER ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268(1)(h)

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to recess into closed session in accordance with MCL 15.268(1)(e), and to Consider Attorney/Client Privileged Communication In accordance with MCL 15.268(1)(h) at 5:33 P.M. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes) (Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Anderson/yes, Voorheis/yes).

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to return to open session at 6:15 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes)

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble, to direct the Township attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF NEW BOARD ROOM LAYOUTS**

Trustee Smith stated she would like the dais set up in a way where the Board can see each other again. She also emphasized the need for comfort and safety. She added she would like presenters to be seated in front of the dais. She liked the concepts that had a curved design.

Trustee Voorheis agreed with Trustee Smith's comments.

Clerk Noble was in favor of the layout concept E.

Mr. Pettitt suggested raising the Board's dais a few inches to have the Board elevated.

Supervisor Kowall said layout E is the most practical, with a slight adjustment to the radius.

Treasurer Roman said he is in favor of layout D, if it is straightened out a little. He liked the aisles to get to the podium.

Trustee Anderson said layout D provides ease of ingress and egress to the Board. The arch of the dais should be open more. He added that the end of the dais should be farther from the audience. He did not like the imbalance that the seating arrangement provided in Layout E.

Trustee Anderson suggested a CAD drawing of the layout. Supervisor Kowall agreed and would like to see a CAD layout of the chosen design.

Supervisor Kowall requested a modified rendition of layout D and layout E.

### **B. REQUEST TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR NEW FIRE CHIEF - DAVID FEICHTNER**

Supervisor Kowall stated the agreement was drafted by the labor attorney and reviewed; it is a standard agreement. He added that Mr. Feichtner is very qualified and came with excellent references.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Voorheis to approve the employment agreement for the new Fire Chief – David Feichtner and to authorize signatures from Supervisor Kowall and Clerk Noble. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes) (Kowall/yes, Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Andeson/yes)

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble, to adjourn at 6:53 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