

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
April 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 6:30 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
Scott Ruggles, Trustee
Steve Anderson, Trustee
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee
Liz Smith, Trustee

Also Present:

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director
Aaron Potter, DPS Director
Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. REVENUE AND EXPENSES
- B. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS
- C. LIST OF BILLS
- D. DEPARTMENT REPORT - POLICE
- E. DEPARTMENT REPORT - FIRE
- F. DEPARTMENT REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- G. DEPARTMENT REPORT - TREASURER
- H. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MIXED SPIRITS LICENSE TRANSFER - SOPHIA & GRACE
- I. CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT JOHN KULHAVI - 2025-2030

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

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MARCH 18, 2025

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Ruggles, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF CHECK TO POLICE FOUNDATION - HURON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce presented a check of \$1,000 to the White Lake Police Foundation.

B. PROCLAMATION - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2025

Supervisor Kowall proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month. He emphasized the need for community mental health services and commended the mental health responders who work in conjunction with the Police Department.

Oakland County's 24-Hour Crisis phone number is 1-800-231-1127, and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can be reached by call or text at 988.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE CITYWORKS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE LICENSE RENEWAL

Supervisor Kowall stated the software helps keep track of the physical structure of the Township's public utilities and assets.

Director Potter said there is a slight increase in the contract cost, but \$2500 will be saved as the data storage will be moved from Amazon Web Services to Trimble.

Trustee Voorheis asked Director Potter if the contract length could be extended. Director Potter said the original contract was for four years, and he can look into longer contract lengths. Right now, the contract is renewed at two-year intervals.

Trustee Anderson asked Director Potter if there is overlapping functionality with BS&A and Cityworks. Director Potter stated that Cityworks is a different product, and its functionality is more in tracking and mapping Township assets. BS&A is used for billing and service accounts.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Clerk Noble, to approve the DPS request for the approval of the Cityworks Annual Maintenance License at the current level of 7 users for an amount not to exceed \$14,55.65 and to be executed by the Township Supervisor, subject to attorney review. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

B. RESOLUTION NO. 25-008; APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE AQUEOUS FILM-FOAMS PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS

Director Potter said the resolution is a requirement in the claim process. The resolution is tailored to meet all of the requirements for each of the claims that relate to the aqueous film-foams liability settlements. The Township will be eligible for some of the settlement money, but it is unclear how much at this point.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble, to adopt Resolution No. 25-008; Approving Participation in the Aqueous Film-Foams Product Liability Litigation Settlements. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE QUOTE FOR RESERVE LIGHT POLES FOR ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD - MCNAUGHTON MCKAY ELECTRIC

Supervisor Kowall said he supported purchasing a couple of the light poles, but mentioned there are storage space issues.

Treasurer Roman said freight pricing would be the only thing that would change if the quantity of the light poles is decreased on the quote.

Trustee Voorheis thanked Trustee Ruggles for looking into this matter and getting the quote. She said six is a good quantity of light poles to keep on hand.

Trustee Smith said having an inventory of the light poles is a good idea since they will get hit again due to their placement. She said in hindsight; the Board should have considered different light poles due to the replacement and maintenance costs.

Supervisor Kowall reiterated that he is in favor of a few replacement light poles in storage.

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble, to purchase 3 light poles (model 1A-1521LED-F-12L40T4-MDL008-FG-EZ/TRSLPM/ 2916T54-.250-RCC/BKT), not to exceed \$25,000 plus shipping. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes) (Kowall/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Anderson/yes).

D. REQUEST TO APPROVE TRI-PARTY COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP AND OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION - RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR PONTIAC LAKE ROAD - MARGIE DRIVE TO KINGSTON STREET

Trustee Smith said she is glad the speed limit will be reduced.

Trustee Anderson said this will help the residents in the area who have been concerned about the road's speed.

It was **MOVED** by Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve the Tri-Party Cost Participation Agreement Between White Lake Township and Oakland County Road Commission - Right of Way Acquisition for Pontiac Lake Road - Margie Drive to Kingston Street. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (7 yes votes) (Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Anderson/yes, Roman/yes, Noble/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes).

OLD BUSINESS

- A. SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5.0 SITE STANDARDS

Director O'Neil reviewed the ordinance amendment.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble, to adopt the ordinance amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of White Lake – Article 5.0 Site Standards. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

FYI

- A. CIVIC CENTER UPDATE

Supervisor Kowall said perimeter foundations should be completed soon, and steel and retaining wall blocks will be delivered soon. Land balancing is ongoing.

Treasurer Roman stated that there is an issue with water under the Public Safety building, and there is work ongoing to remedy the problem. Drain tiles will need revision so that water will not seep into the basement. He added that Stanley Park construction began today.

Supervisor Kowall said today there was stump grinding onsite at Stanley Park.

Director O'Neil said the timber frame discussions are ongoing, and more research from engineering is needed. He is hoping the timber frame issue can be addressed this week.

Trustee Smith said she and Deputy Pergament have been working on interior selections, such as flooring, tiling, bathroom fixtures. She added they are working on acoustics next.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Ruggles said the next Planning Commission meeting is this Thursday, April 17, 2025. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Trustee Voorheis said No Haz Day is May 3, 2025, at Alpine Valley from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. There is a list of acceptable waste donations on the Township website. The Historical Society has many events planned for the year. She added she had a great time at MTA this year.

Clerk Noble thanked Treasurer Roman for all his work with the bond sales. He has done a tremendous job, and the Township is lucky to have such a great Treasurer. The bond sale was completed last week.

Trustee Smith said last week was National Library Week. The library's 50th anniversary celebrations will continue throughout the year. There will be a Friends of the Library book sale beginning June 11, 2025, through June 14, 2025. The Summer Reading program will kick off on June 2, 2025. There will be a 50th anniversary Disco Celebration held at the Library on June 21, 2025, from 6 to 9 P.M. She wished everyone a blessed and Happy Easter.

Trustee Anderson said the ZBA met last month and heard two cases. One residential case was approved, and a commercial case was postponed. He commended Treasurer Roman for all his recent work with the bond sale and managing the Township's funds. The Lakes Area Chamber is having a coffee connect on April 17, 2025. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Treasurer Roman thanked his fellow Board members for their kind words. He recognized General John Kulhavi for his service to the Township and our country.

Supervisor Kowall said he and the in-house officials today discussed Mr. Kulhavi's offering of a quarter-million endowment for the Public Safety building. He acknowledged Ted and Joe Kosik for their community involvement. He noted that roadside vendor signs are illegal in the Township and will be removed. He wished all a Happy Easter and a peaceful Passover.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Smith, to adjourn at 7:22 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (7 yes votes).

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

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