

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**May 16, 2023**

Clerk Noble called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Noble called the roll:

Present:               Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
                             Mike Roman, Treasurer  
                             Scott Ruggles, Trustee  
                             Liz Smith, Trustee  
                             Andrea Voorheis, Trustee  
                             Michael Powell, Trustee

Absent:                 Rik Kowall, Supervisor

Also Present:         Sean O'Neil, Director Community Development  
                             Aaron Potter, Director of Public Services  
                             Nick Spencer, Building Official  
                             Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police  
                             John Holland, Fire Chief  
                             Lisa Hamameh, Attorney  
                             Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

**It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to have Trustee Ruggles chair tonight's meeting. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes).**

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sarah Bazinet, 99 Danforth Street, White Lake spoke to the Board in favor of enacting a fence ordinance and shared with the Board incidents in her neighborhood involving dogs at large and her personal experience of being attacked by a neighbor's pit bull while walking her golden retriever on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Roman indicated that he walks his dog every day and often another dog will come running up and it is a scary thing. He supports fines for people who allow their dogs to run at large.

Ann Marie Rogers, from Responsible Citizens for Public Safety, addressed the Board about her organization and their goals to promote public awareness, safety, and education for victims of dangerous dog attacks. She stated she is a retired animal control officer who worked in the animal welfare field for many years. She is here tonight

on behalf of Sarah and Marley. She spoke to the Board in detail about the email she sent today. She offered information on the escalating number of dog bites and how to prevent them on a municipal level. She would like municipalities to be proactive in their ordinances to prevent attacks on their residents.

Trustee Smith spoke in opposition of the factual content in the information packet emailed to the Board. She stated that any dog can be deadly.

Thomas Bazinet, 99 Danforth Street, White Lake. He is a 38-year-resident on Danforth Street. He argued that not every dog is deadly, and specifically identified Chihuahuas. He then spoke to the declining condition of their neighborhood and he attributes it to rental properties. He thinks the Township needs to keep a tighter rein on the rentals.

Clerk Noble commented that there is a rental ordinance handled by Director O'Neil and Building Official Nick Spencer. He declared that the Township is takes quality of life issues seriously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. REVENUE AND EXPENSES**
- B. CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**
- C. LIST OF BILLS**
- D. BUDGET AMENDMENT**
- E. DEPARTMENT REPORT – POLICE**
- F. DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE**
- G. DEPARTMENT REPORT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
- H. DEPARTMENT REPORT – TREASURER**
- I. APPOINTMENTS – PARKS & RECREATION AND CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CIA**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Voorheis, **SUPPORTED** by Clerk Noble to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

## **MINUTES**

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING, APRIL 11, 2023**

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, **SUPPORTED** by Trustee Powell to approve the minutes, regular board meeting, April 11, 2023. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote (6 yes votes).

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. TO HEAR COMMENT ON REQUEST BY RIPARIAN HOMEOWNERS TO HAVE THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON BOGIE LAKE REGARDING ESTABLISHING A NO WAKE RULE ON THE ENTIRE LAKE INCLUDING THE CANAL ON BERYL AVENUE; AND TO LIMIT ELECTRIC VESSELS HP TO NOT MORE THAN 2HP PER FT**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to open the public hearing to hear comment on request by riparian homeowners to have the Michigan Department of Natural Resources conduct an investigation on Bogie Lake regarding establishing a no-wake rule on the entire lake, including the canal on Beryl Avenue and to limit electric vessels HP to not more than 24HP per foot. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).**

No public comment at 7:17 p.m.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to close the public hearing. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

Closed public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Trustee Powell does not understand if it is a no-wake speed, what the benefit is to control the horsepower on an electric motor.

Attorney Hamameh reminded that a hearing was held on this item already. She clarified that once the Township passes this, it goes to a public hearing with the State of Michigan, and they decide whether the regulation should be enacted, and they will prepare the ordinance that will come back to the Township. She noted that the State scheduled the public hearing, but because of a communication failure, it died at the State level, which is why the Township must do this again.

Clerk Noble said that the public hearing on this was held and the matter should be expedited because the State's investigation is already done.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to reconfirm the previous request by riparian homeowners (approved under resolution 22-001) to have the Michigan Department of Natural Resources conduct an investigation on Bogie Lake regarding establishing a no-wake rule on the entire lake, including the canal on Beryl Avenue and to limit electric vessels HP to not more than 2HP per foot. The motion PASSED by voice vote (5 yes votes, 1 no vote/Powell).**

Trustee Powell noted that just because the resolution has already been made does not mean he has to agree with it. The last portion just does not make any sense to him.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DANGEROUS BUILDING; SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND DECISION – 9090 BUCKINGHAM (GARAGE)**

Official Spencer reminded this went before a dangerous hearing officer in November of 2022. He indicated that there is no saving the structure. He shared that the owner has been notified and that he had specific dates to demolish the structure on his own, which has not been done. Before the Board tonight is a request to enforce the hearing officer's decision.

Treasurer Roman visited the site with the Clerk and agrees that it needs to come down.

Trustee Voorheis questioned if the home next door has anyone living in it.

Official Spencer indicated that the property is vacant and has been at least since the tornado (2021).

Trustee Powell understands this is regarding the dangerous structure/garage, but notes that the site itself is horrible. He would like to know why the yard hasn't been noticed, cleaned up, and the lot owner charged. To which Official Spencer indicated that goes through the Ordinance Officer.

Trustee Powell confirmed that this show cause hearing is strictly for the dangerous structure/garage and does not cover the grass and yard.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to proceed as requested by the dangerous building officer and building official and to award a contract to demolish, not to exceed \$5,000.00 without Board approval and to be awarded to the lowest bidder by the Township Clerk's Office. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

### **B. RESOLUTION NO. 23-015; APPLICATION TO TRANSFER LIQUOR LICENSE – ARNECK B. WOOD**

Clerk Noble read the Clerk's Office memo regarding this request into the record.

Trustee Powell shared that the gentleman looking to take over are the manager and supervisor on the course. He looks forward to them continuing the operation of the golf course.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to approve the liquor license transfer by the Wood Golf group listed as Resolution 23-015. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 23-012; RECOGNIZE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION – RECOVERY MOBILE CLINIC CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE**

Clerk Noble read the Clerk's Office memo regarding this matter into the record.

Treasurer Roman indicated they are a 501c3 organization.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution No. 23-012 requesting a charitable gaming license for Recovery Mobile Clinic. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 23-013; DECLARING POLICE WEEK MAY 14-20, 2023**

Trustee Smith noted that this has been passed in the legislature this year.

Clerk Noble asked for a moment of silence in honor of the fallen police officers.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution No. 23-013. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes).**

**E. POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR 2023 FLEET VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

Chief Keller shared that on March 20, 2023, a patrol vehicle was struck by another vehicle that ran a red light, resulting in the vehicle being totaled. He indicated that Szott Dodge has a vehicle available for the same amount that the other vehicles were purchased for and any additional add on pieces will be covered by insurance. He noted that it should only cost the Township approximately \$15,000.00. He advised that the officer and driver of the other vehicle are okay.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Voorheis, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to replace the 2023 vehicle for the Police Department, not to exceed \$40,003.00. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**F. REQUEST BY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL TO REPAIR TANKER NO. 3**

Chief Holland noted that the request tonight is to repair the oldest tanker in the Township. He shared that this tanker was slated to be sold when Chief Marinucci was here, but that he changed that decision. He noted that it not only runs as a tanker but also serves as a spare. He also shared that the costs of repairs are high right now and that this is an estimated quote that is not locked in. He indicated that the costs could increase, but it would not be tens of thousands of dollars.

Trustee Powell questions if the Board should authorize an up to amount as the meeting is a public record.

Conversation ensued regarding the specific condition of the Tanker.

Chief Holland would like to keep this truck going for at least another three years and stated that a new one would cost upward of \$300,000.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to authorize the fire department to repair the 1997 Pierce Dash tanker for a price not to exceed \$26,000.00. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Roman/yes).**

**G. RESOLUTION NO. 23-014; WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PY 2024-26**

Treasurer Roman clarified that this resolution does not designate dollars, but rather tells the county that the Township is interested in participating.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to approve Resolution NO. 23-014. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**H. REQUEST TO AUCTION ASPEN MEADOWS GENERATOR; IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 4.5(d) – DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS**

Director Potter shared that the new generator has arrived and is installed. This request is to auction the Kohler generator that was pulled out of the building. In his review of the Project Plan, it did not identify what the intention was for the old generator. He indicated that it is a 400-amp, 480-volt, diesel fuel tank generator that has been enclosed inside the wellhouse. It does have a 600-gallon fuel tank. He is asking the Board to approve the auction of the old generator through the Township Clerk's Office and in accordance with policy. He recommends an \$8,000 reserve as it is over twenty years old.

Conversation ensued regarding the value of the generator, the fuel tank, where/how it will be listed for auction, and how many hours it has on it.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to have the Clerk's Department auction off the Kohler generator with an \$8,000.00 reserve price and to accept the highest bidder. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**I. REQUEST TO CONSIDER NEW ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ANNEX**

Director Potter noted that the current elevator contract is expected to expire in August of this year. He further stated that the Township has 90-days to notify of a change in vendor. Quotes were received from several companies, and some included the required testing. He spread them out over three years which would include the required testing, ranked them by the three-year total cost, and Lardner Elevator Company came in with the lowest bid. He is requesting the Board to approve a service agreement with Lardner Elevator Company subject to attorney review. He also requests that the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor be authorized to sign the agreement upon approval of counsel.

Clerk Noble mentioned that this is inspected by the state, which is why it is important to have this in place.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the service agreement with the lowest bidder, Lardner Elevator Company, pending review of the Township attorney and authorize the Supervisor and any other authorized for signature to execute the agreement. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

#### **J. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LISTING AND SALE OF SURPLUS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY – PARCEL NO. 12-24-380-004 AND 12-09-476-005**

Treasurer Roman indicated that parcel 12-24-380-004 was listed seven years ago through a real estate agent, but at the time it did not sell. The lot is located on Hurondale Drive. He opined that it is a good size lot and there is a resident that has expressed interest.

Assessor Hieber indicated that a citizen was looking at a lot for sale next to the property and inquired about this parcel.

Treasurer Roman had Steve Stockton look at the property and he suggested doing a perk test for a cost not to exceed \$400.00. He indicated that Mr. Stockton would list the property for the Township for a price of \$49,000 if the perk test came back positive.

Trustee Powell would like to be present when the perk test is done. He thinks the Township should take advantage of designating it as a buildable lot. He believes that the Township should sell it for as much as it can. He would offer his services to engineer a septic system. He declared that it is worth more if it perks.

Jacob Dinverno, 6290 Meadowgreene Dr., Waterford Township. He indicated that the property next to it had a perk test last year but failed. He had planned to build on the lot but is not able to due to space. He approached the Township to see if he could potentially purchase some of the lot next door to have more space. He thinks it has been sitting so long because the ground there is too wet. He indicated that there is not enough room in that spot to put a well and septic in without having the land next to it.

Trustee Powell indicates that Mr. Dinverno's impression is correct, but that it is the Township's responsibility to obtain as much as it can for an asset. He declared that it

will be on the market, but the Township needs to decide if it can hold an engineered septic system which will test the market costs for the lot.

Trustee Smith clarified that the Board is not directing work to Trustee Powell.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to have a real estate agent contact Trustee Powell to come up with a company to do the perk test, not to exceed \$400.00. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

Treasurer Roman indicated that parcel 12-09-476-005 is on Peacock Road, between Porter and Haley Roads. It is roughly 20-acres in size zoned AG. It was acquired from Oakland County back in 2017 for approximately \$4,000. He is looking at all the Township properties currently that have no plan to consider selling them and using the funds for the new civic center. He shared that Scott Stockton advised that listing as one parcel, 20-acres, it would list for approximately \$250,000. However, he suggests that if it is split down the middle length wise, he would recommend listing them for \$149,000 each.

Trustee Powell suggests that a developer would investigate if the master plan called for this land to be anything other than AG. He believes the Township should find out what is the highest and best use for it based on the master plan. He thinks this is premature right now to split it. He questioned if the Township would have to go to the ZBA for a variance to split.

Assessor Hieber responded that the Township is not bound by its own ordinance.

Conversation ensued regarding this property being used by Parks and Recreation for purposes of a dog park, the needed size, the desire to have a dog park or lack thereof, and another possible location for a dog park.

Director O'Neil indicated that there are no utilities available at this location and that it appears there is a percentage of it that is wetlands. He believes there are only five or six splits with the installation of a private road. He doesn't believe development would be more than that.

Trustee Powell suggests this be postponed, that the Board apply to have it rezoned to SF. He opined that a developer would come in and split the property down the middle, with simple 2-acre condominiums, which would net the Township a great deal more money than just splitting the property as is. He also suggests that it is absorbent to incorporate road area into a 2-acre parcel. To require the road to be excluded from a 2-acre net is something the Board should look at in SF. He thinks this is premature to sell at this time and that the Township should rezone so a potential buyer can see what his value would be.

Assessor Hieber thinks that makes sense, but he will need to look at the history of the parcel.



**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Ruggles to authorize the Township to apply for rezoning from AG to SF for parcel 12-09-476-005 and to expedite the rezoning of the parcel. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**K. PA 116 APPLICATION REQUEST (PARCEL NO. 12-05-200-034) –  
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

Trustee Ruggles asks to be recused from this item.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Trustee Smith to excuse Trustee Ruggles from Agenda Item 9K – PA 116 Application request Parcel No. 12-05-200-034, Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes, Roman/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes).**

Treasurer Roman noted this guarantees the land will be farmed for a certain amount of time and in exchange the property owners will receive a tax break. He declared that there is nothing that comes out of the Township's pocket.

Clerk Noble indicated that it is a preservation of 75 acres for the next ten years that will not be developed. Secondly, farmers across America are struggling and he is in support of this as it is providing economic relief.

Trustee Powell stated that in the country there are other countries and billionaires buying up farmland and putting up windmills, which he thinks is inappropriate. He is a major fan of approving this and keeping it in its agricultural state.

Trustee Voorheis is in favor of keeping open spaces in White Lake.

**It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve PA 116 Application request or Parcel No. 12-05-200-034, Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program for Mr. Fred Ruggles. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes, Voorheis/yes).**

**L. REQUEST TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT  
BYLAWS**

Director O'Neil shared that the CIA approved the bylaws on May 4, 2023, after some revisions. They are now before this Board for approval. They were tailored to meet the configuration of the current CIA and they make it very clear the roles and responsibilities.

Trustee Powell questioned if there is a plan for the CIA to provide updates to the Board, much like the Development Committee does.

Director O'Neil advised that Supervisor Kowall is the Board's liaison. He suggests that perhaps there should be a liaison opportunity for all the Board members. He reminded that all plans and projects will come through the Board. He thinks it is appropriate for his department to provide monthly reports. He further agreed that in Supervisor Kowall's absence, he will serve as the liaison. He shared that all the projects are pulled from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He anticipates the plan will be in draft form in June. He shared that the Citizens Advisory Council will be comprised of residents of the district. They sent 87 letters and received 10 interested individuals that responded. He noted that the state would like 9, but only 7 met the required criteria.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the amendment to the CIA Bylaws as presented. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Noble/yes, Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes)**

#### **M. OPEB**

It was discovered that the Board did not address the approval of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Clerk Noble to add item 9M – OPEB to the Agenda and to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion PASSED by roll call vote (Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Roman/yes, Powell/yes).**

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve making the OPEB contribution in total \$655,000.00, with a breakdown of \$135,000 to the general fund, \$150,000 fire fund, \$250,000 police fund, \$50,000 Building Department, and \$70,000 Water Department. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. REQUEST TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONSENT JUDGMENT IN SQUIRES V WHITE LAKE (DATE CHANGE REQUEST)**

Attorney Hamameh indicated the only request is a change in the date on which the structures must be removed. She heard back from opposing counsel that the property owner is requesting a change in the date of compliance from May 29, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

Director O'Neil opined that this has been difficult to deal with and if approved it could finally be put to bed.

Attorney Hamameh commented that they are going to provide Exhibit A to the consent judgment, which will be a survey.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the consent judgment as presented with the modification of the date from May 29, 2023, to June 30, 2023. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**B. SECOND READING; ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE II – CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Director O'Neil thanked Assessor Hieber for attending the CIA meeting and for providing a lesson of projected property values and his efforts in helping move the CIA forward.

**It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to adopt the amendment of Chapter 12, Community Development, Article II – Corridor Improvement Authority of the White Lake Township Cod of Ordinances. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

**C. SECOND READING; ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE IV – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Noble indicated this is regarding grass and weeds not being cut and will allow Director O'Neil's department to move quicker to rectify the situation.

Director O'Neil indicated that the Ordinance Officer is looking forward to getting this done as it will make his job easier and more efficient.

Trustee Smith noted that she does not see where it indicates a warning letter will be sent, which was discussed last month. She believes it was in the Board's motion.

Director O'Neil does not think it should be in the ordinance, but more of a direction from the Board to staff. He reminded that the goal is to make it easier for everyone. He also shared that the notice will be published monthly in the paper. He indicated that the first month will be a lot of work for him as he will visit the properties and contact the owners for the first month.

Clerk Noble interjected that Jason Hudson is very responsive and responsible. He checks into the reasoning with the property owner.

Trustee Ruggles believes the point that was made was that not everyone will read the paper and the offenders will not be aware this exists. He believes if it is left out of the ordinance, then the next guy to do the job may not know as it is not there. He feels that a representative from the Township should show up and identify that this is what will happen.

Attorney Hamameh reminded that this is the second reading, and she does not recall anyone asking for changes to the ordinance. She interpreted the discussion to be send out a courtesy letter, but not changes to the ordinance.

Trustee Smith thought that it was clear that it would be added to the process, and she thought it would be in the ordinance. As a tool in the box for Jason and/or a future ordinance officer. She is looking for a creative idea to post it.

Treasurer Roman suggests that it be approved now and that the next time it is amended the language be added in. He clarified that the letter was intended to go to first time offenders.

Director O'Neil noted that Officer Hudson spends a great deal of time addressing overgrown lawns.

Attorney Hamameh commented that the notice of consideration was published, which is required prior to adoption. She indicated that you could make changes still, then publish notice of adoption after. She does not want to craft language tonight.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to approve the Ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Article 4, of the Property Maintenance, of the White Lake Township Code of Ordinances, as presented. The motion PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

FYI

#### **A. 9885 CEDAR ISLAND ROAD UPDATE**

Attorney Hamameh updated that the owner has an attorney helping with both properties and that attorney is cooperative as to 9885. There was a meeting a couple of weeks ago, where the attorney agreed to allow Mr. Hudson and the fire officials onto the property to verify its condition and assist in creating a timeline for when things need to be done. That meeting occurred on Monday after hours to accommodate the schedule of the property owner. However, when they went to the property, the occupant would not let them inside the Sara property.

As for 9885, the trailer/structure has been removed. She indicated there is still a lot of work to be done regarding clean-up. The litigation is still ongoing with no upcoming deadlines.

Director O'Neil noted that the pull barn is being used for storage.

## **B. CIVIC CENTER COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Trustee Powell indicated they have been meeting with the architect and construction manager for both buildings, along with the civil engineer for all three projects. He opined that it is going very well. He noted that the public safety building is solid in its design. No cost estimate has been received yet for the public safety building. He believes the numbers will be available by the end of June.

He identified that the biggest issue will be the overall design concept for the township hall, access, and pavement. The Committee suggested moving around departments to allow better public access. It was opined that the architect was being a little too creative for this Township.

Trustee Powell shared some of the features of the new building(s). He shared that it is the Township's desire for the public to overlook the wetlands and lake, not the department heads. He indicated that directions have been given to the architects to try and get the Committee floor plans to review and present to the Board.

It was shared that the architect would like the building to be as sustainable as possible. There are steps that can be designed into the process, but each step is costly. He shared that to be platinum lead certified would be the most expensive way to design it. The architect has been advised to build as much into sustainability as possible, but to not put the money into the lead certified. Trustee Powell highlighted some of the sustainable features that may be included in the design.

Trustee Smith would like to engage in a conversation to create a subcommittee to include women in this building. She declared that there are 52% of women in the Township and that they are not equally represented. She would like women represented in the design of the civic center. She proposes a subcommittee that would provide an equal balance and a round robin concept where women can be involved. She noted that it is noticed by residents in the Township that women are not being put on committees.

Trustee Powell believes that is an excellent point and that the Supervisor appoints the committees. He pointed out that the meetings are public.

Trustee Smith interjected that the Board cannot attend because it would become a forum. She suggests a round robin or a subcommittee.

Clerk Noble agrees when it comes to the designing of the building but believes that is seven to eight months out.

Trustee Powell thinks this would be a great time to institute Trustee Smith's idea. He declared that the process is getting to a point where his expertise will run out and notes that he has no knowledge about designing interiors. He has no problem stepping down at which time the Supervisor believes appropriate.

Trustee Smith declared that it is due time that Trustee Voorheis, Trustee Ruggles and herself be appointed.

Trustee Voorheis advised that she cannot do daytime meetings as she does not have the work flexibility.

Treasurer Roman believes that Trustee Smith's idea is great, but that the process is not to that point yet. He reminded that everything the committee relays to the architects is what this Board wanted relayed. He thinks that once the schematics start coming to the Board, they want the Board's input.

Clerk Noble reminded this is not the Board's project, but the people's project. He noted there is a hefty meeting schedule coming up. He does not disagree with Trustee Smith, but just does not think it is to that point.

Trustee Smith reminded that she built a building in this Township, she understands the schedule, but feels it is time for more inclusion.

Trustee Ruggles believes Trustee Smith makes a good point and that one person's perspective can change the direction of an entire meeting.

Clerk Noble updated that the roundabouts on Elizabeth Lake Road are ahead of schedule.

Director O'Neil commented that the A133 Grant and the A201 Contracts are ongoing, and he is hopeful to have reviewer comments to the committee next Wednesday.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Voorheis shared that No-Haz is this weekend from 9am to 1pm in the Kohl's parking lot. She shared the White Lake Inn will host a pancake breakfast on May 29<sup>th</sup> to support the fireworks for White Lake Township from 9am to 11am. The White Lake Presbyterian Church has a food pantry called Food for Friends and they are hosting a fantastic family fun fair fundraiser on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 4pm. All are welcome to attend. She welcomed Alexandra Schillack as the high school representative to Parks & Recreation for the next three years.

Trustee Smith shared that the library has a lot going on. Their strategic plan is available online. They are looking for input from the residents and she encouraged everyone to take the survey as it will help them plan for the next five years. It will be up until June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Friends of the Library recently hosted a fashion show fundraiser at the library to support the summer reading program. That program is going on June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>. The library is hosting its first home school curriculum sale. Additionally, the library is looking to do a lot of fun things this summer. She shared that White Lake Township is hosting D.I.A. paintings throughout the Township. She reminded that No-Haz is for residents only. In honor of police week, she suggests giving thanks and expressing appreciation for all they do for the community. The police open house will be June 11<sup>th</sup>.

As to the public comments regarding fences, she believes that is something the Township can look into. She personally is a huge advocate for dogs and does not appreciate the breed being bullied. She noted that there are wonderful pit bull rescues in the community that do an outstanding job. She highlighted the Michigan Pit Bull Education Project. She reminded that any dog can bite and that it is not the breed. She suggests that people need to be educated and be good pet owners.

Clerk Noble suggests a notable difference without Supervisor Kowall present and he hopes he is doing well. He complimented Trustee Ruggles for chairing the meeting. He shared that the police open house is Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm. He indicated there will be lots of fun activities. He served as a police officer for twenty-six years and police week is very dear to him. He shared statistics that this year there has already been 42 line of duty deaths. He declared if you see a police officer that needs help, call 911, get involved. He thanked all police officers for doing the very dangerous job.

Treasurer Roman thanked everyone for attending and thanked Trustee Ruggles for chairing. He thanked his fellow Board members for their thoughts and ideas and noted that they work well together and get it right because of that.

Trustee Powell thanked the attendees and Trustee Ruggles for chairing. He declared that Supervisor Kowall is missed as the captain of the ship.

Trustee Ruggles thanked the Board for allowing him to chair as this was his first time. He thanked the Board for PA 116. He and his family have agreed to continue to farm and use the land for agriculture for the next ten years, which says their land is not for sale. He identified that there is a stretch of Ford Road, south of M59 that is in desperate need of repair. He thinks it is ironic that they are repairing Teggerdine that wasn't that bad, yet Ford Road sits there. The Planning Commission will not be meeting on Wednesday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Ruggles, SUPPORTED by Treasurer Roman to adjourn.  
The PASSED by voice vote (6 yes votes).**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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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