

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
DRAFT Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
November 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. He then 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
Liz Smith, Trustee (late arrival at 5:31 P.M.)
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee

Absent:

Michael Powell, Trustee

Also Present:

Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police
John Holland, Fire Chief
Cathy Derocher, H.R. Manager
Brandon Fournier, Township Attorney
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Voorheis to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

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 Treasurer Roman, seconded by Clerk Noble 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) at 5:31 P.M. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes): (Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Kowall/yes, Roman/yes, Voorheis/yes).

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Treasurer Roman to return from open session at 6:10 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE MAPE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, supported by Trustee Ruggles, to approve the MAPE tentative agreement contract extension. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes, Voorheis opposed).

B. RESOLUTION #23-046; APPROVING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO POLICE CHIEF WAGE ADJUSTMENT

Trustee Voorheis asked if there are other confidential positions within the Township that were non-union. Supervisor Kowall confirmed there are.

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to approve Resolution #23-046; approving Executive Secretary to Police Chief Wage Adjustment. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes) (Voorheis/no, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Ruggles/yes, Smith/yes).

C. REQUEST TO APPROVE DROP PROGRAM AGREEMENT - POLICE CHIEF

It was MOVED by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the DROP Program Agreement. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes) (Smith/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Roman/yes).

D. MERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT

It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, Supervisor Kowall to adopt the MERS Defined Benefit Agreement. The motion carried with a voice vote: (6 yes votes).

E. REQUEST TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - ASSESSOR (DAVID HIEBER)

Supervisor Kowall said it was a refreshing experience to have Mr. Hieber on the team. Supervisor Kowall was in favor of extending the agreement, and added that Mr. Hieber was an asset to the Township. Clerk Noble and Treasurer Roman echoed Supervisor Kowall's statements.

It was MOVED by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Supervisor Kowall to approve the employment agreement for Assessor David Hieber. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes). (Smith/yes, Roman/yes, Kowall/yes, Voorheis/yes, Ruggles/yes, Noble/yes).

Supervisor Kowall thanked Human Resources Manager Derocher for her help with the agreements, and thanked the Board. He thanked Dawn Bockelman as well.

F. BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Kowall briefly went over the budget. He encouraged his fellow Board members to review the budget before the regular November Board meeting.

Treasurer Roman said he would like to see transfers allotted in the budgets for the new building for water, sewer and building. Supervisor Kowall said there was money allotted from previous years for those expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Treasurer Roman, seconded by Trustee Voorheis to adjourn at 6:24 P.M.
The motion carried with a roll call vote: (6 yes votes):

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Charter Township of White Lake

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