

PARK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2009

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Amanda Price called to order the regular meeting of the Park Township Board held on December 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office.

Present were Supervisor Amanda Price, Clerk Skip Keeter, Treasurer Jan Steggerda, Trustees Doug Dreyer, Bob Ellis, Jerry Hunsburger, Attorney Dan Martin, and Manager Jerry Felix.

Absent was Michael Toscano

ART 2. INVOCATION – Jerry Hunsburger

ART 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Drew Dykens-3rd Grader at Waukazoo Elementary School

ART 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions to or Deletions from Agenda)

Felix asked to remove item #10b and item#8

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Dreyer to approve the agenda. (6-0)

ART 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approve minutes of November 12, 2009 Board Meeting
- b) Treasurer's Report
- c) Zoning Administrator's Report
- d) Payment of Bills

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Keeter to approve the consent agenda. (6-0)

ART 6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Gamby gave an update of the status of the fire department.

ART 7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Price opened the public comment period.

1 person spoke at the public comment period.

Price closed the public comment period.

ART 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Macatawa Hills Water Special Assessment District (Resolution #5)

Price opened the public hearing.

Tim Hemingway and Nicki Arendshorst spoke in favor of the assessment district.

The manager stated one letter in opposition to the SAD assessment roll was received.

Price closed the public hearing.

Hunsburger stated insurance rates would probably go down in the area due to the availability of fire hydrants and could offset the assessment.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hunsburger to approve resolution #5 for the Special Assessment District. (6-0)

ART 9. PUD Amendments

- a) Benjamin's Hope amendment for Blue Flag Iris.

Felix explained the project. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended the Board of Trustees approve the project.

Arendshorst stated the project is a nice fit for the area.

Krista Mason 980 Pine Ave. – represented Benjamin's Hope and further explained Benjamin's Hope and the project itself.

Price opened the public hearing.

Nancy Raad and Joy Groenhof spoke in favor of the overall project but had some concerns.

Price closed the public comment period.

The board discussed the project.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hunsburger to accept the PUD amendment resolution. (6-0)

ART 10. BID OPENINGS/CONTRACT AWARDS/PURCHASES

- a) Audit Services

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Dreyer and supported by Ellis to approve the change in auditors to Kiekover, Scholma and Schumaker as proposed. (6-0)

- b) Storm Water Mapping Engineer Selection

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Keeter to award a contract for Storm water mapping to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc. as proposed (not to exceed \$35,524) with costs to be allocated ½ in this fiscal year (2009-2010) and half in the next (2010-2011). (6-0)

Dreyer stated he would like to see this item moved to 2010 because of financial concerns.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Keeter to amend the motion to include spreading the costs over the current and the 2010-2011 fiscal year. (6-0)

Felix stated the general fund will support this project.

ART 11. PROPOSED ORDINANCES/Resolutions

- a) 2010 Water Rates

Felix explained the rates and the ordinance. He also explained the way the water/sewer system works and combined services with Holland City and Holland Charter Township.

Felix is recommending a rate increase as described in the chart submitted to the board. New rates should begin in January if passed by the board tonight.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Dreyer to accept the 2010 water rate ordinance with increases as recommended by Felix effective January 1, 2010. (6-0)

ART 12. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Price opened the public comment period

Mr. John Gutierrez spoke regarding the Blessing of the Bikes. The proposed date is April 25, 2010 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds from 10am-3pm. He stated all of the proceeds go to local charities.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Dreyer and supported by Steggerda to approve the Blessing of the Bikes event on April 25, 2010 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. (6-0)

Price closed the public comment period.

ART 13. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING REAL ESTATE

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hunsburger to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase real estate. (6-0)

Roll Call: Yeas – 6
Neas - 0

ART 14. MANAGER'S REPORT

a) 2010 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hunsburger to accept the meeting schedule for the calendar year 2010 and further stipulate at least one of the meetings be held on the South Side with at least 30 days notice. (6-0)

The board discussed changing the meeting time to 7pm. They agreed to keep the time the same at 6:30pm and revisit the subject next year.

Felix gave a report of the status of the manager's office.

Felix stated Andy Bouman is a trained planner and Felix asked him to help with the project on the South Side. He is negotiating a cost for his services.

The board agreed and supported Felix's pursuance of information on retaining Mr. Bouman for this situation. A consulting contract would be established and a not to exceed number in regards to hours/fee.

ART 15. BOARD COMMENTS

Board members gave an update of the meetings they attended.

ART 16. ADJOURN

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hunsburger to adjourn at 9:00pm. (6-0)

Daniele Dykens, Recording Secretary
October 10, 2009