

PARK TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
June 11, 2009

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Amanda Price called to order the regular meeting of the Park Township Board held on June 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office.

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

ART 2. INVOCATION – Jan Steggerda

ART 3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Sophie Ebihara – Rose Park Christian

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

Price stated the 2 minute public comment period was inadvertently left off and will become article #7.

ART 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approve minutes of May 14 Board Meeting
- b) Approve minutes of Special Meeting May 22
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Zoning Administrator's Report
- e) Fire Department Report
- f) Payment of Bills

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Ebihara and supported by Keeter to approve the consent agenda. (7-0)

ART 6. ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT/GROUND WATER COMMITTEE REPORT (Trustee Hunsburger)

Hunsburger reported to the board regarding the committee meeting held on May 26<sup>th</sup> and a meeting with the MDEQ on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Hunsburger also updated the board on the status of the drainage projects.

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

Price opened the public comment period.

3 people spoke at the public comment period.

Price closed the public comment period.

ART 8. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (RETIREMENT FUND)

Keeter presented the finance committee report.

The Committee recommends the board approve the ballot to accept debtors' joint plan of reorganization from Charter Communications as presented per legal counsel.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Toscano to approve the recommendation of the finance committee. (7-0)

Keeter stated they are still reviewing options for the retirement fund.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Ebihara and supported by Keeter to move the item off the table. (7-0)

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION TABLED:** A motion was made by Ebihara and supported by Keeter to table the item until the July meeting. (7-0)

Keeter reviewed the recommendation of the finance committee to appoint Mr. Stuart Visser as the census representative for the Township.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was recommended by the finance committee to appoint Stuart Visser as the census representative for Park Township. (5-2 Hunsburger/Toscano)

#### ART 9. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: STORAGE BUILDINGS

Nicki Arendshorst (Planning Commission Chair) explained the ordinance in detail.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Ebihara and supported by Hunsburger to approve the ordinance amendment.

Ebihara withdrew the motion.

The board discussed the details of the ordinance and possible amendments.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Toscano and supported by Hunsburger to direct counsel to draft wording in accordance with the board's discussion and bring the item back to the board in final format for approval. (6-0-1 Dreyer)

#### ART 10. FILLING A VACANCY

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Steggerda to accept Ebihara's resignation effective 8/14/09 with regret. (6-0)

The board stated with regrets their best wishes to Trustee Ebihara.

The board agreed, depending on the amount of applications rendered, to hold interviews as a board in a public forum.

Keeter reviewed the process for appointing a replacement and stated the opening will be posted on our web site, Holland Chamber of Commerce web site and local newspapers.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on July 23 at 6:30pm to conduct interviews.

Keeter and Toscano will work with Felix on interview questions for the trustee candidate.

#### ART 11. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Ebihara to appoint Mr. Felix as ex-officio member of the West Michigan Airport Authority and as our representative on the Holland Chamber of Commerce. (7-0)

ART 12. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Price opened the public comment period

2 people spoke at the public comment period

Price closed the public comment period.

Price asked Chief Gamby to give a report on the sewer back up at the marina.

Felix will bring information about the international fire code ordinance to the July meeting.

ART 13. RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT: CLOSED SESSION

Price reviewed the procedure regarding closed session.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Ebihara and supported by Steggerda to enter into closed session to consider the purchase of real property.

Roll Call: 7-0

ART 14. MANAGER/STAFF REPORT

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

ART 15. BOARD COMMENTS

Board members made comments regarding various topics.

ART 16. ADJOURN

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED:** A motion was made by Toscano and supported by Ebihara to adjourn at 9:00pm. (7-0)