

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES  
November 9, 2017

Present: Shirley Ball, Tom Stege, Dean Kruse, Terry Walker, Kathy Gutowski, Brian Krus

Absent: Dale Kolanowski

Also Present: Richard Wilson, Township Attorney

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Walker at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Krus, to accept the Meeting Agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Ball, Seconded by Stege, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident commented on the laterals that will connect to the Sewer System. There was discussion on whether or not to hook up an unoccupied house.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department – Bench in Smokey’s memory is installed at Magoon Creek. Fire Department thanked the Board for their donation. The Lakeland Access Road Project should be complete by Monday, November 13, 2017. Scott Mikolajczak did a great job on the project.

Planning Commission – Discussion to have an ordinance(s) drawn up from the Township attorney is regards to Planting Guidelines, Phragmites and Terrestrial Invasive Species using templates provided by NW Michigan Invasive Species Network was tabled.

Motion by Stege, Seconded by Walker, to move the monthly Building and Grounds Committee meetings to Tuesday at 6 pm for the months of November and December. All in Favor. M/C

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Gutowski, to increase Tammi Schimke’s hours by 2.5 hours per week. All in favor. M/C Her hours will be from 8:30 –Noon and 1-3 pm daily. Office hours remain unchanged.

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Gutowski, to authorize Supervisor Walker to sign a new SF-424 for the Sewer Bond when it becomes available. All in favor. M/C

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Kruse, to accept the presented letter of resignation from Kathy Gutowski, Filer Township Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Stege-yes, Ball-yes, Krus-yes, Walker-yes, Kruse-yes, Gutowski-yes. 6 yeas, 0 nays. M/C

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Walker, to appoint Shirley Ball as Clerk effective December 1, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Gutowski-yes, Kruse-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Ball-yes, Stege-yes. 6 yeas, 0 nays. M/C

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Gutowski, to approve Resolution 2017-14 Charter Township of Filer Board of Trustees Authorizing Supervisor or Clerk to approve change orders in connection with the DDA Sewer Project and to repeal all resolutions in conflict herewith. Roll Call Vote: Ball-yes, Gutowski-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Stege-yes, Kruse-yes. 6 yeas, 0 nays. M/C

Item C – Request from Linda DeVries to renew her Rec Center Rental Agreement for a one year period beginning December 1, 2017 ending on November 30, 2018, offering Jazzercise dance/exercise classes three nights per week, at a cost of \$160.00 per month was tabled until the December meeting.

Motion by Krus, Seconded by Stege, to approve placing a newspaper advertisement seeking applicants for Township:

One Planning Commission member to serve a 3 year expired term ending December 31, 2020.

One Planning Commission member to serve a 2 year unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

Two Downtown Development Authority members to serve 4 year expired terms ending December 31, 2021.

One Downtown Development Authority member currently vacant, to serve a 2 year unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

One Downtown Development Authority member to serve an unexpired term ending December 31, 2020.

One Zoning Board of Appeals member, for an unexpired ending December 31, 2019.

One Board of Review member, for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

One Building & Grounds Committee member, for an expired term ending December 31, 2021.

All in favor. M/C

Motion by Ball, Seconded by Krus, to purchase a laptop computer for the Filer Township Liquor Inspector in the amount of \$770.08 from Jackpine Business Center. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Gutowski, Seconded by Ball, to charge William Virta \$135.00 for one years' cost to settle the water bill dispute at 1310 Oak Drive. All in favor. M/C

Consideration of approval to make an agreement regarding the water account of Philip Vadeboncoeur, Jr was tabled until the December meeting.

Motion by Gutowski, Seconded by Ball, to approve the bid as presented from TKS Security in the amount of \$23,798, for Security at the Township Hall and Nelson Street Offices. Roll Call Vote: Walker-yes, Gutowski-yes, Ball-yes, Kruse-no, Stege-yes, Krus-yes. 5 yeas, 1 nay. M/C

Motion by Kruse, Seconded by Stege, to approve the presented bid from Gary Schrader for 5 basement windows and clean up at the Nelson Street Office in the amount of \$2,600. Roll Call Vote: Stege-yes, Gutowski-no, Ball-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Kruse-yes. 5 yeas, 1 nay. M/C

Motion by Walker, Seconded by Ball, to compensate Bob Skiera in the amount of \$740.00 for staining & varnishing at the Nelson Street Office and the rest of the staining to be performed at a rate of \$20.00. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Ball, Seconded by Kruse, to adopt Resolution 2017-15 Authorizing Issuance of 2017B Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) (Taxable). Roll Call Vote: Kruse-yes, Ball-yes, Stege-yes, Krus-yes, Gutowski-yes, Walker-yes. 6 yeas, 0 nays. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment was made that how is it right that you pay someone \$20.00 per hour to stain and varnish and you only pay a person \$11.00 per hour to go into a burning fire. MTA was consulted previously and Fire Department Wages can be paid from the General Fund.

Motion by Krus, Seconded, by Ball, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted,

Kathy Gutowski  
Charter Township of Filer Clerk