

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held September 18, 2023

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Trustees Dudas, Livingston, Reno, Riehl, Treasurer Shonka, Clerk Davis, Supervisor Lewandowski

Absent: None

Special Guests: Robert Goldenbogen, Atty.; Andrew Persig, Fire Chief; S.C.C. Sheriff Dept Cpt Matt Pohl, Drain Commission Representatives, Fire Personnel, Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023, meeting by Livingston and supported by Dudas.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Miller 2340 Randolph, stated some concerns (9 dates of meeting minutes were not on the website, Scott Beedon as DDA Director is a conflict of interest, Board reports should be provided during the meeting, and that blight in the township is not being addressed).

Garrett Powell 2615 Strawberry Lane, Port Huron Township Little League presentation of encased game ball to Township Supervisor Robert Lewandowski.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business presented.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Attorney's Report: Update on blight cases, litigation has been instituted on Petit St and Moak St location. Lapeer Rd location appears that actions are being taken to rectify the blight concern.

B. Engineer's Report: None provided.

C. Sheriff's Report: Homeless population was discussed as well school patrols have begun.

D. Fire Chief's Report: Report was given as presented.

1. Approve Resolution #09-2023-18.C Resolution to Authorize Interlocal Cooperation Between the Port Huron Township, Kimball Township Fire Department & The Marysville Fire Department, St. Clair County, Michigan to Create a Framework to Support the Technical Rescue Services Program:

Agenda Item Tabled

2. Approve funding to support Confined Space Training for \$5,833.34:

Motion by Reno, supported by Riehl to approve Phase I funding to support Confined Space Training for 5-6 people in the amount of \$5,833.34.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

3. Approve hiring Delanie Robb as a Paid-On-Call Fire Candidate:
Agenda Item Tabled

4. Approve hiring Marcus Williams as a Paid-On-Call Fire Candidate:
Motion by Riehl supported Reno by to approve hiring Marcus Williams as a Paid-On-Call Fire Candidate

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

E. Approve Resolution #09-2023-18.B Authorization for Expenditure of Funds in Excess of Statutory Maintenance Limit Mueller Farms Storm Sewer Drain:

**RESOLUTION #09-2023-18B
Authorization for Expenditure of Funds in Excess of Statutory Maintenance Limit
Mueller Farms Storm Sewer Drain**

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Drain Commissioner has advised the Port Huron Township Board of Trustees (Township) that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.196), an inspection has been made of the Mueller Farms Storm Sewer Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance must be performed upon the drain; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has the authority to expend Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5000.00) dollars per mile in any one (1) year for the maintenance of the drain, and where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5000.00) dollars per mile are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by Resolution of the governing body of each township, city and village affected by more than twenty (20%) percent of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board estimates that the cost of the maintenance of the Mueller Farms Storm Sewer Drain will be approximately One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand dollars (\$188,000.00), which constitutes One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand dollars (\$183,000.00) in excess of the authorized Five Thousand dollars (\$5000.00) per mile.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Port Huron Township, pursuant to Section 196(5) of the Drain Code, authorizes the Drain Commissioner to expend funds for the maintenance and repair of the Mueller Farms Storm Sewer Drain in excess of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5000.00) dollars per mile, to the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance or repair of the drain, the Drain Commissioner is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.

The foregoing resolution was offered at the regular board meeting held on 18th day of September, 2023 by board member Livingston, and supported by board member Dudas.

Upon a roll call vote: "Aye" Livingston, Dudas, Reno, Riehl, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
"Nay" None
Absent None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted this 18th day of September, 2023

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true resolution adopted by the Port Huron Township Board (St. Clair County) at their regular meeting held on 09/18/2023 and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice was given in full compliance with the Open

Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be or have been made avail as required by said act

Benita E. Davis, Clerk

F. Approve Resolution #09-2023 18.A Resolution Approving Port Huron Charter Township's Application to the St Clair County Road Commission for Funding Under the 2024 Local Road System Funding Assistance Program:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-18.A

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PORT HURON CHARTER TOWNSHIP'S
APPLICATION TO THE
ST. CLAIR COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE
2024 LOCAL ROAD SYSTEM FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Riverwood Heights Subdivision

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Road Commission has established the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program through Policy No. 75, as revised October 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program provides matching funds to the townships for the improvement of local roads in St. Clair County; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Port Huron has identified a need to improve Lindsay Lane, Maywood Drive, Mayfield Drive and Riverwood Heights in the Riverwood Heights Subdivision, using the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Port Huron makes application to the St. Clair County Road Commission for funding under the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program for the year 2024 for Riverwood Heights Subdivision; and

FURTHER, that Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor, be authorized to sign the application on behalf of the Charter Township of Port Huron.

Motion by Livingston, support by Dudas to approve Resolution No. 09-2023-18.A

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Livingston, Dudas, Riehl, Reno, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of September, 2023

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Port Huron, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of September, 2023, that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said act.

Benita E. Davis, Township Clerk

G. Approve St Clair County Parks and Rec Commission 2023 Request for Local Millage Distribution:

Motion by Shonka supported by Livingston, to approve St Clair County Parks and Rec Commission 2023 Request for Local Millage Distribution

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

H. Proposed Changes to the Stipend to Opt Out of Healthcare:

Motion by Reno supported by Livingston approve Proposed Changes to the Stipend to Opt Out of Healthcare amending the current policy from \$100.00 per month to \$400.00 per pay for couples or family plans or \$175.00 per pay for singles. Forms and tax guidelines to be researched further. This option still allows over a 50% savings to the Township.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Reno, Livingston, Dudas, Riehl, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

Approval of Bills:

Prepaid Bills:

Motion to approve payment of the prepaid bills by Shonka supported by Livingston.

Amount: \$1,833,522.23

Check #s: 52844-52966

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Livingston, Dudas, Reno, Riehl, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

Motion to approve payment of the current bills by Shonka supported by Reno.

Amount: \$1,456,943.11

Check #s: 52967-53026

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shonka, Reno, Riehl, Dudas, Livingston, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Trustee Dudas mentioned ditch problem and driveway culvert issue on Minnesota Rd.

Manufactured home park has increased blight.

Road repair for West Water St is slated for next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Riehl supported by Livingston to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita E. Davis, Clerk