

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2010

9:00 a.m. – Watervliet Township Hall

Dan Hutchins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Dan Hutchins, Patricia Bambrick, Tom Scheid, Bob Wallace, Vick Kinzler, Joe Stepich and Joe Matthews.

The agenda included the following:

Hagar Shore Road Project
Fire Hydrant replacement proposal

The board set a date for a closed session board meeting for June 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watervliet Township Hall to discuss employee compensation. At a past board meeting, the board said they would make a decision on employee compensation for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 by July 1, 2010.

D. Hutchins explained the Berrien County Road Commission's policy on borrowing funds for primary roads. Due to the continued reduction in Michigan Transportation Funds in conjunction with rising material costs, the road commission has determined the need to limit the amount of money borrowed to a maximum of two additional primary road projects in the county. Repayment of the loans will begin in 2014 in the amount of \$50,000.00 per year per project until the loan balances are paid off. The road commission will not pay interest on the loans. In order to get a chance of having Hagar Shore Road done this year, D. Hutchins proposed asking the county road commission to consider the concept of paying back no more than 50% for the completed Hagar Shore project. This would, in practice, stretch the Township's revenues by not having to fund the entire road project cost in order to have it completed this year. The estimate on Hagar Shore Road was for \$272,895.00. It would cover Hagar Shore Road from County Line Road to Paw Paw Lake Road. V. Kinzler made a motion to absorb 50% of the cost of Hagar Shore Road with the other 50% of the cost to be paid back at only \$25,000 per year until the loan balance is paid off. T. Scheid supported the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: T. Scheid, yes; J. Stepich, yes; P. Bambrick, yes; V. Kinzler, yes; B. Wallace, yes; and D. Hutchins, yes. The motion carried.

An 80 year old fire hydrant has to be replaced that is located on Sutherland Avenue. Hutchins said the shaft broke in half. Compton, Inc. gave a price not to exceed \$3,400.00 to remove and replace the fire hydrant at Sutherland Avenue. Hutchins said the price includes all restoration. The hydrant cost would likely be taken out of the water fund. V. Kinzler made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,400.00. J. Stepich supported the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: B. Wallace, yes; V. Kinzler, yes; P. Bambrick, yes; J. Stepich, yes; T. Scheid, yes; and D. Hutchins, yes. The motion carried.

There being no further business, V. Kinzler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. B. Wallace supported the motion and it carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bambrick
Watervliet Charter Township Clerk

Dan Hutchins
Watervliet Charter Township Supervisor

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