

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD JUNE 20, 2007

Supervisor Schocke called the regular meeting of the Bruce Township Board to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Bruce Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Schocke, Deborah Obrecht, Mark Falker and Richard Shafer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karol Regius

OTHERS PRESENT: Darren Pionk, Kyle Dettenau, Chris Gray, Matt December, David Cutway, Susan Brockmann, Stephen G. Grubey, and Dorothy Sochowicz as recording secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2007 as presented.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MINUTES: Motion by Obrecht seconded by Shafer to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 5, 2007 as amended with the following corrections to the Fire Health Benefits and Township Health Benefits:

FIRE HEALTH BENEFITS: This agreement is entered into ~~and effective this 5th day of June, 2007~~ on June 5, 2007 and effective July 1, 2007 by and between the Township and the Union to amend their current collective bargaining agreement in regard to health insurance benefits per Article XXVI, Section 6 as follows:

TOWNSHIP HEALTH BENEFITS: Item 8: The Township agrees that any and all costs associated with the retiree's dental, vision and health insurance will be funded the Health Retirement Account, which will be fully funded by the Township. ~~upon execution of this agreement.~~ Item 12. The Township agrees to fully fund, on January 1st of each year, in one complete payment rather than monthly payments, the Health Savings Account and the Health Retirement Account for not less than fifteen years. This excludes calendar year 2007, which

will be fully funded upon implementation of the changes referenced in this agreement. Memorandum of Understanding.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

AGENDA: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve the agenda of June 20, 2007 as amended.

Add: Bond Counsel
Part Time Fire Fighter
Resolution Opposing HB 4780-4788

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafter
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: No amendments at this time.

BILLS: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve the previously paid bills of \$231,915.66, the payroll checks of \$147, 046.85, and the current list of bills of \$82, 422.89 for a total of \$461,385.40 as presented

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht , Falker and Shafter
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to approve the financial statement as presented.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT – REVIEW OF INVOICES: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve invoice #27 in the amount of \$53,815.41.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: None

**HEARINGS AND REVIEWS:
FORD PROVING GROUNDS IDD:**

Supervisor Schocke opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: Steve Grubey 5959 34 Mile Rd, questioned establishing the property as an industrial zone. Supervisor Schocke commented

that Ford Motor Company also has a proving grounds located in Arizona and have decided to close the proving grounds there. They are planning a 12 million dollar expansion here in Bruce Township and that the Township encourages Ford, which occupies 17% of the Township, to remain. Jim Tignanelli commented that Ford is a good neighbor.

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve the Ford Proving Grounds IDD Resolution as presented:

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

33 MILE ROAD/VAN DYKE/ LAKESHORE IDD:

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None at this time:

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve the 33 Mile Road /Van Dyke/Lakeshore IDD Resolution as presented:

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to close the Public Hearing at 7:45.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE VIOLATION UPDATES: Supervisor Schocke reported that Buchanan has no violations and that he was at Tucker's today and there were no trucks present. Supervisor Schocke asked to have 90 days in order to handle further negotiations with Tucker. Supervisor Schocke noted that Summer Gardens will appear in 42 District Court mid July. A letter was read by Supervisor Schocke that was sent to Mr. Probst by registered mail on June 18th regarding the relocation of his business by July 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE TRUCK – SPEC & BID: Chief Shotwell asked the Board for permission to spec and bid only on a new Fire Truck. Chief Shotwell advised the Board that it would probably be a year before the process is through to completion.

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to allow Chief Shotwell to spec and bid on a Fire Truck.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

FIRE FIGHTER CALL BACK WAGES: Call back firefighters currently receive \$17.00 per hour. Chief Shotwell noted that they have not received an increase and recommended that their rate of pay be increased to \$20.00 per hour.

Motion by Falker, seconded by Shafer to increase call back wages from \$17.00 to \$20.00 per hour.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT: A letter was submitted by Julie E. Yelick-Miller requesting reappointment to the Romeo District Library Board. Treasurer Obrecht thanked Julie for all of her work on the Library Board.

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to reappoint Julie E. Yelick-Miller to the Romeo District Library Board. The new term will run from 07/01/07 – 06/30/11.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT: Treasurer Obrecht thanked Jim Tignanelli and Paul Okoniewski for their service on the Planning Commission . Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to reappoint Tignanelli and Okoniewski to the Planning Commission with their terms to be 06/30/07 – 06/30/10.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL CREDIT & COMMUNITY CREDIT CONTRACT FOR FY 2008:

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to transfer from Municipal Credit \$6,011 and \$14,356 from Community Credit for a total of \$20,367 from Smart to Star transportation.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

MTA DUES: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve MTA dues in the amount of \$5,757.92 as presented.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nayes: None MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to adopt the zoning ordinance amendments as presented.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nayes: None MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Shafer expressed concerns that existing businesses might be in violation of Amendment language as follows: Amend Article 25 Light Manufacturing District – M-1, by amending Section 25.00 Principal Permitted Uses, by amending subsection 14 as follows and renumbering the existing subsection 14 as subsection 15:

NORTH ROMEO MINI MALL BOARD DIRECTED REZONING: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to change the zoning from an M1 to C2.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nayes: None MOTION CARRIED

BIBLE TRUTH APOSTOLIC CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE: Motion by Shafer, seconded by Falker to approve the special land use subject to the 11 conditions recommended by the Planning Commission as follows:

1. Approve the landscape plan; signage detail and lighting plan as presented.
2. Move the parking island to the west and adjust 2 parking spaces to allow an increased turning radius meeting township engineering comments.
3. No organized leagues for sports onsite.
4. Final review and approval of wetlands by the DEQ.
5. School Operations-no more than 50 students with operation hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6. No outdoor amplified activities.
7. Final review and approval of the driveway from the Macomb County Road Commission.
8. Maintenance of wetlands to be satisfied during engineering approval.
9. A "hidden driveway" sign be reviewed with the Macomb County Road Commission and provided as necessary.
10. Meet all standards of Zoning Ordinance 161, Section 27.00.
11. Trees for screening purposes shall be maintained in perpetuity and shall be replaced within 2 months unless weather prohibiting.

Darren Pionk from Atwell Hicks was present and aware that special land use was granted conditional to the previous 12 items being followed.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker and Shafer
Nayes: None MOTION CARRIED

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – HOUSE LEASE: Supervisor Schocke asked that this issue be tabled until next month, at which time a lease will be presented. Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to table the house lease to the Soil Conservation District until next month.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer
Nayes: None MOTION CARRIED

MECHANICAL INSPECTOR – FSA: Discussion was held regarding allowing the Mechanical and Electrical inspectors to have a separate independent contract for medical insurance and to use their \$2,500 for phone and medical stipend now being paid to fund the HSA at no additional cost to the Township. Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to allow the Mechanical and Electrical inspectors to fund their medical insurance by using the \$2,500 stipend to fund their own independent contract account.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

BRUCE CEMETERY DONATION REQUEST: Discussion was held regarding donating \$1,500.00, to be taken from the General Fund, to the Bruce Cemetery Association. Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Shafer to donate \$1,500.00 to the Bruce Cemetery Association.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER’S QUARTERLY REPORT: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

FORD SETTLEMENT: Discussion was held regarding the Ford Settlement. A Special Board meeting will be scheduled for next week.

33 MILE ROAD SANITARY SEWER SAD BID STATUS: Discussion was held regarding bid status. Two companies came in low. They were Novak Nurseries with a bid of \$360,026.00 and DiPonio Contracting with a bid of \$414,887.50. Additional inquiries were made of both companies regarding references and equipment. Both companies received satisfactory reviews. Corwin Mabery of Davis Land Surveying & Engineering, P.C. recommended awarding the project to the low bidder of record, Novak Nurseries. Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to award the project in the amount of \$360,026.00 to Novak Nurseries.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

BOND COUNSEL: Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to seek bond counsel on 33 Mile Road Sanitary Sewer at \$520,000. Obrecht will get costs spent to date for this project to Trustee Shafer. *(Kim this item was added at meeting)*

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nayes: None

MOTION CARRIED

WIFI UPDATE: Discussion was held regarding WIFI and the cost to residents. Treasurer Obrecht reported that she attended a meeting today at Ray Township along with Washington Township, and Armada Township and that the cost would be between \$30 and \$35 per month. Treasurer Obrecht asked the Board if she could include a letter and price sheet in the tax bills that will be going out at the end of June. Supervisor Schocke expressed concern and asked that the Board wait to see based on legal recommendations what Washington Township decides to do and have the Board act accordingly.

PART TIME FIREFIGHTER: Chief Shotwell asked the Board to approve hiring Greg Glanville as a part-time firefighter. Due to a recent leave by Lynn Martin this hire would not be an increase to the department. Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to approve hiring Greg Glanville as a part-time firefighter.

Ayes: Schocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nayes: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 4780 - 4788:

**Bruce Township Board of Trustees Resolution Opposing
HB 4780-4788**

The Bruce Township Board of Trustees opposes the “bundled package” being discussed, which would impact our Township. The proposed legislation includes townships with a population of 10,000 or less or townships that do not offer 24/7 public safety (police & fire), and those that do not offer sewer & water services to at least 50% of their residents.

The impact of this legislation would be to shift Elections, Assessing and Tax Collection to Macomb County. We do not believe this is in the best interest of our residents nor would it be a more cost effective measure to have these services performed by County employees. We have a very efficient and streamlined staff and our costs for the services being provided are extremely cost competitive.

Be it resolved the Bruce Township Board of Trustees on June 20th, 2007 adopted this resolution opposing HB 4780-4788.

Motion by Obrecht, seconded by Falker to support a resolution to the County opposing the abolishment of Township services.

Ayes: Shocke, Obrecht, Falker, Shafer

Nayes: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Karol Regius
Bruce Township Clerk

Dorothy Sochowicz
Bruce Township Deputy Clerk