

**NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
Township Board
Minutes
October 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Supervisor Engstrom at 8350 Main Street.

PLEDGE

Supervisor Engstrom led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Engstrom, Supervisor	Present
Angela Westover, Clerk	Present
Kathy Braun, Treasurer	Present
Janet Chick, Trustee	Present
Wayne Dockett, Trustee	Present
Jacki Otto, Trustee	Present
Tracy Thomas, Trustee	Present [arrived at 7:06 P.M.]

Also present:

Township Manager Howard Fink
Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Tim Hardesty
Public Safety Director William Wagner
Community Center Director Tammy Averill
Township Attorney Paul Burns
Township Engineer Brian Rubel
Recording Secretary Lisa Lemble
Members of the community

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Minutes**
- **Bills**

At Dockett's request both the minutes and bills were added as agenda items.

ADOPT BALANCE OF AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported, that the balance of the agenda be adopted as presented.
Motion carried 6—0 on a voice vote.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fink noted an emergency expenditure is necessary to replace a broken video camera in the meeting room with a new digital camera.

[Thomas arrived at this point].

REPORTS

Department Heads

Fire. Wagner answered questions from Dockett about training expenses.

Police. Wagner answered questions from Chick and Dockett about the proposed Vigilant Solutions Data Access System used to store license plate information.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Corey Allen Johnston for the position of Northfield Township Police Reserve Officer contingent upon successful completion of all Departmental requirements. **Motion carried 7 —0 on a voice vote.**

Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hardesty answered questions from Dockett about purchase of a new camera, long-term planning for large expenses, and problems with a manhole.

- ▶ **Motion:** Chick moved, Otto supported, to approve the purchase of a pipeline inspection camera at a cost of \$7,842.50 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.
- ▶ **Motion:** Otto moved, Dockett supported, to approve the repairs for the manhole cover and driveway at 9307 Lakewood Court in the amount of \$1,500.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

Senior Center. No questions.

Other

Financial. No questions.

Township Manager. Fink answered questions about progress on the Barker Road non-motorized path project.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Otto reported the ZBA approved a side yard variance for a pole barn.

Planning Commission. Chick reported that on October 7th the Commission discussed by-laws and heard a presentation on incorporating Green Infrastructure Workshop outcomes into the zoning ordinance and Master Plan.

Parks and Recreation. Thomas referred to information in the Manager's Report.

AGENDA ITEMS

0.
Minutes and Bills

Dockett made one clarification to the September 22nd minutes. Wagner answered questions from Dockett about the dealership used for Police vehicle repairs.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Westover supported, that the bills, the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of September 8, 2015 as presented, and the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of September 22, 2015 as amended be approved. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

1.
Kiwanis Request to Use 75 Barker Road

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Thomas supported, to approve the use of 75 Barker Road by the Whitmore Lake Area Kiwanis for their annual Christmas Tree Sale from November 25, 2015, to no later than Friday, December 18, 2015. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

2.
Northfield Human Services (NHS) Request to use Second Floor of Public Safety Building

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Otto supported, to approve Northfield Human Services using the upstairs portion of the Public Safety Building for the Toys for Tots program starting December 1, 2015, though the end of that month. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

3.
Board Room Construction

Fink described the revisions made to the plans for this project in order to reduce costs.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported, to approve the new board room construction at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. **Motion carried 6—1 on a voice vote, Dockett opposed.**

4.
Downtown Planning Group

In answer to a question from Dockett, Fink said there will be no costs associated with this group, and said the purpose will be to prepare an overall vision for the downtown and determine implementable action items.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Thomas supported, that the Board supports and approves the creation of the volunteer Downtown Planning task force. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

5.
Resolution 15-532:
Special Assessment Resolution No. 3

Fink explained this sets the public hearing for the Whitmore Lake sewer assessment district. He noted that the wording "...in the print edition of annarbor.com" should be corrected to read, "...in the print edition of the Ann Arbor News."

- ▶ **Motion:** Otto moved, Thomas supported, to accept Resolution 15-532 as amended to set the time and date for the Whitmore Lake sewer assessment district for 7:00 P.M. on November 10, 2015. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote.**

6.
Snow Removal Bids

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported, that the bid from Scenic Landscaping be accepted for snow removal for one year on a per push basis. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1.
Resolution 15-531:
Opt Out of Insurance Hard Caps

Dockett said the Township is spending \$319,270 annually for medical insurance for Township staff and he is opposed to opting out of hard caps when many residents of the Township have no health insurance. Fink explained that without this action administrative staff will have low level, high deductible insurance. He explained that many options were considered, the self-funding risk was considered to be too high, and he is recommending that the same insurance as last year be offered this year. He noted there was a 5%-7% premium increase this year for slightly lower coverage.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Otto supported, to approve Resolution 15-531, a Resolution of the Northfield Township Board of Trustees to Opt Out of the Restrictions Mandated by Public Act 152 of 12011 on Public Employer's Payments for Medical Benefits Plans. **Motion carried 6—1 on a roll call vote, Dockett opposed.**

2.
Health Insurance Plans and
Health Savings Account (HAS) Funding

Otto said she will abstain from voting because the company she works for is owned by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. Fink explained all of the coverage level options.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Westover supported, that funding for health savings accounts (HSAs) at the silver and bronze levels be approved as indicated in Fink's memo.

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street
October 13, 2015**

Docket requested a roll call vote.

Motion carried 5—1—1 on a roll call vote, Otto abstaining and Dockett opposed.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chad Marchant, 440 Barker Road, asked that the Township consider measures to slow traffic on Barker Road for safety. Dale Brewer, 11548 East Shore Drive, asked for additional information regarding the Whitmore Lake sewer assessment district.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members commented on the cost of running the Township, urged support of the Kiwanis store, and answered a question about the Whitmore Lake sewer assessment district.

ADJOURNMENT

► **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Westover supported, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Submitted by Lisa Lemble.

Corrections to the originally issued minutes are indicated as follows:

Wording removed is ~~stricken through~~;
Wording added is underlined.

Approved by the Township Board on _____, 2015.

Angela Westover, Clerk

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