

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 9, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Rick Hamill, Supervisor
Tami Flowers, Clerk
Jennifer Frederick, Treasurer
Judy Cooper, Trustee
Brian Howe, Trustee
Beth Lewis, Trustee
Joseph Salvia, Trustee

Also Present: Fire Chief Nick George
Lieutenant Matt Snyder
Lisa Hamameh, Township Attorney

Visitors: 22

Approval of Agenda:

Mrs. Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Salvia supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, and Salvia – yes.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a) August 12, 2024 Board of Trustees Minutes
- b) List of Bills dated August 22, 2024 and September 5, 2024 plus additions
- c) Appoint Lisa Rehbine Highland Activity Center Council Member
- d) Budget Amendment for DDA Additional Revenue and Expense Adjustments
- e) Hire Andrew Webster for Substitute Crossing Guard Position

Receive and File:

Activity Advisory Council Minutes – July 2024
Activity Advisory Council Treasurer's Report – July 2024
Activity Center Director's Report – July 2024
Financial Report – June 2024
Fire Department Report – August 2024
Library Board Minutes – July 2024
Library Director's Report – July 2024
Treasurer Report - July 2024
Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes - July 17, 2024 and August 7, 2024
Fire Department Notification of Open Position
The Percy A. Duncan and Ethel J. Duncan Trust Distribution to Highland Fire Department

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Howe supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Announcements and Information Inquiry:

- a) Farmers' Market on Saturdays thru October 5th at Highland Township Complex

Public Comment:

Two residents spoke regarding issues with gas stations and the number of stations in Highland. Ms. Frederick announced a flyer was sent to residents regarding a new schedule for garbage pick-up in Highland Township. Mr. Hamill spoke to the effort Priority has made to improve their service. Kudos to his staff, Cassie Blascyk and Elaine Krimmel, for handling a huge number of conversations regarding refuse. Complaint regarding the garbage trucks turning around in resident's driveway.

Presentation:

- a) Highland DDA 2024 Accreditation

Tim Colbert presented the Main Street Oakland County Accreditation to the Highland Downtown Development Authority. It was noted the HDDA has received accreditation by Main Street America for the last 14 consecutive years.

Public Hearing:

- a) Resolution 24-26 to Proceed with the Lower Pettibone Lake Special Assessment District for the Control of Weeds in Lower Pettibone Lake and related Services Pursuant to 1954 P.A. 188 as Amended

Public Hearing was opened at 6:53p.m. and closed at 6:54 p.m. There was one comment in favor of the Special Assessment District.

Mrs. Cooper moved to approve Resolution 24-26 to Proceed with the Lower Pettibone Lake Special Assessment District for the Control of Weeds in Lower Pettibone Lake and related Services Pursuant to 1954 P.A. 188 as amended as corrected. Mrs. Frederick supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

New Business:

- a) URSA 24-04 Special Approval of Land Use to establish a gas station at the SE Corner of M-59 and Milford Road at the former site of a Marathon Gas Station, 394 N Milford, PIN 11-22-376-008, Applicant and Property Owner: Tarek Gayar, G&G Investments, LLC

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Special Land Use URSA 24-04 for a gas station/convenience store at 394 N. Milford Road, parcel 11-22-376-009 based on a site plan prepared by Zia-Al-Baba Engineering, dated June 27, 2024 and subject to conditions included in the motion of recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission on August 1, 2024, the recommendations of Carlisle-Wortman and further based on the Board's finding that the proposed plan conforms with the required standards of approval under Section 6.03H of the Zoning Ordinance. In addition the gables should be the same color as the siding. Ms. Frederick supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – no.

- b) URSA 24-05 Special Approval of Land Use to expand Wiggles and Giggles Child Care Center by adding a portable classroom building, 1131 White Lake Road, PIN 11-02-300-002
Applicant and Property Owner: Khaled Mheisen, KHAB, LLC

Mr. Hamill moved to approve Special Land Use URSA 24-05 for a child care expansion for Wiggles & Giggles, 1131 White Lake Road, parcel 11-02-300-002 by the addition of a building and site modifications identified on a plan by Nederveld, dated July 1, 2024 subject to conditions included in the motion of recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission on August 1, 2024, the recommendations of Carlisle-Wortman and further based on the Board's finding that the proposed plan conforms with the required standards of approval under Section 6.03H of the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Frederick supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

- c) Fire Department Request to Purchase Stryker Equipment

Ms. Frederick moved to approve the purchase of EMS equipment needed for the new ambulance. The items will be purchased from Stryker Corporation a vetted supplier that manufactures EMS equipment. Total cost for these products with protection maintenance plan is \$196,241.46, subject to Township review of the terms and conditions and/or contract. Mrs. Lewis supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

- d) Resolution 24-25 Establish Millage Rates for 2025 Budget

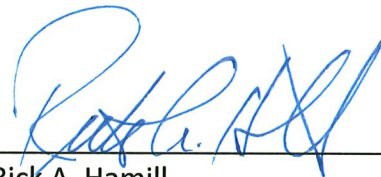
Ms. Frederick moved to approve Resolution 24-25 Establish Millage Rates for 2025 Budget as presented and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the L4029 form. Mrs. Cooper supported, and the motion carried with the following roll call vote: Hamill – yes, Flowers – yes, Frederick – yes, Cooper – yes, Howe – yes, Lewis – yes, Salvia – yes.

Adjourn:

Supervisor Hamill adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.



Tami Flowers, MiPMC
Highland Township Clerk



Rick A. Hamill
Highland Township Supervisor