

Augusta Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
8021 Talladay Road
PO Box 100
Whittaker, MI 48190
March 25, 2014

1. Meeting called to order (following the Budget Public Hearing) at 7:08 pm by Giszczak in the absence of the Supervisor.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Absent: Hafler.
4. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Dew to nominate Trustee Keefe as the chairperson in the Supervisor's absence, nomination accepted by Keefe. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.
5. Motion by Thornton, 2nd by Dew to accept agenda as submitted. Motion passed.
6. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Thornton to approve meeting minutes of March 10, 2014 as amended. Motion passed.
7. Public comments opened at 7:32 pm and closed at 7:37 pm.
8. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Todd to accept Fire Department February 2014 report as submitted and given. Motion passed.
9. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Thornton to accept Utility Management Report of February 2014 as submitted. Motion passed.
10. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to approve warrants #14813 to 14905. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, and Todd. Nay: Thornton. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.
11. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to approve Journal entries # 4750 to 4766. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard, Keefe and Todd. Nay: Thornton. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.
12. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to accept the Clerk's 4th Quarter Revenue and Expense report for the fourth quarter ending February 28, 2014 as submitted. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe and Todd. Nay: Thornton. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

13. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Todd to accept the Assessor reports for February 2014 as submitted. Motion passed.
14. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Todd to accept the Farmland Preservation Report as submitted and given. Motion passed.
15. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Dew to request the Supervisor's office to process the utility refund requests with support documentation. Motion passed.
16. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Keefe to approve the Resolution to Adopt Fire Millage Renewal Proposal Resolution read into the record and contingent upon the supervisor office providing the "estimated \$ _____" amount to be raised in 2015 and the millage reduction rate to the clerk to update and submit the resolution to the county clerk's office by May 15, 2014. Friendly amendment Howard, accepted by Giszczak to be by May 1, 2014. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

RESOLUTION NO. 14-04

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Augusta Charter Township wishes to renew the millage for fire protection and protection that expires after 2014; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide fire protection and prevention services, as authorized by MCL 41.801, *et seq*, and other applicable statutes; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy *ad valorem* property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the electors of Augusta Charter Township previously authorized 2.0 mills to be levied for fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the previously-authorized millage for fire protection and prevention has been reduced by the required millage rollbacks to 1.xxxx mills; and

WHEREAS, the previously-authorized millage for fire protection and prevention expires after 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Augusta Charter Township wishes to renew the previously-authorized millage for fire protection and prevention for an additional four (4) years, 2015 through 2018 inclusive, at the current rate of 1.xxxx mills, and as may be further reduced by any required future millage rollbacks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The Township Board of Augusta Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, approves the following millage renewal question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 5, 2014, election ballot:

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Augusta Charter Township, of 2.0 mills, which has been reduced by the required millage rollbacks to 1.xxxx mills, be renewed at 1.xxxx mills (\$1.xxxx per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) additional years, beginning in 2015 and through 2018 inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection and prevention, raising an estimated \$_____ in 2015?

Yes No

2. The Township Clerk is directed to post and publish notices of registration and notices of election, have ballots prepared and provided in sufficient quantity, and to do all things and provide all supplies necessary for the submission of this question at the election as required by law.

3. The Notice of Election for said election in Augusta Charter Township shall include notice of the submission of this question in substantially the following form:

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
OF AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the election to be held in Augusta Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, the following question shall be submitted to the qualified electors:

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION MILLAGE RENEWAL**

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Yes No

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

All properly registered and qualified electors within Augusta Charter Township are entitled to vote on the question. The places of election will be the regular voting places

in Augusta Charter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 p.m.

4. The question to be voted on at said election shall be stated in substantially the same form and manner appearing on the foregoing Notice.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

17. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Thornton to adopt 2014/2015 Supervisor's recommended budget as presented for the public hearing as submitted by Supervisor Hafler so that liabilities incurred may be paid beginning April 1, 2014. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Howard. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

18. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to request the Supervisor's office provide the board of trustees an updated Budget Appropriation Act Resolution based upon the Adopted 2014/2015 budget for the next board of trustees meeting. Motion passed.

19. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard that for the purpose of future budget projections of revenue and expense provided by the Supervisor's office, that the required data be included pursuant to MCL 141.435 which is generally referred to as a) the prior year budget, b) the prior year actual, the current year budget, current year to date and the "department requested" future budget columns, five columns in all. That for the purpose of the budget that the new BSA.net columns of "projected activity" and "Supervisor's budget" recommendation are not required nor needed at this time. Further to include only those funds requiring a budget which are the general fund, the fire fund and the utility fund only and to exclude inactivated general ledger account numbers from the report. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: none. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

20. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Dew to authorize Supervisor Hafler to submit the "Mallonen/Huntsman Horse Violation" complaint to the township attorney to provide a recommendation to the board, friendly amendment by Keefe to include a policy with stipulated fines for violations of the zoning ordinance with accelerated fines for repeated violations. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: none. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

21. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Todd to authorize the clerk's office purchase of a printer/scanner equipment (replace current equipment) not to exceed \$400.00. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: none. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

22. Motion by Dew 2nd by Giszczak to authorize approval of \$1,000 for the OCR (Optical Character Recognition) line to be added to the tax bills for Chase Bank. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Thornton and Todd. Nay: none. Absent: Hafler. Motion passed.

23. Public comments opened at 9:13 pm and were closed at 9:17 pm.

24. Motion by Dew, 2nd by Keefe to adjourn at 9:19 pm. Motion passed.

Pete Hafler, Supervisor

Date Signed

Kathy Giszczak, Clerk

Date Signed