

Augusta Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
8021 Talladay Road
PO Box 100
Whittaker, MI 48190
May 27, 2014

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Absent: None.
4. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Thornton, to accept agenda as submitted. Motion passed.
5. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Hafler to approve meeting minutes of May 12, 2014 as amended to change the Washtenaw County Road Commission 2014 Agreement vote of Todd from Aye to Nay. Motion passed.
6. Public comments opened at 7:03 pm and closed at 7:08 pm.
7. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Keefe to donate old retired computer monitors to people requesting them /to people who work in the hall or people outside the hall. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.
8. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Todd to move the meeting room computer to the clerk's office until needed by the auditor or elections. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Hafler to move to the locked election closet. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak and Howard. Absent: None. Motion passed.
9. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to get quotes to add Stanley Security Systems to the meeting room to protect the computer and the over \$30,000.00 of Election Equipment in the meeting room election closet. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Nay: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Absent: None. Motion failed.
10. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Giszczak to accept Fire Department April 2014 report as submitted. Motion passed.
11. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Hafler to accept fire chief's recommendation to hire contingent upon passing a medical exam and physical agility test: Jared Kuzich, Joshua Jacobs and Devin LaBombarbe. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

12. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Thornton to accept supervisor verbal report as given. Motion passed.
13. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Todd to accept the Utility Report for April 2014 as submitted. Motion passed.
14. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to approve warrants #14982 to 15099 with reference #15085 and #15032 voided. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard, Keefe and Hafler. Nay: Dew, Thornton and Todd. Absent: None. Motion passed.
15. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to approve journal entries #4786-4809. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Nay: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Absent: None. Motion failed.
16. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Howard to approve the 3/31/2014 4th quarter final draft revenue and expense report before audit. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Nay: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Absent: None. Motion failed.
17. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Giszczak to accept the Assessor reports for April 2014 as submitted. Motion passed.
18. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Hafler to accept the Freedom of Information Report for April 2014. Motion passed.
19. Motion by Giszczak, 2nd by Todd to approve the township attorney's recommendation in his written legal opinion in his email dated 5/16/2014 at 11:27 am regarding the Wade Trim Case. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.
20. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Todd that the board package not be put on the web site again. Friendly amendment Todd, that legal counsel be immediately notified of confidential information being disseminated to the public by the clerk, friendly amendment accepted by Hafler. Friendly amendment Todd that the board package not be put on the web site again until further notice, friendly amendment accepted by Hafler. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Howard, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak and Keefe. Absent: None. Motion passed.
21. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Todd to adopt the Civil Infraction Ordinance as submitted by [township] attorney. Motion withdrawn.
22. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Todd not to exceed \$595.00 for the service of Melron Electronics to come in or remotely to fix the utility billing dot net connection from D&B Billing to the

township and billing updates. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

23. Motion by Todd that authorization be given by the board to hire any relation of the township trustees or employees prior to employment. Motion withdrawn.
24. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton that [regarding conflict of financial issues] that before hiring anyone, any family members, spouses, relative of township trustees be brought to the board before hiring part time help and full time help with scope of work and related pay. Friendly amendment Giszczak, accepted by Todd that as long as this action is not in conflict with the State laws regarding elections. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.
25. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton to eliminate remote access for all deputies. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Todd, to acknowledge that the board does not have the authority to interfere with an officer's performance of [their] statutory duties. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Absent: None. Motion passed.
26. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Hafler to completely eliminate the deputy clerk's salary. Friendly amendment Hafler, accepted by Todd, effective the next immediate pay period. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Todd to acknowledge that the board does not have the authority to interfere with the performance of the clerk's statutory duties, nor to assign the clerk's deputy work, location of, nor schedule to work and further to acknowledge the board may set salaries of deputies and may wish to consult a labor law attorney regarding the board's consequential discriminatory actions. Friendly amendment Hafler, accepted by Todd to [do] budget amendment to 101-215-702.200 [Deputy Clerk's Salary] to reflect zero. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Absent: None. Motion passed.
27. 10:37 pm Keefe left meeting.
28. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton to restrict the duties of the receptionist, not to perform the duties of the other paid and unpaid township deputies. Friendly amendment accepted by Todd, other than what the personal manual says. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Todd, to acknowledge that the restrictions of the receptionists duties to support the officers departments will impact township wide administrative operations and suggests a comprehensive review or the receptionist duties [job description] for specific recommendation in lieu of a broad brush restriction of the receptions duties. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Howard, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak. Absent: Keefe. Motion passed.

29. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton, requiring that all vendors invoices be photocopied by clerk's office and the photocopies to be placed in an area of the hall where all trustees can access photocopies at any time during business hours. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Todd that copies are attached for all trustees board members online and will save paper, copier maintenance and ink expenses and has been a failed effort in the past. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak and Howard. Absent: Keefe. Motion passed.
30. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton that all vendors warrants be photocopied by clerk's office and the photocopies to be placed in an area of the hall during business hours. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Todd that copies are attached for all trustees board members online and will save paper, copier maintenance and ink expenses and has been a failed effort in the past. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak and Howard. Absent: Keefe. Motion passed.
31. Motion by Todd, that all FOIA emails and related information provided to the public be brought to the board prior to the dissemination of such documents for verification and approval. That information legally attached to attorney client is privileged and or subjected to being altered. Motion withdrawn.
32. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton, that the clerk and deputy clerk provide the board with documentation of : 1. How many hours worked per week since her first date of hire. 2. From what location is she conducting her deputy clerk's duties and function outside of the township's hall. 3. If she is aware or was made aware by the clerk of the resolution passed requiring her to work within the township's hall during normal business hours. 4. Was she required to provide a resume, application, police clearance, other any other proof of previous employment background information at the time of her appointment by the next board meeting June 9, 2014. Friendly amendment Hafler to require both clerk and deputy clerk to provide, withdrawn. Friendly amendment Giszczak, not accepted by Todd, to acknowledge that the board does not have the authority to interfere with the performance of the clerk's statutory duties, that the deputy clerk reports directly to the clerk for work assignments and as salaried is not required to record hours worked and is required to be accountable directly to the clerk for all work product assignments. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak and Howard. Absent: Keefe. Motion passed.
33. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton to read into the record: Hello Trustee Members, There are allegation of township board meeting that are being videotaped for the purpose of targeting selected and individual board members for an alleged hate website. I for one have not seen this site. However, several very unhappy taxpayers, including myself are concern about an alleged electronic media site that is being represented as a political vehicle to undermine the integrity and professional reputation of trustees in our township. However, our attorney and a civil attorney tell me, that it is not illegal for anyone to video the township's meeting. I'm

also told that the site appears to be antagonistic in nature and promotes political division in our community, I'm told that the site contains edited versions of video footage and misrepresentation of board members debates, discussions, and edited versions of individual trustee's statements that are taken out of context. I ask that if any board member finds out that any information videotaped during townships meetings are found to be used in any illegal capacity or for the purpose of posting confidential attorney client privilege information, that you secure evidence or documentation for proper civil or criminal action. I'm also told that at some meeting the taping is somewhat disruptive and impedes and obstructs an aisle and area of the meeting room. Therefore, I make a motion to designate an area in the township meeting room for all video recording devices to be setup, during open public meeting as so to protect the township from any liability from accidental damage or injuries to anyone in the community or their personal video devices in the hall meeting room. At no time will the video taping of meeting be prohibited. The designated area should be in an area that will protect the safety, rights and property of all involved. Friendly amendment Hafler to have it in the south west corner [of the front door behind the meeting table]. Withdrawn. Friendly amendment Thornton accepted by Todd to have in the south east corner in front of the filing cabinets as close to the south wall as possible. Friendly amendment Hafler accepted by Todd, on a temporary basis. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Howard. Absent: Keefe. Motion passed.

34. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Thornton to, read into the record: Hello Trustee Members, I have learned from individuals in and outside of Augusta Township's community that our website is malfunctioning all of the time and appears to be out dated. I understand that our current web-master is not being paid or compensated for maintaining the site and the idea of donating his time to produce and maintain the site without compensation was his decision. I think that he should be commended for his past services as a trustee and for volunteering his services as the web-master and former IT liaison. But I think this new board and the community are ready to explore other media options and develop a more interactive informational website that demonstrates how advance new technology has become and how effective and instrumental it is to have a working media outlet that properly disseminate information quickly and accurately. A new and improved website will improve township's services, and accessibility to the public. Notwithstanding the fact that taxpayers without any transportation or time to visit the hall (when appointments are necessary) will have better access to information with a new and improved website. As a result of my research, the domain information indicates that a William Tobler (clerk@augustatownship.org) appears to be the contact person. The new web designers and or manager of our new site would need this domain name AUGUSTATOWNSHIP.ORG transferred to a new hosting account. If William Tobler refuses, a new domain name can be used. If William Tobler cooperates with this transition, he can begin the process of transferring the domain by forwarding the new designer or manager an authorization code. It's a fairly simple process. I have several website designers eager to assist Augusta Township with this process. I will provide the board with related information, cost, and designs. The

cost of this service can range from NO COST to \$5,000.00 for the initial site set up and design, and NO COST to \$200.00 monthly charges for bi-weekly updates. With the growing complaints involving current website malfunctions and inaccessibility to township officials during business hours, I think that a new site is a move in the right direction into the 21st Century. Below is a screen shot of information associated with AUGUSTATOWNSHIP.ORG. Therefore, I make a motion to discontinue the services of William Tobler as our township web master effective July 31, 2014. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Hafler, Thornton and Todd. Nay: Giszczak and Howard. Absent: Keefe. Motion passed.

35. Motion by Giszczak, to either authorize our attendance to attend the MTA June workshop or we could get quotes to contract for an MTA onsite workshop more specific to the challenges our board faces working together in serving our community. Motion withdrawn.

36. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Todd to table the budget discussion. Motion passed.

37. Public comments opened at 11:47 pm and were closed at 11:51 pm.

38. Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Howard to adjourn at 12:00 am [May 28, 2014]. Motion passed.

Pete Hafler, Supervisor

Date Signed

Kathy Giszczak, Clerk

Date Signed