

**Augusta Charter Township**  
8021 Talladay Road, Whittaker, MI 48190  
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 9, 2015 7:00 pm

1. Call meeting to order by Hafler at 7:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Dew, Giszczak, Hafler, Keefe and Thornton. Absent: Howard and Todd.
4. Motion by Keefe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hafler to approve Agenda as submitted. Aye. Motion passed.
5. Motion by Dew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thornton to amend the 1/27/2015 meeting minutes to add to item #16 the word "only" so that it reads: "Motion by Dew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keefe to increase receptionist wages for Heather to \$14.58 per hour and also pay back the retroactive monies that she did not receive while she was in our employ which would be \$3,243.00. Friendly amendment by Keefe that this applies to the full time receptionist only, friendly amendment accepted by Dew. Dew; add to motion also that there be a yearly/annual review that goes into her personnel file. Howard, friendly amendment to implement the raise for this year and hold off with the retroactive pay until we have completed our audit, verified our finances and have been notified that we've been reinstated with our revenue sharing, not accepted by Dew. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Keefe, and Thornton. Nay: Hafler and Todd. Absent: Giszczak. Motion passed." Aye. Motion passed.
6. Public comments opened at 7:10pm closed at 7:10 pm.
7. Cath Howard arrived at 7:11 pm.
8. Motion by Howard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Giszczak for Board of Trustees to consider clerk's appeal of partial denial Freedom of Information Act requests #FOIA-14-25, #FOIA-14-26, #FOIA-14-27 and #FOIA-14-28 based on evidence that some of these documents do exist and the Board of Trustees is requested to take action to provide the clerk with the information requested, friendly amendment by Giszczak, accepted by Howard that all nonexempt documents be provided. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Nay: Dew, Hafler and Thornton. Absent: Todd. Motion failed.

9. Motion by Giszczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard to approve using the available special drain maintenance funds (estimated to be approximately \$63,000) to pay for the Augusta Charter township Drain At Large portion of the Judd Road West Branch Augusta Central Drain estimated to be approximately \$50,000. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Hafler, Howard, Keefe and Thornton. Nay: None. Absent: Todd. Motion Passed.
  
10. With regard to Agenda Item 8B the clerks requested for the record to show [the clerk] "reserves comment until after all the criminal investigation by 1) the State Police, 2) the State Department of Treasurer and 3) the Attorney General offices are completed on all of us." In response Supervisor Hafler requested for the record to show "that the clerk has refused to answer any of the questions provided in the board packet under agenda item 'Clerk Absent From Meetings/Charter Township Act' ". No action.
  
11. Motion by Hafler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thornton to keep Hardship at last year 2014 exemption rates. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Hafler, Howard, Keefe and Thornton. Nay: None. Absent: Todd. Motion passed
  
12. Motion by Giszczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dew to move item 8H Receptionist Wages to precede agenda item 8D Budget discussion. Aye: Motion passed.
  
13. Motion by Giszczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dew to increase full time receptionist wage to \$14.58 per hour (a \$.92 per hour raise) effective 02/01/15 and to pay \$3,631.47 retroactive wage increase, friendly amendment Dew, that this is a result of the Cost of Living Wage Increase, accepted by Giszczak, covering August 1, 2012 through January 31, 2015 with an annual review to be performed on or before the annual anniversary date of November 30 by the direct personnel manager. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard, Keefe and Thornton. Nay: Hafler. Absent: Todd. Motion passed.
  
14. Motion by Giszczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keefe to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter January 31, 2015 Revenue Expense Report. Roll Call: Aye: Giszczak, Howard, Keefe and Thornton. Nay; Dew and Hafler. Absent: Todd. Motion passed.
  
15. Motion by Giszczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard to accept the Journal Entries 4833 - 4882. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Giszczak, Howard and Keefe. Nay: Hafler and Thornton. Absent: Todd. Motion passed

16. Clerk left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Clerk abruptly left 02/09/2015 Board of Trustees meeting at 9:00 pm.

Motion by Hafler, no second, to appoint Cath Howard as temporary clerk for the remainder of the 02/09/2015 meeting. Cath declined. Hafler asked for a volunteer. Joe Keefe volunteered providing Iva take the minutes of the remainder of the meeting.

Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Howard at 9:01 pm to appoint Joe Keefe as temporary clerk for the remainder of the 02/09/2015 board meeting. Keefe accepted the nomination. Aye: five. Nay: None. Absent: Todd, Giszczak. Motion passed.

Motion by Hafler, no second to adjourn meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion failed for lack of support.

Master plan tabled to next Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion by Keefe, 2nd by Howard to explore forming an Ad Hoc Residents Advisory Committee (RAe) in Augusta Charter Township. Roll Call: Aye: Dew, Keefe, Howard. Nay: Hafler, Thornton. Absent: Todd, Giszczak. Motion passed.

Public comments opened at 9:20 prn, closed at 9:21 pm.

Board response opened at 9:21 prn, closed at 9:23 pm.

Motion by Hafler, 2nd by Thornton to adjourn 02/09/2015 Board of Trustees meeting at 9:23 pm. Aye: five. Nay: None. Absent: Giszczak, Todd. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Hafler, Supervisor

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Date

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Kathy Giszczak, Clerk

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Date