

Augusta Charter Township
8021 Talladay Road
Whittaker, Michigan 48190
Fire Department Building Committee

Meeting Date: October 12, 2007

Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Dave Music at 9:02 am

Committee Members Present:

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| ▪ David Music | ▪ Brian Shelby |
| ▪ Victor Chevrette | ▪ Paul Wagner |
| ▪ Bill Tobler | ▪ Judy Thornton |

Announcements and Correspondences

- Dave Music reported he wishes to withdraw his request to resign as Chairman, his work schedule has lightened up and he will now be more available. Committee accepted his request.
- Discussion on appointing a Vice Chairperson for the committee. Bill Tobler nominated Judy Thornton and Music seconded his nomination. Voted on recommendation, passed.
- Minutes presented. Motion to approve minutes by Tobler, second by Music, with a couple of minor corrections. Motion carried.

Other Business

- Discussion on Hobbs and Black original Needs Assessment report. Also discussion on Letter from OHM on property on Willis Road. We talked about the lack of an actual determination for us on the property, we discussed that the letter did not help us, because OHM says they need more information, that they should have had access to when they did the letter. We discussed the H & B report and that it was very complete other than that they did not address the Elevation of the property and whether it needs to be brought up or not. After discussion, we determined that we should use H & B's expertise to determine if the Willis Road property is suitable or not. We probably will not get anywhere with OHM. We need the overall report and feel H & B would be the most efficient and complete way to go.
- A motion was made by Music, second by Shelby, to have Wagner follow up with Hobbs and Black to get a cost estimate to revise the previous Needs Assessment report to reflect the Elevation, the revised foot print of the building, the new Roadway set back that the County changed from when it was done before and any impact the John Bird drain issue may have on the project report and outcome. Motion passed.
- Discussion on the cost to revise the report. After some discussion, it was determined that we may need to expend money to get the report revised. It was agreed that we would have Bill Tobler take a recommendation to the Board of trustees a request to spend up to \$3,000 if needed to get the Needs Assessment revised to reflect current cost figures and the aforementioned topics. Motion by Wagner with a second by Thornton to request the Board of Trustees authorize up to \$3,000 to revise the report after the cost estimate comes back from them. Motion carried.
- Beacon Property Report
 - Tobler reported Kathy Jackson had contacted Harry Short a local Real Estate agent about putting the Beacon Property up for sale. Mr. Short reported to her that it probably would not matter if the property was placed on the market as one piece or two, it would sell about the same. His estimate of the value was around \$60,000. The board decided to put the property up for sale as one piece and for \$80,000. They will put up for sale "by owner" to start with. The Board is going to check with the township attorney to see if the township trying to sell the property themselves would be a problem. Tobler reported the Board did approve dedicating the proceeds from the sale to go towards the Fire Station project to help offset the cost of the new station. Tobler will check with the Township

attorney to check the status of the township selling the property themselves. He will follow up with Kathy Jackson on the topic also.

- Willis Road at Whittaker Property Status report
 - Chevrette provided copies of two deeds showing "Augusta Township" with the Fire Station address as the owner. One piece was for 2.0 acres, the other 3.30 acres. There was some discussion on whether there was a second piece of land adjacent to the 3.30 acres. Thornton will follow up if there is and if so exactly where the property is.
- Williams Property report
 - The Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program may be interested in the Williams property as a wet woods area. Thornton will hand off the paperwork to the Williams family to do to start the process. It is possible that this could be an alternate site for a station, but it would have to be purchased.
- Discussion on Current Fire Station
 - Chevrette provided a list of deficiencies the current building has, it was provided by John Hamlin from the Washtenaw County Building Department. Mr. Hamlin listed several items that would have to be corrected, that were obvious problems with the building. The cost of correcting the deficiencies would be considerable and not cost effective in everyone's opinion. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting. In the mean time, Tobler will check with Jerry Chie to see if he might recommend someone to give a rough estimate on cost to just fix the problems with the current building. Music will do likewise with John Kaas.
- Discussion on the Public education and relations portion of the process. It was decided to put the campaign on hold until we had some revised numbers and information from Hobbs and Black. We did discuss attending the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Monday to see if anyone would be interested in viewing a short presentation on the new station project.
- Judy Thornton was officially appointed to the committee by the Board of Trustees. She replaced Bill Babut.
- Roy Smiths position on the Committee was discussed. He has not attended meeting for the past few months. According to Music, who spoke with him, he still wants to be involved, and requests someone call him by phone to remind him about the meetings. Music will call and remind him

New Business

- Music reported that the firefighters Union, Local 911 had a meeting about the status of the fire station project. The Union felt that the committee should meet more often to try to resolve the hold ups with the project. The Union felt that some Board members appeared to be holding up the project due to their slow actions or inaction's when asked to do things the committee requests. The Union will be establishing a web site to help better inform the citizens of the township on the status of the over all project.
- Discussion on switching the Committee meetings to evenings. There was a consensus that it might be better for participation. It was discussed and decided to try moving the meeting to the Second Wednesday night of the month at 6:30 pm. Motion by Thornton, second by Shelby to hold the committee meetings on the second Wednesday at 6:30 pm, monthly. Motion carried.
- Discussion on the status of Bolla Road location
 - Chevrette reported that we are losing the Bolla Road location as of the 23rd of October. All of the equipment that is stored there has to be removed. We have nowhere to put the equipment. The replacement Fire Engine is due to arrive in about 3 weeks and we have the Air Cascade trailer and Inflatable boat as well as back up turnout gear to store somewhere. He is investigating a few locations including Iva Bielecs pole barn, a building on Willis Road near Rawsonville, a building on Rawsonville Road in Sumpter Township and one other building. The buildings need to be a heated building to allow storage of a Fire Engine.

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 11:44 am

Minutes by Robert Paul Wagner