

**Williamstown Township  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees convened at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston, Michigan. Supervisor Bloomquist called the meeting to order and reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Bloomquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Kane, Trustee Duffy, Treasurer Cutshaw, Clerk Steinberg.

**Absent:** Trustee Eyster and Trustee Williams

**Also present:** Chief Dave Hall of Meridian Police Department, Jeff Lawton and Daniel Lawton of 2340 Dennis Rd and Recording Secretary, Carolyn Burt/ Deputy Clerk.

**Public Comment**

7:02 None

**Consent Agenda**

**Treasurer Cutshaw moved the consent agenda consisting of:**

**Approve minutes of 12-14-16 Township Board meeting**

**General Funds Accounts Payable Paid, checks 21812 through 21825 for a total of \$18,368.64**

**General Fund Account Payable checks to approve, (21826-21834 voided) 21835-21843 for a total of \$12,182.10**

**Additional Accounts Payable checks to approve, 21844-21849 for a total of \$ 3,248.94**

**Revenue and expenditure report 12/30/16**

**Building Inspector's Report**

**Police Report**

**The payroll checks paid report and the Treasurer's report to be deferred for clarification at the next Board meeting**

**Seconded by Clerk Steinberg**

**Motion approved**

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## **Police Report**

Chief Hall reported the following:

- 37 Body Cams will be ordered
- A grant is in the works for new palm print fingerprinting software
- A new officer with 11 years experience in the military is now on the force
- New Branding for the Department will soon be revealed including the police cars, letterhead and patches
- A Christmas party for the needy was held at Murphy elementary
- Shop with a Cop had more than 100 needy kids participate in December
- 18<sup>th</sup> annual Citizen Academy was held recently and a Youth Academy will be offered soon, dates to be provided

## **Old Business**

### **Fireworks Ordinance**

Trustee Kane moved that the Williamstown Township Board send a revised draft Fireworks Ordinance modeled after the Milton Township Ordinance with restricted hours Sunday-Thursday 11am-9pm and Friday-Saturday 11am-12 midnight to the Planning Commission to garner public comments at the Planning Commission's March meeting for consideration at the April Township Board meeting.

**Seconded by Clerk Steinberg**

Discussion:

- Keep the provision "May approve" professional fireworks displays similar to the Milton Township Ordinance reviewed
- Ban on Chinese lanterns
- Discussion of limiting use of consumer fireworks to Friday and Saturday

**Motion approved**

## **Budget**

Supervisor Bloomquist solicited questions/ comment on the draft agenda for the Budget Workshop to be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A Budget packet will be sent to Board Members prior to the meeting.

## **Compensation Committee Appointments.**

Treasurer Cutshaw moved that the Williamstown Township Board approve the re-appointment of Kurt Shoecraft for a term of 5 years to expire in December of 2021, the appointment of Frank Seminski for a term of 4 years to expire December 2020, and Robert Hayes to fill the vacancy left by Martin Wright with a term expiring December 2017

**Seconded by Clerk Steinberg**

Discussion:

- The terms are for 5 years and are staggered
- The compensation recommendations affect only elected officials
- Suggestion that there be an application process for those interested in serving on Township Commissions

**Motion Approved**

**New Business**

**Poverty Exemption Guidelines**

Trustee Kane moved that the Williamstown Township Board approve the 2017 amendments to the Township Poverty Guidelines Resolution #97-2017 with the beginning income qualification set at \$17,820.00

**Seconded by Trustee Duffy**

Discussion:

- The Resolution is approved annually in January

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Kane, Trustee Duffy, Treasurer Cutshaw, Clerk Steinberg and Supervisor Bloomquist**

**Absent: Trustees Eyster and Williams**

**Motion Approved**

**507 East Grand River**

Supervisor Bloomquist discussed an upcoming Stakeholder meeting on Tuesday January 31, 2017 to garner input from Stakeholders re: Possible uses for the property that would benefit the community. From this meeting, the ideas put forth will be presented to the residents at an Open House proposed for Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -2 pm. The township expects to submit a grant application to help support renovations, due April 1.

### **Hall Rental**

- Discussion re: allowing commercial activities
- Liability insurance issues
- A reworked agreement will be presented for approval at a later date

### **Reports**

- Niesa Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 12.
- Treasurer Cutshaw proposed a change to Investment reports to include an " Interest to date" column rather than "Interest at maturation"
- A Michigan Township Association meeting will be held at the Township hall on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm which will provide an opportunity to network with other township personnel.
- Concern expressed re: recent CATA reduction in services to our community

### **Public Comment for agenda and non agenda items**

Opened at 8:57

- Jeff Lawton, Scoutmaster, expressed interest in possible uses of the 507 E. Grand River property on behalf of local Scouts
- Daniel Lawton, local Scout, suggested involving the Science department at the High School in usage of the property

Public comment closed at 9:02

**Clerk Steinberg moved to adjourn and seconded by ?**

**Supervisor Bloomquist adjourned the meeting at 9:07**

**Minutes approved by:**

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**Wanda Bloomquist, Township Supervisor**

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**Date**

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Mark Steinberg, Township Clerk

Date

Carolyn Burt Recording Secretary

Approved 2/8/17

