

**MINUTES
LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to Order by Supervisor John Gast at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Payne called the roll. Board members present were John Gast, Supervisor; Gloria Payne, Clerk; Betty Korcek, Treasurer; Terry Eichler, Trustee; William "Bill" Geukes, Trustee; Fritz Wolf, Trustee and Trustee Tom Carson. Fifteen visitors were present in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & AGENDA AMENDMENTS

The agenda was approved with one addition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Geukes seconded by Korcek to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2005 Regular Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Korcek seconded by Eichler to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2005 Special Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Carson seconded by Wolf to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2005 Special Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

It was moved by Payne seconded by Korcek to approve the September 2005 bills totaling \$384,613.15. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE PACKET

The following information was included in board members packets: MTA Faxes; Lake Township Water Filtration Plant monthly report; Lake Charter Township Utility Board meeting minutes; Lake Charter Township Planning Commission minutes; Lake Michigan Mailers postage savings statement; Galien River Sanitary Sewer District Authority meeting minutes, project status update; Growth Alliance meeting minutes; Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes; Medic I meeting minutes; Lake Charter Cemetery Board meeting minutes; Bridgman Public Library meeting minutes; Park Committee meeting minutes and Baroda Township bills.

Letter from Alexander Chemical Corporation regarding chlorine price increase. An invitation from Siegfried Crandall 's Municipal Forum and a memorandum from Williams & Works regarding the update of the Lake Charter Township Master Plan.

REPORTS

B. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Gast reported as follows:

- a. Attended Medic One meeting;
- b. Attended Special Meeting of September 27, 2005 regarding a presentation by Fishbeck, Thompson Carr & Huber, Engineers for the upgrading of the water plant;
- c. Attended Galien River Sanitary District Authority meeting;
- d. Attended Park Committee meeting;
- e. Attended Growth Alliance meeting;
- f. Attended Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- g. Met with ACI Finance regarding preliminary water rate study;
- h. Attended Special Meeting of October 6, 2005 and October 13, 2005 regarding 2005 budget amendments and 2006 Budget;
- i. Attended Supervisors meeting at St. Joseph Township;
- j. Attended Utility Meeting.

B. Clerk's Report

Clerk Payne reported as follows:

- a. Attended Special Meeting of September 27, 2005 regarding a presentation by Fishbeck, Thompson Carr & Huber, Engineers for the upgrading of the water plant.
- b. Attended Special Meeting of October 6, 2005 and October 13, 2005 regarding 2005 budget amendments and 2006 Budget;
- c. Attended Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- d. Attended Growth Alliance meeting;
- e. Attended Cemetery Board meeting;
- f. Met with ACI Finance regarding preliminary water rate study;
- g. Attended Berrien County Clerk's Association meeting..

C. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Korcek reported as follows:

- a. Attended Utility Board meeting;
- b. Attended Cemetery Board meeting;
- c. Met with Scott Dienes, Lake Charter Township Attorney;
- d. Attended Special Meeting of October 6, 2005 and October 13, 2005 regarding 2005 budget amendments and 2006 Budget;
- e. Attended Growth Alliance meeting;
- f. Attended Special Meeting of September 27, 2005 regarding a presentation by Fishbeck, Thompson Carr & Huber, Engineers for the upgrading of the water plant;
- g. Visited Water Plant and observed new water membrane filtration.

D. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Wolf reported the Planning Commission is addressing the update of the Master Plan..

E. Water Superintendent's Report

Water Superintendent Beach reported a display of the micro filtration filter with charts and pictures of the system are on the back table for viewing. The pilot plan project is approximately 95% finalized.

F. GRSD Sewer Authority Report

Supervisor Gast reported the sewer expansion project is 96% complete. The system is scheduled to go on-line October 29, 2005. Payment in the amount of \$403,715.60 was approved.

G. Police Department

Trustee Eichler reported no meeting held.

H. Fire Department/Fire Chief

Trustee Eichler reported fire personnel attended a 2-hour training regarding methamphetamine labs, what to look for and how to stand-by in case of explosions.

Twenty-two fire calls were dispatched in September with a response time of less than five minutes.

VIII. Park Report

Trustee Wolf reported 24 yards of concrete were poured for the baseball bleachers. Grass seed has been planted.

J. Library Report

Lillian Svitol reported the roof is still a problem. A leak destroyed some plaster. An attorney has given the contractor fifteen days to reply.

Friends of the Library Book Shop is doing well. They sold \$1,600.00 worth of books. The Annual Book Sale brought in \$1,800.00.

K. Utility Committee Report

Supervisor Gast reported Snow Road water main replacement is near finalization. The Chikaming Township Water Agreement is finalized and in place for twenty years.

AGENDA ITEMS

Rezoning of Parcel No. 11-11-0136-0027-00-7

Supervisor Gast reported that he received a letter from Berrien County Planning Commission regarding the approval of Parcel No. 11-11-0136-0027-00-7 from Residential-Agricultural (Res-Ag) to C-1 Commercial (C-1). The Lake Charter Township Planning Commission approved the rezoning on September 12, 2005. It was moved by Payne seconded by Korcek to approve the rezoning of Parcel No. 11-11-0136-0027-00-7 from Residential Agricultural to C-1 Commercial. All ayes, motion carried.

Rezoning of Parcel No. 11-11-0019-0001-04-4

Supervisor Gast presented to board members a Petition for Zoning Amendment request of Parcel No. 11-11-0019-0001-04-4 from Residential-Agricultural (Res-Ag) to Residential (R-1). This property consists of 33.8 acres. It was moved by Carson seconded by Wolf to forward this request onto the Lake Charter Township Planning Commission. All ayes, motion carried.

Trick or Treat

Supervisor Gast reported that the City of Bridgman is holding Trick or Treat hours on October 31, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It was moved by Payne seconded by Eichler to hold Lake Charter Township Trick or Treat on October 31, 2005 from the hours of 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

2005 Budget Adjustments

Supervisor Gast reported Lake Charter Township auditor, Dave Schaffer has not had an opportunity to review the 2005 budget adjustments. It was moved by Eichler seconded by Geukes that this agenda item be tabled to November 21, 2005. All ayes, motion carried.

Pay Request Snow Road Water Main Replacement

Supervisor Gast brought before board members Pay Request #2 from Kalin Construction in the amount of \$167,065.94 for the Snow Road Water Main replacement. It was moved by Korcek seconded by Eichler to approve Pay Request #2 to Kalin Construction in the amount of \$167,065.94 for the Snow Road Water Main replacement. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Eichler asked Larry Merritt of Merritt Engineering whether the cut out of the pipe had been done so that it could be analyzed. Mr. Merritt responded it had not. It was discussed that since the equipment was still at the Snow Road Water Main replacement site, the pipe be dug up and cut out for analysis.

Supervisor Gast brought before board members Merritt Engineering's pay request for engineering services on the Snow Road Water Main replacement in the amount of \$8,396.00. It was moved by Eichler seconded by Carson to approve the payment in the amount of \$8,396.00 for Merritt Engineering services on the Snow Road Water Main replacement. All ayes, motion carried.

Gast Road Resurfacing Project

Supervisor Gast brought before board members a proposal for the resurfacing project on Gast Road. The City of Bridgman is resurfacing the City's portion of Gast Road and the proposed project estimate from Kalin Construction is \$30,000.00 for milling 1 1/2" at the centerline and resurfacing 1 1/2" of Gast Road from the Bridgman City Limits to Lemon Creek Road. Also included is the addition of gravel to the shoulders as required for both sides for the entire length and new pavement marking for the centerline and lane line.

Trustee Carson inquired whether we need to have this let for bids.

It was moved by Geukes seconded by Payne to approve expending \$30,000.00 for the resurfacing project on Gast Road from the Bridgman City Limits to Lemon Creek Road, pending Berrien County Road Commission's approval and advice of whether this must be let for bids. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillian Svitil asked why we purchase dog bones. Superintendent Beach replied the water meter reader comes across dogs while reading meters and uses the dog bones (treats) to appease the unruly dogs.

Erna Linke commented that the resealing of Gast Road be watched closely so they perform the work correctly. She also commented on making sure the sand gets put around the new water main replacements since she knew of someone who was charged for insulation in a home and it was never actually put into the home. She further asked when the Park would be done.

Mike Jasper asked whether Lake Township would be asking the developer of Woodridge Estates to begin constructing the sidewalks.

Loren Berndt told a Green Bay Packer joke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for November 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for November 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further objection and no further business it was moved by Carson seconded by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Dated: _____

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

Dated: _____

John Gast, Supervisor

