

Watertown Charter Township
February 20, 2024, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Maahs with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor John Maahs, Treasurer Sue Biergans, Clerk Carolyn Brokob, Trustee Chad Cooley, Trustee Holly Madill, and Trustee Ron Overton.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Todd Hufnagel, with notice.

STAFF PRESENT: Township Manager Jennifer Tubbs.

PUBLIC SIGNED-IN: Brian Hurtekant, Deb Adams, and Deputy Matt Dedyne.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident, Peter Psarouthakis gave an update on potential wind and solar ordinance changes at the Clinton County Planning Commission (for 10 townships). The Planning Commission is also reviewing 18 other ordinances.

Resident, Brian Hurtekant filed paperwork to run for Clinton County Board of Commissioner in 4th district. He will be canvassing in April and be holding fundraisers and welcomed support. Mr. Hurtekant also discussed the Clinton Prosecuting Attorney's office renovations and which members of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners supported the renovation.

Clinton County Deputy, Matt Dedyne provided an update on patrols and criminal activity within the township. When asked if he was familiar with the funding structure of the Tri-County METRO Narcotic Division, he stated he was not familiar with the funding but added there is much value in Clinton County's officer dedicated to METRO.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Addition to III-D Reports: Commissioner Mitchell additional report dated February 20, 2024.

Motion by Trustee Madill, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Addition to IX New Business, inserted as A: Appointment of Deborah Adams to the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board.

Motion by Trustee Cooley, seconded by Trustee Madill, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Clerk Brokob, seconded by Treasurer Biergans, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Treasurer Biergans, seconded by Trustee Madill, to approve the additional bill list placed on the table.
Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING: None

VIII. PENDING BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointment of Deborah Adams to the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board

Billy Crego is retiring from the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority (LGRFA) Board with his last meeting in March 2024. He has represented the townships on the LGRFA board since its inception. A copy of Deborah Adams application to serve the remainder of Mr. Crego's term was placed on the table.

Motion by Treasurer Biergans, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to appoint Deborah Adams to the Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Board serving the remainder of Billy Crego's term from April 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

B. Clinton County Sheriff Narcotic Enforcement and Education Fund Request

In Commissioner Mitchells additional report, it was stated that there was a surplus of Tri-County METRO Narcotics Unit funds from 2023. Without clarifying information as to the need of requested funding, the Board of Trustees decided to get more information on the funding needs of the Sheriff's office before taking any action.

X. BOARD MEMBER AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clerk Brokob reminded everyone of the Presidential Primary next Tuesday, February 27, 2024, along with early voting that is currently being held through Sunday at the DeWitt Charter Township Hall.

Resident, Brian Hurtekant stated that there was incorrect information in Commissioner Mitchell's report which stated the Clinton County Treasurer resigned and then rescinded. It should have stated "retired".

XI. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL15.268 TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Motion by Clerk Brokob, seconded by Trustee Madill, to meet in closed session under section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the purchase of real property and requested to have the Township Manager present.

Roll Call Vote: Those voting AYE were, Maahs, Cooley, Brokob, Biergans, Overton, Madill.

Absent: Hufnagel

Six AYES, zero NAYS. Motion carried unanimously with 2/3 of the votes needed to move into closed session.

Closed session commenced at 7:24PM and the board exited closed session at 7:53PM.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:54PM

Date approved: March 18, 2024



John Maahs, Supervisor



Carolyn Brokol, Clerk