

MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

APPROVED

LOCATION: MACOMB TOWNSHIP MEETING CHAMBERS  
54111 BROUGHTON ROAD  
MACOMB, MI 48042

PRESENT: JANET DUNN, SUPERVISOR  
KRISTI POZZI, CLERK  
KAREN GOODHUE, TREASURER  
TIMOTHY BUSSINEAU, TRUSTEE  
ROGER KRZEMINSKI, TRUSTEE  
NANCY NEVERS, TRUSTEE  
KATHY SMITH, TRUSTEE

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Esordi, Legal Counsel  
Patrick Meagher, Planning Director  
James VanTiflin, Township Engineer  
*(Additional attendance on file at the Clerk's Office)*

Supervisor DUNN called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited.

Supervisor Dunn called Fire Chief Bob Phillips to the podium to honor Fire Fighter Joe Warne on being chosen Fire Fighter of the Year for 2019 by the Mount Clemens Elks. Chief Phillips presented Fire Fighter Warne his award after detailing the numerous charitable fund raising efforts Fire Fighter Warne has undertaken.

## ROLL CALL

1. Clerk POZZI called the roll and the Board of Trustees was present.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2. **MOTION by Pozzi seconded by Krzeminski to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of Consent Agenda Item 5F1, Request to Attend Free Live Fire Instructor Training; Regular Agenda Items 7a, Closed Session to Discuss Real Property Acquisition and 8a, Request to Adopt Resolution to Authorize Submission of MDNR MNRTF Grant for 26 Mile Road Properties.**  
**Ayes: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**MOTION carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

3. All bill runs were reviewed and there were no additions, deletions or corrections.

**MOTION by Nevers seconded by Goodhue to approve the bill runs in the amounts of \$714,026.56, checks cut between meetings in the amount of \$1,676.04, additional bill list in the amount of \$64,126.70 and commercial card purchases in the amount of \$135,119.91 for a total of \$914,949.21**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 13, 2019 were reviewed and any additions, corrections or deletions were discussed and made.

**MOTION by Goodhue seconded by Pozzi to approve the Minutes of 3/13/19 as presented.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

5. **Consent Agenda Items:**

Supervisor DUNN reviewed this matter and asked if any of the Board members wanted to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and place it for discussion on the regular agenda.

A. Engineering Department:

1. Request to Approve Partial Site Development Bond Release for Pinnacle Farms Site Condominiums in the amount of \$186,108.60
2. Request for Township Engineer to Attend Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) Annual Conference at an estimated cost of \$1,283.00

B. Clerk's Office:

1. Request to Attend Election Systems & Software User Group Meeting on April 30, 2019.
2. Approve 2019 SEMCOG Membership Dues in the amount of \$10,125.00

C. Parks and Recreation Department:

1. Request to Mail Spring/Summer R.E.A.C.H Catalog in the amount of \$5,097.33
2. Request to Run Programs Listed in Spring/Summer R.E.A.C.H. Catalog at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, excluding salaries.

D. Human Resources Department:

1. Request to Approve Family & Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #101
2. Request to Approve Family & Medical Leave of Absence for Employee #2211

E. Water and Sewer Department:

1. Easement Parcel Transmittal (23 Mile Road Water & Sewer Replacement) Project No. 181262, Parcel No. 20-08-15-476-015 in the amount of \$4,320.00
2. Request to Purchase Uniforms in the amount of \$7,034.04 from Majik Graphics, Inc.

F. Fire Department:

1. Request to Attend Free Live Fire Instructor Training at no cost to the Township.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as earlier amended.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

**6. Public Comments, Agenda Items Only**

Dave Esch spoke regarding Item 8a.  
Allison Esch spoke regarding Item 8a.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE:**

7. Resolution Honoring Makayla Ramos for Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award

Resolution Honoring  
Gold Award Recipient

Makayla Ramos

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Macomb, County of Macomb, State of Michigan held in the Township Hall in said township on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 at 7:00 PM the following preamble and resolution were offered by member Krzeminski and supported by member Bussineau.

Whereas, the Girl Scouts of the USA, now 107 years old, fosters the spirit of service and seeks to honor young women who distinguish themselves through leadership and action; and,

Whereas, Makayla Ramos, a 13 year member of Girl Scout Troop 30308, dedicated over 80 hours to complete her project, submitted a very detailed Project Proposal and led a team of volunteers to complete the implementation of her plan; and,

Whereas, Makayla Ramos organized an innovative recycling program with the goal of reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfills; and,

Whereas, Makayla Ramos partnered with four schools within the Chippewa Valley Schools district to recycle colored pens and markers; and,

Whereas, Makayla Ramos collaborated with each of the four schools to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program and enlisted support from the high school volunteer Cadet Core; and,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Macomb, County of Macomb, Michigan speaking on behalf of all Macomb Township Citizens as follows:

That By These Presents, the Macomb Township Board of Trustees recognizes the dedication, commitment and personal sacrifices Makayla Ramos has made to obtain the Girl Scout Gold Award; and,

Be It Further Resolved, the Macomb Township Board of Trustees hereby commends and publicly extends its congratulations to Makayla Ramos on her receipt of the Girl Scout Gold Award and further extends its best wishes to Makayla in her future endeavors;

Now Therefore, the Macomb Township Board of Trustees hereby proclaims,

Sunday May 5, 2019

**Makayla Ramos Day**

In

Macomb Township

FOR THIS RESOLUTION: Trustees; Timothy F. Bussineau, Roger Krzeminski, Nancy Nevers, Kathy Smith, Treasurer Karen M. Goodhue, Clerk Kristi L. Pozzi and Supervisor Janet I. Dunn.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Bussineau to Adopt Resolution Honoring Makayla Ramos for Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Krzeminski, Bussineau, Nevers, Smith, Goodhue, Pozzi, Dunn**

**Nays: None**

**RESOLUTION declared adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- 7a. Closed Session to Discuss Real Property Acquisition. Closed Session per MCL 15.268(d).

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Bussineau to adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss Real Property Acquisition.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Krzeminski, Bussineau, Nevers, Smith, Goodhue, Pozzi, Dunn**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

The Board entered closed session at 7:17 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 7:31 p.m.

No action taken, informational only.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

8. Request to Approve Rezoning Request; Agricultural (AG) to Office, Low Rise (O-1); Permanent Parcel 08-22-400-023; Located on the Northwest Corner of 22 Mile Road and Card Road

Patrick Meagher, Planning Director, reviewed the rezoning request with the Board. He indicated the Planning Commission is recommending approval and voted on March 5, 2019 to grant the request.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Goodhue to approve Rezoning Request; Agricultural (AG) to Office, Low Rise (O-1); Permanent Parcel 08-22-400-023; Located on the Northwest Corner of 22 Mile Road and Card Road.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

- 8a. Request to Adopt Resolution to Authorize Submission of MDNR MNRTF Grant for 26 Mile Road Properties

Patrick Meagher, Planning Director, gave a detailed summary of actions taken for preparation of the grant application, which includes a public hearing on March 13, 2019.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Goodhue to Adopt Resolution to Authorize Submission of MDNR MNRTF Grant for 26 Mile Road Properties.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Krzeminski, Goodhue, Bussineau, Nevers, Smith, Pozzi, Dunn**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried**

#### **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

9. Request to Deny the Request to Authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to Provide Design Engineering and Surveying Services for Amber Ridge

Jim Van Tiflin, Township Engineer, reviewed the matter with the Board and recommended the board deny the request.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Smith to deny the Request to Authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to Provide Design Engineering and Surveying Services for Amber Ridge.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

10. Request to Accept the 2017 AFG Regional Video Conference Grant in the Amount of \$184,986.00 with a Matching Contribution of \$18,498.60

Robert Phillips, Fire Chief, spoke of the benefits to the Township if all four stations were able to utilize the video conference technology.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Nevers to Accept the 2017 AFG Regional Video Conference Grant in the Amount of \$184,986.00 with a Matching Contribution of \$18,498.60.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

**GENERAL COUNSEL DEPARTMENT:**

11. Request to Authorize Supervisor to Execute AT&T First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Memorandum of First Amendment to Lease Agreement on Behalf of the Township

Thomas Esordi, General Counsel, provided background information for the request related to the Koss Public Safety Building.

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Pozzi to Authorize Supervisor to Execute AT&T First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Memorandum of First Amendment to Lease Agreement on Behalf of the Township.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

**Public Comments, Non-Agenda Items Only**

State Representative Jeff Yaroch spoke regarding road funding and encouraged constituents to contact him if he may be of assistance.

Barbara VanSweden, New Haven Community Schools Superintendent spoke about the May 7, 2019 Special Bond Election.

Paul Ruggeri spoke regarding a Dakota High School sponsored electronic recycling event and thanked the Board for not spending township tax dollars on electronic recycling events with Shelby and Washington Townships.

Frank Cusumano spoke about the Headlee Amendment and GLWA water/sewer rates. He also spoke about pending class-action lawsuits related to GLWA rates.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustees Comments

Trustee Bussineau individually thanked those who spoke during public comments.

Trustee Krzeminski informed residents March 29<sup>th</sup> is Viet Nam War Veterans Day. Viet Nam Veterans Chapter 154 is hosting an open house from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at their location at 18021 15 Mile Road in Clinton Township.

Treasurer Comments

None

Clerk Comments

Clerk Pozzi gave an update regarding the May 7, 2019 New Haven Community Schools Special Election. She detailed the number of no-reason mail-in voting applications mailed out and returned to date. Her office will mail no-reason mail-in ballots the week of April 8, 2019. She encouraged residents to contact her office if they wish to be placed on the no-reason mail-in application list. She also spoke about her communication with the other full-time elected officials regarding the change in order of board comments on the board agenda.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Dunn informed residents that March 27<sup>th</sup> was Severe Weather Awareness Day. She reminded resident that Clinton-Macomb Public Library Librarian Sarah Van Oyen will compete on Jeopardy, Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Supervisor Dunn then gave a very detailed presentation on the need for recreational opportunities, specifically parklands, in the Township. The Township falls far behind the recommended benchmarks established by the National Recreation and Parks Association. She noted the Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Department does a wonderful job and is well above average in cost recovery. She further spoke about the grant application being submitted in the furtherance of acquiring park land in the area of 26 Mile Rd. and Card Rd.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Krzeminski seconded by Pozzi to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:01 p.m.**

**Ayes: All**

**Nays: None**

**MOTION carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Janet I. Dunn  
Macomb Township Supervisor

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Kristi Pozzi  
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