

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held March 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Trustees Dudas, Reno, Riehl, Treasurer Shonka, Clerk Davis, Supervisor Lewandowski

Absent: *Livingston*

Special Guests: Attorney Goldenbogen, Chief Persig, SCC Sheriff Dept Cpt Pohl, Times Herald Reporter, Residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Dudas, supported by Riehl, to approve the March 4, 2024, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Attorney's Report:

The prepared report was reviewed as presented.

B. Engineer's Report:

Supervisor Lewandowski will forward an emailed drawing of the walking path at Bakersfield to the board members.

C. Sheriff's Report:

The prepared report was reviewed as presented. Discussion regarding the panhandlers in our area.

D. Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Persig referred to the homelessness issue and, stated the township FD conducted a controlled burn to some areas of overgrowth on Township properties. The prepared report was reviewed.

E. Approve Resolution to Hold an Election for the Renewal of Local Road Improvement Millage:

RESOLUTION TO HOLD ELECTION FOR RENEWAL OF LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

WHEREAS, the Port Huron Charter Township Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of constructing, improving, and maintaining the local roads within its jurisdiction and

WHEREAS, the Port Huron Charter Township Board of Trustees acknowledges the need for funding of said road improvement services, and

WHEREAS, the Port Huron Township Board of Trustees proposes a special millage election to be called for August 6, 2024 to place on the ballot for voters' approval, up to 1 mill for each of four (4) taxable years to expire in 12/31/2027, to obtain the local share of operating revenues to support the continued road improvement services from December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2027;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. At a special election which is hereby called to be held at the regularly designated voting places in the Charter Township of Port Huron on August 6, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing local time, the following millage proposition shall be submitted to the electors:

PROPOSAL 2

**LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall the Charter Township of Port Huron renew a previously authorized millage in an amount not to exceed one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of state taxable value), on all real and personal property in the Township not exempt by law, for a period of four (4) years, beginning in 2024 and through the year 2027, for the purposes of constructing, improving, and maintaining local roads in the Township? If approved and levied an estimated \$324,430.12 would be raised in 2024, of which a portion will be disbursed to the Port Huron Township Downtown Development Authority as required by law.

Shall this proposition be approved?

2. The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Port Huron shall timely comply with the notices, postings and publications for voter registration for this election as well as timely publication of the ELECTION NOTICE as required by Michigan Election Law Statutes MCL 168.498 and MCL 168.653a, respectively.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Moved by Reno supported by Riehl to adopt the Local Road Improvement Millage Renewal Proposition Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Reno, Riehl, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None
Absent: Livingston

Motion carried.

Resolution declared adopted this 18th day of March, 2024.

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Port Huron, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of March, 2024, that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said act.

Benita E. Davis, Township Clerk

F. Approve Resolution to Hold an Election for the Renewal of Blue Water Area Transportation Millage:

**RESOLUTION TO HOLD ELECTION
FOR RENEWAL OF BLUE WATER AREA TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE**

WHEREAS, the Port Huron Charter Township Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of maintaining a public transportation system within its jurisdiction and

WHEREAS, the Port Huron Charter Township Board of Trustees acknowledges the need for funding of said public transportation system, and

WHEREAS, the Port Huron Township Board of Trustees proposes a special millage election to be called for August 6, 2024 to place on the ballot for voters' approval, up to 0.875 mills for each of four (4) taxable years to expire in 2027, to obtain the local share of operating revenues to support the continued operation of the transportation system from December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2027;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. At a special election which is hereby called to be held at the regularly designated voting places in the Charter Township of Port Huron on August 6, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing local time, the following millage proposition shall be submitted to the electors:
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PROPOSAL 1

**PUBLIC BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

Shall the Charter Township of Port Huron renew a previously authorized millage not to exceed 0.875 mills (\$0.88 per \$1,000 of state taxable value), on all real and personal property not exempt by law within the Township for a period of four (4) years, commencing in 2024 to the year 2027, inclusive, for the purpose of providing busing service within the Township? If approved and levied, an estimated \$283,876.36 would be raised in 2024, of which a portion will be disbursed to, the Port Huron Township Downtown Development Authority as required by law.

Shall the proposition be approved?

2. The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Port Huron shall timely comply with the notices, postings and publications for voter registration for this election as well as timely publication of the ELECTION NOTICE as required by Michigan Election Law Statutes MCL 168.498 and MCL 168.653a, respectively.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Moved by Riehl supported by Dudas to adopt the RESOLUTION

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Riehl, Dudas, Reno, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski
Nays: None
Absent: Livingston

Motion carried.

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Benita E. Davis, Township Clerk

G. Request to Rezone Parcel 74-28-190-0094-001 from B3 General Business to I-L Light Industrial:

Motion by Reno, supported by Dudas, to Deny the Request to Rezone Parcel 74-28-190-0094-001 from B3 General Business to I-L Light Industrial:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: *Reno, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: *None*
 Absent: *Livingston*

Result: Motion Carried

H. Approve 2023 Local Road Funding Agreement for Strawberry Lane:

Motion by Riehl supported by Reno, to approve 2023 Local Road Funding Agreement for Strawberry Lane

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: *Riehl, Reno, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: *None*
 Absent: *Livingston*

Result: Motion Carried

I. Discuss Possible Fitness Court Project:

Discussion of Grant opportunity for a Fitness Court Project with the ideal sight being Baker's Field Park. Supervisor Lewandowski will continue looking into this project possibility.

J. Approve Resolution #2024-03-08 Resolution to Allocate \$1,086,117 in ARPA Funds to the DPS Fund in Lieu of Allocating General Fund Dollars:

Motion by Riehl supported by Reno, to approve 2023 Local Road Funding Agreement for Strawberry Lane for a total of \$455,231.50 with the Township Share being \$355,231.50.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: *Riehl, Reno, Dudas, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: *None*
 Absent: *Livingston*

Result: Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Shonka, supported by Reno to approve payment of Prepaid bills:

Amount: \$749.43

Check #s: 53708

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: *Shonka, Reno, Riehl, Dudas, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: *None*
 Absent: *Livingston*

Result: Motion Carried

Motion by Shonka, supported by Riehl to approve payment of current bills:

Amount: \$659,486.60

Check #s: 53709-53766

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: *Shonka, Riehl, Reno, Dudas, Davis, Lewandowski*
 Nays: *None*
 Absent: *Livingston*

Result: Motion Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Water St./Lion Club Park property letter of interest discussion
SEMCOG – EV aging Rec Pad, 2030 high retirement

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Riehl supported by Davis to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita E. Davis, Clerk