

**WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – October 25, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of Williams Charter Township held a regular meeting and a Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget on Tuesday October 25, 2016 at the Township Hall. The agenda is attached Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Paul Wasek, Supervisor at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Wasek (Supervisor), Hoverman (Treasurer), Charney (Clerk), Paige (Trustee), Plant (Trustee), and Putt (Trustee).

Absent: Gower (Trustee).

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said in unison.

III. Open to the Public

Linda Vanherweg was present but had no questions or comments.

IV. Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the October 11, 2016 Board of Trustees minutes as presented.
2. Approval of bills for payment.

A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Paige to approve all items as listed on the Consent Agenda.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

VI. Public Hearing, 2017 Township Budget

No line items have changed since the budget work session on September 27th other than Drains At Large and Police Protection accounts. Both amounts decreased.

The public hearing began at 7:04 p.m.

All agreed that the budget had been discussed at length during the work session meeting.

P. Wasek then mentioned that all salaries and wages were discussed and voted on during the September 27, 2016 meeting other than Nick Swanson, DPW Assistant. He also works for Midland County where is hoping to obtain full time employment status.

He was hired by the township last fall as a temporary part time employee to assist B. Wegener while D. Dzurka was off sick. He has limited availability and most often works less than 15 hours per pay period. His rate of pay is \$10.00 per hour and it has not been adjusted since being hired.

It was agreed that a pay increase will be further discussed after the conclusion of the public hearing.

The public hearing concluded at 7:13 p.m.

A 2017 wage increase for N. Swanson was further discussed. A \$1.00 per hour increase was suggested as was a \$1.50 per hour increase.

P. Wasek stated Nick is an excellent employee who is willing to do whatever task is assigned by B. Wegener.

10-16-061-P/S A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Paige to increase
===== the hourly wage for Nick Swanson from \$10.00 per hour to \$11.00
per hour, effective January 1, 2017.

Ayes: Plant and Hoverman.
Nays: Charney, Paige, Putt, and Wasek.
Absent: Gower. Motion defeated.

10-16-062-P/S A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Paige to increase
===== the hourly wage for Nick Swanson from \$10.00 per hour to \$11.50
per hour, effective January 1, 2017.

Ayes: Paige, Putt, Wasek, and Charney.
Nays: Hoverman and Plant.
Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

A. Consideration of Proposed Budgets

10-16-063-A/B A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Hoverman to adopt
===== the 2017 budgets for Williams Township General, Garbage
Collection, Sewer Connection, and Water Line Extension Funds, as proposed, and direct
the Clerk to prepare the 2017 Appropriations Resolution.

Ayes: Charney, Paige, Putt, Wasek, Plant, and Hoverman.
Nays: None.
Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

VII. Regular Agenda

1. Street Lighting Special Assessments

Received information on cost, current and proposed, regarding the special assessments for all street lighting districts within Williams Township. The rates are derived from the current Consumers Energy General Service Unmetered Rate Guide.

10-16-064-A/B/S A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Putt to adopt
===== the street lighting special assessments for the 2016 winter tax roll,
attached Exhibit C.

Ayes: Paige, Putt, Wasek, Plant, Hoverman, and Charney.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

2. Retention Special Assessments

Information on special assessment districts for subdivision storm water retention within Williams Township was provided and briefly discussed. The special assessments will be placed on the winter 2016 property tax billing.

10-16-065-A/B/S A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Paige to adopt
===== the subdivision storm water retention special assessments for the
2016 winter tax roll, attached Exhibit D.

Ayes: Putt, Wasek, Plant, Hoverman, Charney, and Paige.

Nays: None.

Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

3. Township Board of Review Appointments

Williams Township Board of Review members are appointed to two year terms, with the term beginning on January 1 of odd numbered years.

The terms of current Board of Review members expire on December 31, 2016. The current members are Jerry Andrus, Norm Adams, and Don Rueger. In addition, Bill Kuehne serves as an alternate member. All have served the residents of Williams Township well. J. Andrus, N. Adams and D. Rueger have indicated they will continue to serve on the Board of Review, if re appointed. B. Kuehne has also agreed to serve another term as an alternate member.

10-16-066-A/B A motion was made by Paige and seconded by Charney to accept
===== the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Jerry Andrus as a
member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017
and ending December 31, 2018. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the
township board.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

10-16-067-A/B A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman to
===== accept the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Don Rueger
as a member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January 1,
2017 and ending December 31, 2018. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the
township board.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

10-16-068-A/B A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Hoverman to accept
===== the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Norm Adams as a
member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017
and ending December 31, 2018. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the
township board.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

10-16-069-A/B A motion was made by Putt and seconded by Plant to accept
===== the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Bill Kuehne as an
alternate member of the township Board of Review for a two year term beginning
January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018. All appointees shall serve at the
pleasure of the township board.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Absent: Gower. Motion carried.

VIII. Any Other Business

A joint township official swearing in ceremony will be held on November 14th at
Monitor Township with a Bay County Judge administering the Oath and signing all
township Oath Books. Those planning to attend need to R.S.V.P.

Tube replacement on the corner of N. Union Road and Carter Road will occur during
2017 with all costs to be absorbed by the Bay County Road Commission. Both roads are
now classified as primary roads.

P. Wasek reminded everyone to remember to vote November 8th. The November
Board of Trustees meeting is one week later than usual (November 15), due to Election
Day.

John Billette has urged P. Wasek to obtain bids for extending the water and sanitary
sewer to the DPW building prior to the end of the year as price quotations may be lower
than spring 2017. If pricing is favorable, plans to construct a restroom in the northeast
corner of the building could perhaps move forward.

T. Paige indicated a separate meter may be needed. Township Ordinances will have to
be reviewed.

P. Wasek stated he is once again receiving complaints from residents on Chip Road
between Eight Mile Road and the river regarding excessive noise on the Gushow
property.

There was a minor accident on October 19th with the township pickup truck. The Ford
truck was backed out of the DPW building and into a legally parked car, owned by Nick
Swanson. There was no damage to our truck, however a claim has been filed with the
township insurance carrier for Nick's automobile.

The Auburn Williams Fire District Administrative Board meets Thursday October 27th.

J. Plant suggested P. Wasek contact the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) office in Caro to inquire if low interest loans were available for sidewalk extensions. The office indicated that loans may be available since sidewalks can be classified as infrastructure, with up to a 40 year re payment schedule. More information will follow.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Plant and seconded by Hoverman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: Gower. Motion carried.

Williams Charter Township

Amy Charney, Clerk

Paul Wasek, Supervisor