

Holly Township
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
Minutes of March 17, 2010

Call to Order: Supervisor Jesse Lambert called the March 17, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at or about 6:52 p.m. at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Jesse Lambert, Supervisor
Karin Winchester, Clerk
Mark Freeman, Treasurer
Janet Leslie, Trustee
Steve Ruth, Trustee

Others Present:

Sue Julian, Headwaters Trails

Consent Agenda:

1. Agenda Approval
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2010
3. Acceptance of Financial Statements – February 2010
4. Approval of Bills for Payment – March 2010
5. Routine Reports:
 - A. N.O.C.F.A. Draft Minutes – February 22, 2010
 - B. Planning Commission Draft Minutes – NA
 - C. Building Permits – February 2010
 - D. Treasurer’s Quarterly Report – NA

6. Communications

- A. 2009 Annual Report from Holly Area Youth Assistance
- B. Press release from Sue Julian re Kodak grant for Shiawassee Bridge

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve the Consent Agenda of March 17, 2010, as amended. Supervisor Jesse Lambert supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ruth: Yes; Freeman: Yes; Lambert: Yes; Leslie: Yes. The motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

Presentation by Sue Julian re Proposed Safety Plan

Sue Julian, Headwaters Trails, provided information to the Board in their packet. She gave a brief overview of the Headwaters Trails organization. She reviewed a map with the Board of Trustees, stating there is a possibility that from Seven Lakes State Park and down the Consumers corridor a trail could meet with a trail from Genesee County down. Seven Lakes has already expended monies to begin a trail that is proposed to connect to the Consumers corridor. Headwaters Trails has received a grant from Kodak American Greenways for \$1,000.00. The grant monies will be used to provide railings on the footbridge that presently crosses the Shiawassee River. This will make the bridge safer for pedestrian traffic. It will be a challenge grant with hopefully matching dollars from the community to install the railings before June 2010. She reviewed possible walking paths they are raising funds for. They are looking into getting assistance from a program called Safe Routes for Schools through the Department of Transportation. This grant would pay for all the construction with no matches needed. The school system, itself, has to get organized, as well as parents and school kids, to analyze the routes and submit an application. We would go on a list of potential awardees, of which there are many on the list right now. This is an initiative of the state government, as well as the federal government. This would not pay for engineering. You can't do the construction before the engineering is done and before coming to the Planning Commission.

Some engineering was done on a previous grant from East Street out to Sorenson Park. She reviewed other proposed safety paths with the Board referring to the map she provided.

Trustee Janet Leslie stated the issue of safety paths has come up often in the meetings of the Economic Development Task Force. They have been looking for an opportunity to assist the schools.

Reports:

Supervisor Lambert – No report.

Treasurer Freeman reported the BS&A software upgrade has been completed, as well as the training. There have been a few minor glitches, as should be expected, but all in all it's a great improvement. All the accounting is now integrated between the clerk and the treasurer.

Supervisor Lambert requested Treasurer Freeman to review what he has done since he took office.

Treasurer Freeman stated when he took office, the treasurer's office was hand writing receipts and checks. Additional software was installed called BS&A. We purchased a cash till and receipt printer. Now all the township's checks and receipts are computer printed.

Clerk Winchester stated she has been working with Treasurer Freeman to integrate the treasurer and clerk's offices. The township has also been making transitions with new officials and having to lay off and taking on new roles.

Trustee Ruth – No report.

Trustee Leslie reported the joint task force between the township and the village is a group of community leaders, business owners and interested residents. They have been discussing ways for the task force to help get the community involved with the schools. The schools are troubled in terms of budget. We hear often that the children who attend our schools do not feel a part of the community. We want to get business people and community leaders together and into the schools to offer help and also foster a greater sense of community. Maybe we can catch some of their school spirit, too. The market research survey has been given support, though the Downtown Development Authority voted not to fund it. The village Council gave us a vote of confidence and a couple days after that we had four independent private donations of \$100.00 each, bringing what we need to fund the survey from \$1700.00 down to \$1300.00, which was a great surprise. Ms. Hughes is here. She is on the task force and she asked Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson to help us come up with a mailing list of people within the school system. Not only did she do that, but when she gave Ms. Hughes the disk, she said this costs \$50.00 from the county, I'm going to pay for it out of my own pocket because this is long overdue and I support what you're doing.

Public Comment

Mr. Dave Curtis, 3426 Belford Road asked for clarification from the Board regarding getting signatures on a special assessment district petition to request or place contracted police services on the fall ballot. He questioned whether there was a certain number of signatures needed.

Clerk Karin Winchester stated she was able to start doing research on the issue. So far she has found no mechanism for residents to petition that, though they could petition the Board to put it on the ballot. The Board would decide what criteria they would need to show that this is the voice of the people. She hasn't verified that completely. She believes May 11th is the deadline for getting the wording into the State in order for it to appear on the August ballot. August 13th would be the deadline for the November ballot. She may be off a day or two.

Ms. Joyce Drindle, 16237 Derby Circle, questioned whether this was for the village or the township.

Mr. Curtis stated this is regarding the township and excludes the village.

Larry Lilly, 110 Clarence Street, commented Sue Julian has a map on the proposed trails. Many of the trails were going to be completed by Silverman and Pulte. They didn't do it. He hears

there is \$100,000.00 of security bonds. He questioned whether the trails could be completed with that money.

Clerk Winchester stated the bonds are for the internal development improvements. There was not a safety path ordinance at the time Silverman came to the Township with their site plan. Now any developer would be required to post a bond to make sure that those paths are installed in their development. If they couldn't install a safety path for some reason, they would put money aside for other areas in the township where the safety paths could go.

Mr. Lilly stated he is all for the Holly police to cover the 36 square miles. There was a 2 mill assessment for three years. He recommended that the village renew that so it covers the 36 squares miles and 10,000 residents. He read in the paper they didn't renew it. He's upset about that. He thinks that in order to unite the whole Holly community, for all of us to get along, you have to serve and work for the 10,000 residents.

Old Business – No Old Business.

New Business

1. RFP – Building Maintenance – Bricks

Supervisor Lambert stated this is an RFP for building maintenance of the Township Hall.

- **Trustee Janet Leslie moved to approve the request for proposal for brick repair services with the amendment under services required number 6 brick sealant. Trustee Steve Ruth supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried.**

2. RFP – Noxious Weed Services

- **Trustee Janet Leslie moved to approve the request for proposal for lawn care services. Treasurer Mark Freeman supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried.**

3. Town Hall Meeting – Approval of Date – No action taken.

4. Opposition to County Wide SMART Millage Vote – Proposed Resolution 2010-04

Clerk Winchester noted monies are given to individual townships to use. The Township allocates theirs to the Village. The County actually wants to put a millage on each resident.

Supervisor Lambert questioned whether each resident would see the benefit of the millage.

Clerk Winchester stated each resident probably would not see the benefit of the millage.

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve Resolution 2010-04. Supervisor Jesse Lambert supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Freeman: Yes; Leslie: Yes; Winchester: Yes; Ruth: Yes; Lambert: Yes. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

Public Comment

A gentleman from Holly Hills stated there are several Holly Hills residents here tonight to thank the Board, especially Supervisor Lambert, for their support. They were in court today on 11 eviction notices which were set aside. This is just the beginning, but they wanted to thank the Board for their support.

Mr. Lilly stated it was a good meeting tonight. He was glad Lalaine Kilbourn had an opportunity to speak at the public hearing tonight. He doesn't want to hear anything more about it because he doesn't like to hear anything negative from the Township because it hasn't been for a good many years. The Township is always positive. We're in the 21st Century and everything has to be positive. He would like to see the Township help Sue Julian with the trails because it's an asset for the whole community. It's good for the kids also. He's glad the Economic Development Task Force will be working to get the community involved.

Adjournment: Supervisor Jesse Lambert, hearing no other business, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

Karin Winchester, CMC
Holly Township