

Holly Township  
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting  
Minutes of June 16, 2010

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**Call to Order:** Supervisor Jesse Lambert called the June 16, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at or about 6:30 p.m. at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Agenda Approval
  2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2010
  3. Acceptance of Financial Statements – May 2010
  4. Approval of Bills for Payment – June 2010
  5. Routine Reports:
    - A. N.O.C.F.A. Draft Minutes – May 17, 2010
    - B. Planning Commission Draft Minutes – NA
    - C. Building Permits – May 2010
    - D. Treasurer’s Quarterly Report – NA
  6. Communications:
    - A. Letter Received May 18, 2010 from R.C.O.C. re: Sign Requirements
- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve the Consent Agenda of June 16, 2010, as amended. Supervisor Jesse Lambert supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ruth: Yes; Freeman: Yes; Lambert: Yes; Leslie: Yes; Winchester: Yes. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

**Reports:**

Supervisor Jesse Lambert reported he received correspondence from the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) regarding decorative sign requirements. There is a new standard for decorative signs, including reflective standards. Also, on Tuesday of last week the Village

approved an amendment to their water and sewer agreement which allows some commercial parcels in the Township the availability of water and sewer services.

Treasurer Mark Freeman reported the Township received the check for all delinquent taxes from Oakland County. The 2010 tax information will be printed next week and will go out the first week of July.

Clerk Karin Winchester reported the absentee voter ballots are in and ready for distribution for anyone who wants one. Applications were sent to permanent absentee voters today.

Trustee Janet Leslie reported the Economic Development Task Force is still waiting for surveys to be returned. If you know of anyone in the community who received a survey, please encourage them to return it. Task force members are meeting with the superintendent of the Holly Area Schools, Kent Barnes, on Friday to discuss a program that would encourage interaction between the business community in the Holly area and the area schools. The program is called Adopt a Classroom. Once it's been presented to Superintendent Barnes and the details are worked out, she will have more to report. This is a way to generate funds for the classrooms and will allow the business owners to get to know the schools and the students to get to know the business owners so there's more of a compatible relationship. She would like to thank Supervisor Lambert for the presentation he made regarding the new medical marijuana laws, it was very informative. She would like to thank Anna Troppens for her report regarding what's going on with the library. Until reading the Tri-County Times this weekend she wasn't aware the library received a grant for 14 new computers. She's happy to hear that, though she's disappointed we don't hear more from the library board directly. Parks & Rec come in when they have something exciting to share. Mr. Sorensen comes in to update the Board on the farm and she loves hearing those things.

Trustee Ruth – No report.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Tom Acree, 16016 Windsor Lane, questioned how the Township stood on the resolution to support the legislation addressing statutory unfunded mandates.

Treasurer Mark Freeman stated the Headley Amendment was supposed to prevent any unfunded mandate from the State to the local governments. Lansing has not been following the Headley Amendment, they have mandated some unfunded legislation.

Mr. Acree noted some townships have passed their own resolutions.

Supervisor Jesse Lambert indicated it wasn't an easy issue to talk about. As an example, an unfunded mandate is the public smoking ban the State of Michigan passed. The costs, resources and time to enforce that particular legislation is all done at this level. The police officer that writes that ticket will take his time, resources, his ticket book, administrative and support staff to push that through the system but the State isn't reimbursing anybody for it. Passing a simple piece of legislation won't fix it. Personally, himself, he is hoping for the Constitutional Convention to be voted on and for them to start fixing things this November. He is hopeful the piece of legislation will ignite a fire and he is in support of that particular bill.

Clerk Karin Winchester stated the State's position is the public smoking ban is funded because of revenue sharing and because of the special money police get. There are two sides to the story.

Mr. Acree questioned, with the grant to the library for the new computers, how the rest of the library budget stood and whether the library will have to cut any other resources.

Clerk Winchester indicated the library's budget went down and they are looking at cutting services.

Trustee Janet Leslie noted the library's budget for this year is \$352,000.00, which is about \$18,000.00 less than last year.

Treasurer Freeman noted the library has its own elected board, they collect their own millage rate and the Township Board has no authority over the library. The library has a very healthy fund balance of over \$550,000.00 that is invested in CDs at this time.

Clerk Winchester stated the library would like to do some improvements and possibly a new building sometime later in the future.

Mr. Larry Lilly, 110 Clarence Street thanked Anna Troppens for her article. It was the best write-up we had in 12 years. The article stated almost verbatim what happened regarding the Village and the Township and everybody enjoyed it. He was at the last Village Council meeting and he didn't care for it. He didn't think the Council treated the Township properly about annexation and charging the 13 mils to get water and sewer. He believes in serving and working for the 10,000 residents like the Township does. He mentioned to Tom McKenny at the meeting that the Village's self-ruling charter has done nothing positive for the community. He later told him there were two positive things the charter did. One thing was in 2004 and Karin Winchester from the Township started it where we got two copies of the motto "In God We Trust" and we also took one over to the Village. The second thing was when the families in the Silverman and Pulte subdivisions came here. They don't live in the past. You can't change the past, but you can change the future. They're the ones who should be elected. He's not going to sign any

petitions for Cityhood. He won't sign any petitions that aren't for the whole Holly community. Anyone that's going to run for re-election has to represent the 10,000 residents and not Cityhood. You have to deal with facts. The fact is we have to cooperate with one another and get along. The young people can do that for us. He's got 600 pages of hair-brained ideas from the Village. The Township lets people say what they want. The Township serves the 10,000 residents and that's what we all should be doing or we're not going to succeed.

**Old Business** – No old business.

**New Business:**

1. Confirm Special Assessment Roll for Fire and Emergency Services – Proposed Resolution 2010-11

Clerk Winchester indicated this is an annual confirmation, which is a procedure of the special assessment district.

Treasurer Freeman noted the clerical errors to be corrected.

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve Resolution 2010-11. Treasurer Mark Freeman supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Freeman: Yes; Leslie: Yes; Ruth: Yes; Winchester: Yes; Lambert: Yes. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

2. 2010-2011 Holly Township Budget – Proposed Resolution 2010-12

Clerk Winchester noted Supervisor Lambert allowed \$500.00 to be taken from Supervisor's Dues and Subscriptions so the funds could be moved over to the Deputy Treasurer Dues and Subscriptions of \$250.00 and mileage of \$250.00 for a grant writing class.

Supervisor Lambert noted Deputy Treasurer Janice Nash would like to take grant writing courses in order to try to bring money into the Township.

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve Resolution 2010-12. Trustee Janet Leslie supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Winchester: Yes; Leslie: Yes; Freeman: Yes; Ruth: Yes; Lambert: Yes. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

3. 2010-2011 Holly Township Parks Budget – Proposed Resolution 2010-13

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve Resolution 2010-13. Supervisor Jesse Lambert supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Leslie: Yes; Lambert: Yes; Ruth: Yes; Freeman: Yes; Winchester: Yes. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

#### 4. Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement

Supervisor Lambert noted Mr. David Schang, our building inspector, provided a letter regarding recent meetings all the building inspectors have had throughout the county. This ties into an emergency procedures plan that the County would like to expand. As an example, if there's a disaster in Lake Orion and there needs to be some level of damage assessment and control, all the building inspectors in the area have signed an agreement and have provided their services to be sent to Lake Orion to do damage assessment. Likewise, with the other building inspectors and Holly Township, if we have another train derailment or other disaster, we would we receive assistance from the other municipalities' building inspectors.

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve the Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement. Supervisor Lambert supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

#### 5. Air Conditioning Replacement Proposals

Clerk Winchester indicated Cowling Heating & Air Conditioning has provided the Township's heating and cooling services. This is one of the last pieces of equipment besides maybe her office that is needed. There are two other bids. Mr. Roger Welsh has provided a letter regarding issues of the air conditioner not keeping up over the years. We did completely run out of Freon so it is leaking. Replacement of parts could be considerably expensive and we could end up with the same problem or something else going wrong with it. The suggestion is to replace it. Everyone who provided a bid agreed it should be replaced. Cowling Heating & Air Conditioning has been very good to the Township. We had a boiler go out and he replaced it free of charge. There are funds available under maintenance and repair as the bricks came in considerably less. The rework on the electric should be done, as well, and funds are available for that also.

Supervisor Lambert noted one bid came in \$500.00 lower. He questioned how long the unit would last.

Clerk Winchester stated there would be a 10 year warranty. The Township has probably had the current one for 20 years. The Township has them regularly cleaned and serviced.

Trustee Leslie noted Cowling's bid is less than \$200.00 more than the lowest bid and looks more professionally prepared. In addition, the Township has a good history with them.

Clerk Winchester pointed out that Cowling's bid includes additional work.

- **Supervisor Jesse Lambert moved to approve Cowling Heating & Air Conditioning's proposal for air conditioning modifications. Trustee Janet Leslie supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Lambert: Yes; Winchester: Yes; Leslie: Yes; Freeman: Yes; Ruth: Yes. The motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

#### 6. Sign Bids

Supervisor Lambert indicated, as Clerk Winchester stated, the brick work came in less than previously thought. He would like to see new signage for the Township Hall. Bid requests were sent out. Central Sign is here this evening. They were mailed a bid request, as well as four others. If the work is done on July 1<sup>st</sup>, it would have to go on next year's budget. If this is done, it needs to be done by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The signage has to go through the Historic Commission for the Signage and they happen to be meeting tomorrow night.

Board members discussed the bids in the Board packet and offered questions to Central Sign's representative.

- **Trustee Janet Leslie moved to approve Central Sign's bid with the provision they provide two new designs to Supervisor Lambert tomorrow before the end of the day; one with a lamppost, one without a lamppost and both increasing the impact of "Holly Township", "Up North In Oakland County". Trustee Steve Ruth supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ruth: Yes; Leslie: Yes; Freeman: Yes; Lambert: Yes; Winchester: Yes. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

#### 7. Newsletter Approval

Board members discussed the proposed newsletter.

- **Clerk Karin Winchester moved to approve the Holly Township summer tax bill Newsletter, as amended. Trustee Steve Ruth supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried with a 5/0 vote.**

#### 8. Recent Water/Sewer Action in Village – No action

Supervisor Lambert indicated the Village Council approved an amendment to the water and sewer agreement by a vote of 5/2. The amendment included the parcels of property west of the village limits along Grange Hall Road, stopping at Fish Lake Road. Both the north and south sides of Grange Hall are now included in this amendment. If any of the business owners would like to begin the project of installing the lines, they would come to the Township regarding the installation.

Clerk Winchester noted a written agreement between the Village and the Township would need to be approved. She will ask the Village for an electronic agreement that would be identical to the last one.

Board members held discussion regarding a proposed agreement between the Village and Township regarding water and sewer services.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Lilly commented it's been going on 12 years and it's time to unite the whole Holly community. You serve 10,000 residents. He's been repeating it for 12 years and the Village has been repeating themselves for 12 years too. The bottom line is this is the last year to unite the whole Holly community and move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. After this year he's not going to anymore meetings. There are three new members elected to the Township Board of Trustees. The Township is doing a fabulous job. The Township does everything right. Across the street they don't do that. It's the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the Township is already there. We're all family here. Push everybody to run for election. You have four council members and one president, get somebody new, someone who's never been in there before.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Jesse Lambert, hearing no other business, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Zo Turner, Recording Secretary  
Holly Township

Karin Winchester, CMC  
Holly Township Clerk