

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
April 18, 2024

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Terry Nienhuis, Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, Trustees Elliott Church, Dave DeYoung, Gretchen Molotky, and Russ TeSlaa. Also present was Township Manager Steve Bulthuis.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Nienhuis gave the invocation.

Citizen's Comments: Mr. Phil Hekman addressed the Board about plans for his property.

Mr. Nienhuis reviewed the consent agenda.

24-29 A motion was made by Mr. TeSlaa, supported by Mr. DeYoung, to approve the consent agenda including communications, operational reports (Building Department Report for March), bills and financial transactions for March, and the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 21, 2024.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The first item for consideration of a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the request for a future land use map amendment change from Agriculture Preservation to Neighborhood Commercial and Medium Density Residential for 0 (vac) Quincy Street (Parcel #70-16-04-400-026).

24-30 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the request for a future land use map amendment change from Agriculture Preservation to Neighborhood Commercial and Medium Density Residential for 0 (vac) Quincy Street (Parcel #70-16-04-400-026).

Roll call vote: Yes-6, No-1, Absent-0
Motion declared adopted

The Board then had a short presentation from Holland Township Fire Chief Jim Kohsel on proposed changes to fire/primary medical response services. Holland Township will be transitioning to provide the delivery of primary medical response which has in the past been handled by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department. Also present to provide input and answer questions were Ottawa County Sheriff Steve Kempker and Sgt. Brad Bennett. The changes to the fire department include:

1. Staffing Fire Station #2 – 24 hrs. a day/7 days a week/365 days a year
2. Hiring ten full-time employees (including six paramedics) who will be cross trained for both medical and fire-fighting responsibilities. These new hires will join two existing full-time employees.

24-31 A motion was offered by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. Dalman, to approve the implementation of the staff recommendation for fire/primary medical response services.

Roll call vote: Yes- 7, No-0, Absent-0
Motion declared adopted

The Board then considered the acceptance of an offer to sell a parcel of vacant land. The offer is from Great Lakes Capital Development, LLC for the purchase of an approximate 25 acre parcel of vacant land in the Holland Charter Township Industrial Park lying West of the intersection of Ransom Street and Hallacy Drive (Parcel No. 70-16-05-300-042) for the purchase price of eight hundred fifty-eight thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$858,160.00). The proposed resolution stated the Superintendent recommended approval of the offer subject to Township Board acceptance of its terms, and subject to Buyer's contingencies as described in that Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Mr. Isaac Hall was present to represent the developer along with realtor Mr. Tom Elhart.

24-32 A resolution was offered by Mr. DeYoung, supported by Mr. Church, to approve the sale of Parcel No. 70-16-05-300-042.

Roll call vote: Yes- 7, No-0, Absent-0
Motion declared adopted

The Board then considered several matters related to drains:
a. Resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Dunbrook Acres North Drain
b. Resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Dunbrook Acres South Drain
c. Resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Dunbrook Acres West Drain
d. Resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Pilgrim Haven Drain
Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the information.

24-33 A motion was offered by Mr. Bush and supported by Ms. Molotky to approve the resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Dunbrook Acres North Drain.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

24-34 A motion was offered by Mr. TeSlaa and supported by Mr. DeYoung to approve the resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Dunbrook Acres South Drain.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

24-35 A motion was offered by Mr. DeYoung and supported by Mr. Nienhuis to approve the resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Dunbrook Acres West Drain.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

24-36 A motion was offered by Mr. Dalman and supported by Mr. TeSlaa to approve the resolution for laying out and designating a drainage district and a petition for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain – Pilgrim Haven Drain.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The Board then considered a METRO Act Right-of-Way permit extension for Michigan Bell Telephone Company (d/b/a AT & T). Mr. Bulthuis reviewed the extension and stated that based on a review by staff and legal counsel, it is recommended that the Board approve Michigan Bell Telephone Company's permit for a five year extension and authorize the Manager to execute the permit extension on the Township's behalf.

24-37 A motion was offered by Mr. TeSlaa and supported by Ms. Molotky to approve the right-of-way permit to Michigan Bell Telephone Company as requested for five additional years and authorize the manager to execute the permit extension on the Township's behalf.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Mr. Bulthuis shared his administrative report. Committee members shared their reports.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Terry Nienhuis, Supervisor