

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
March 2, 2023

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

Present: Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, and Trustees Elliott Church and Dave DeYoung. Also present was Township Manager Steve Bulthuis.

Absent: Supervisor Terry Nienhuis, Trustees Gretchen Molotky and Russ TeSlaa

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

Citizen's Comments: Donovan Gomez, Park Township Resident, was present to provide the Board with information from his recent visit to Capitol Hill regarding abortion laws.

Sgt. Brad Bennett from the Ottawa County Sherriff's Office introduced Joe Roelofs who is the Deputy of the Year. Sgt. Bennett reviewed some of the proud achievements of this deputy who represents the citizens of Holland Township.

Mr. Bush then opened a Public Meeting to consider the intent to undertake improvements related to the Middle Macatawa Development Project if a grant is awarded to help finance this project. The project has three major components including improvements to Hawthorn Park (restroom, parking, lighting, pathways), Middle Macatawa Trail (2.8 mile trail connecting Hawthorn/Upper Macatawa), and improvements at Upper Macatawa Park (restroom, changing room, showers). Ottawa County is preparing the grant application in the amount of \$300,000 and the Township will be the grant applicant. The total cost would be \$1.3 million with funding from the grant and a local match provided by the Township General Fund (\$550,000) and County ARPA funding (\$450,000). Applications are due to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in March and awards will be made in the fall. Construction is set for 2024. Mr. Bush closed the Public Meeting.

23-27 A resolution was offered by Mr. DeYoung, supported by Mr. Church, authorizing the Manager to submit a grant application for the Middle Macatawa Improvements Project to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and with the Township's intention to carry out the project if awarded.

All supported the resolution
Resolution declared adopted

Mr. Bush reviewed the consent agenda.

23-28 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. Church, to approve the consent agenda including communications (two thank you notes and a request from citizens to pave a gravel road), operational reports (Building Department Report for February), bills and financial transactions for February, and the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 16, 2023.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The Board then had a first reading of two rezoning ordinances:

- a. 0 (vacant) Ransom Street (70-16-04-200-018) – AG Agricultural to I-1 Light Industrial
- b. 3717 Beeline Road (70-16-09-200-037) – AG Agricultural to R-3 High Density Residential

Mr. Bush introduced and the Board had a first reading on one proposed rezoning ordinance – 0 (vacant) Ransom Street (70-16-04-200-018) – AG Agricultural to I-1 Light Industrial.

Mr. Church introduced and the Board had a first reading on one proposed rezoning ordinance – 3717 Beeline Road (70-16-09-200-037) – AG Agricultural to R-3 High Density Residential

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

Mr. Bush reported that the committee to review proposed zoning ordinance changes has started meeting. The committee, composed of representatives from the Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Township Manager, Community Development, and Lakeshore Advantage representing business in the Township, was asked by the Executive Board to review sections of the zoning ordinance such as landscaping, signs, parking and bay doors, and other items that the Holland Board of Trustees give input on. The committee will review other local municipalities' zoning ordinances, discuss the findings, and discuss any proposed changes. The Board of Trustees will discuss and give input and possibly vote on any proposed changes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Vince Bush, Treasure