

PROPOSED

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees, September 9, 2020
E.A. Jackson Morris Hall, The Robert A. Lillie Service Center
6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108**

Members Present: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Deputy Clerk Lyn Sebestyen, Director Patricia Denig, Director Matt Harshberger, Student Resource Office Shawn Booth, Saline Superintendent Scot Graden, Saline High School Principal David Raft, Christina Lirones, Stephanie Atkinson, Roma Thurin, Darcy Berwick, Andrea Urda-Thompson, Moira Dowling, Kerstin Woodside, Mercedes Staton, Phil Santer, Dave Wilhoit, Greg Braebec.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Grewal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph
Members Absent: None

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Grewal requested the removal of agenda items 10.5 and 10.6 from the agenda and stated they will come back at a later date.

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to approve the agenda as amended.

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3. Public Comment I

Christina Lirones, 151 E. Textile Road, requested No Thru Truck signs in the Pittsfield Preserve neighborhood on the following roads for the health and safety of its residents: Campbell, Payeur, Stone School and Morgan Roads.

Stephanie Atkinson requested that the Township develop a tax abatement policy and she stated that she doesn't feel Wacker Chemical Corporation needs to continue to receive tax abatements.

Roma Thurin requested a timeline for a marijuana ordinance and offered her services to the Board of Trustees.

Darcy Berwick requested that Wacker Chemical Corporation not receive a tax abatement. She requested information about the need for a School Resource Officer at Saline High School, and asked for No Thru Truck signs to be posted in the Pittsfield Preserve neighborhood.

Andrea Urda-Thompson requested Wacker Chemical Corporation not receive a tax abatement.

Moirra Dowling respectfully requested the Board not permit the tax abatement for Wacker Chemical.

Kerstin Woodside expressed concerns about the School Resource Officer.

3.1 Board Response to Public Comment

Supervisor agreed that a tax abatement policy is needed, it has been in the works for many years. She added that since the deep recession, she and her administration have strived to attract businesses that were committed to the community, and social and economic development. Pittsfield Township has been able to regain all of its losses during the deep recession because of this practice of attracting businesses like Wacker to Pittsfield Township. Supervisor Grewal also stated that the survey sent out about the School Resource Officer will be widespread.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2020

Moved by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Hearings/Presentations/Proclamations

5.1 Public Hearing on the Establishment of an Industrial Development District under Act 198 of P.A. 1974

Supervisor Grewal opened the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Christina Lirones, 151 E. Textile Road, is deeply opposed to granting this tax abatement because of the cost of development, and feels Wacker Chemical should be paying 100% of their taxes.

Darcy Berwick is concerned about the impact Wacker will have on Pittsfield Township and requests a denial of the IDD.

Stephanie Atkinson asked for clarification about some of the parameters of the tax abatement.

Moira Dowling is concerned about pollutants that Wacker will be emitting for the next ten years.

Mercedes Staton asked clarifying questions about the tax abatement.

Phil Santer of Ann Arbor SPARK expressed support for Wacker.

Dave Wilhoit spoke about Wacker Chemical's plans to integrate into and support Pittsfield Township, and thanked the Board for their consideration.

Greg Brabec stated that as a Research and Development center, Wacker's emissions are less than what Saline High School produces in a year.

Darcy Berwick requested an independent study be done to compare with Wacker's emissions study.

Supervisor Grewal closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

5.2 Public Hearing on the Application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Wacker Chemical Corporation

Supervisor Grewal opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Christina Lirones, 151 E. Textile Road, stated she is concerned about the cost of infrastructure and the environmental effects of Wacker coming to Pittsfield Township.

Stephanie Atkinson stated she would like to see more transparency and added that there is a cost to having Wacker located in Pittsfield Township.

Phil Santer added that Ann Arbor SPARK did an economic analysis to look at the cost of government services and tax revenue, and it came out positive for Pittsfield Township.

Janet Neveaux suggested a lower abatement for Wacker and to use the additional tax revenue to help struggling businesses in Pittsfield.

Darcy Berwick requested an updated economic report from Ann Arbor SPARK and is concerned that essential workers will be pushed out of the Township because they cannot afford to live here.

Supervisor Grewal closed the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

5.3 Adopt a Resolution to Establish Industrial Development District #60 located at 4950 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, parcel L-12-16-300-018, Resolution #20-30

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Treasurer Scribner, to adopt Res #20-30, a Resolution to Establish Industrial Development District #60 located at 4950 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, parcel L-12-16-300-018.

Clerk Anzaldi stated that this would establish the district in which the Industrial Facilities Tax will rest upon.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

5.4 Adopt a Resolution to Approve Application of Wacker Chemical Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for a period of up to twelve (12) years, Resolution #20-31

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Treasurer Scribner, to adopt Res #20-31, a resolution to Approve Application of Wacker Chemical Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for a period of up to twelve (12) years.

Trustee Edwards-Brown expressed appreciation for the public comments.

Supervisor Grewal commented that Pittsfield Township makes policies and decisions that are mutually beneficial to both parties and those decisions are taken very seriously. She noted that these decisions build off of one another and are mutually beneficial to create a community that is vibrant and inclusive. The Township has consistently worked to support small businesses and affordable housing. She added that the Township strives to meet the needs of Township residents and businesses.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone
NAYS: Ralph
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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6. Communications

6.1 Communications

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Krone, to receive and file communications.

Treasurer Scribner was pleased to see the Barrier Buster Quarter Report and the number of individuals this organization was able to financially support within the Township during the pandemic. Barrier Busters received a financial donation from Pittsfield Township.

Trustee Krone would like to see dates on all communications.

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7. Consent Agenda

- 7.1 Approve payment of Accounts Payables checks #36044 through #36305 in the amount of \$2,132,901.78**
- 7.2 Approve payment of Payroll Payables checks #1251 through #1262 in the amount of \$6,562.57**
- 7.3 Approve payment of Tax Checking Fund checks #22724 through #22745 in the amount of \$7,898,029.59**
- 7.4 Approve payment to Consultants for General Services in the amount of \$59,866.29.**
- 7.5 Approve payment to Consultants for General Services in the amount of \$10,157.50**
- 7.6 Approve retroactively inspection coverage for the month of July by Code Enforcement Services for all mechanical and plumbing inspections, for a cost not to exceed \$37,114.**
- 7.7 Receive the July 2020 activity report for the Department of Public Safety**
- 7.8 Receive the September 9, 2020 Personnel Report**

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to approve consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.8.

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8. Items from the Treasurer

None

9. Items from the Clerk

- 9.1 Adopt a Resolution to Temporarily Relocate Polling Locations for Precincts 3 and 4 in**

Pittsfield Charter Township due to COVID-19 Related Restrictions Effective for the November 3, 2020 General Election, Resolution #20-32

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Krone, to adopt Res #20-32, a resolution to Temporarily Relocate Polling Locations for Precincts 3 and 4 in Pittsfield Charter Township due to COVID-19 Related Restrictions Effective for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Clerk Anzaldi stated that this is the same situation as the August Primary Election, where Chinmaya Mission is currently uncomfortable holding the November 3 Election due to COVID-19 implication.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Edwards-Brown, Jaffer, Krone, Ralph
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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10. Items from the Supervisor

10.1 Receive the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2019

Moved by Trustee Krone, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to receive the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2019.

Director Denig remarked on changes and impacts to funding.

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10.2 Approve acceptance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regional grant award in the amount of \$14,995.08 for COVID-19 preparedness, and approval of the grant's conditions that the township act as the grant fiduciary and contribute matching funds for an amount not to exceed \$1,495.51

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to approve acceptance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regional grant award in the amount of \$14,995.08 for COVID-19 preparedness, and approval of the grant's conditions that the township act as the grant fiduciary and contribute matching funds for an amount not to exceed \$1,495.51.

Supervisor Grewal thanked the Department of Public Safety for applying for grants and providing outstanding service.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign a three (3) year Renewal Agreement with Saline Area Schools to supply a School Resource Officer, subject to Township Attorney approval

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Trustee Krone, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign a three (3) year Renewal Agreement with Saline Area Schools to supply a School Resource Officer, subject to Township Attorney approval.

Saline Superintendent Scot Graden commented on the positive impact the School Resource Officer has had on the students and staff at Saline High School and Harvest Elementary.

Director Harshberger echoed the great relationship between the Department of Public Safety and Saline Area Schools. The School Resource Officer works with school social workers, psychologists, and counselors to ensure students succeed.

Saline High School Principal David Raft added that they have appreciated the contributions School Resource Officer Booth has made to both Harvest Elementary and Saline High School and welcomes having a conversation with anyone who has concerns.

Trustee Edwards-Brown appreciated comments from the community tonight. She requested results from the survey, and wants to respect what the community wants at Harvest Elementary and Saline High School.

Trustee Krone supports the concept of having a School Resource Officer. He appreciated Superintendent Graden and Principal Raft attending tonight's meeting and sharing the staff's viewpoint, and shares the same concerns as Trustee Edwards-Brown. He would like to see more input from the schools on how this benefits students.

Treasurer Scribner expressed support for the School Resource Officer and has seen the positive relationship between the Student Resource Officer and students.

Supervisor Grewal reiterated the desire to have community input about the School Resource Officer. She added she continues to promote racial justice and inclusivity across the board.

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- 10.4 Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with DTE Energy to upgrade three streetlights in the Briar Hill Subdivision, paid for by the Briar Hill Homeowners Association for a cost not to exceed \$8,297, subject to Township Attorney approval**

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into an Agreement with DTE Energy to upgrade three streetlights in the Briar Hill Subdivision, paid for by the Briar Hill Homeowners Association for a cost not to exceed \$8,297, subject to Township Attorney approval.

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- 10.7 Authorize payment to Cadillac Paving for emergency road restoration efforts to Platt Road, State Road, and Lohr Road as a result of three (3) water main breaks, for a cost not to exceed \$22,830.**

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to authorize payment to Cadillac Paving for emergency road restoration efforts to Platt Road, State Road, and Lohr Road as a result of three (3) water main breaks, for a cost not to exceed \$22,830.

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11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

None

13. Liaison Reports

Trustee Ralph requested an update on the Packard Road and Hawk Road intersection which has been closed or down to 1 lane for several weeks. Supervisor Grewal commented that the Washtenaw County Road Commission was waiting for materials.

Clerk Anzaldi reported that the Clerk's Office is preparing for Absentee Ballots to be mailed and anticipates 10,800 Absent Voter ballots being sent out in the first batch of mailings. She believes most residents will choose to vote by mail for the November 3

Presidential Election, but residents are still able to vote in-person at the polls if they do not return their absentee ballot to the Clerk's Office. She added that the Township has acquired a new ballot box that will be installed outside the Administration Building.

Trustee Krone requested an update on the Digital Speed Display signs program.

Supervisor Grewal replied that Director Craig Lyon will be spearheading that program and hopes to have a few locations later this year.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Jill Mitchell, Recording Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk
Pittsfield Charter Township

Mandy Grewal, Supervisor
Pittsfield Charter Township