

Charter Township of Lyon
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2009

Approved: August 3, 2009 as submitted

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Young called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:** Present: Patricia Carcone, Treasurer
John Dolan, Trustee
Steve Fletcher, Trustee
John Hicks, Trustee
Lannie Young, Supervisor

Absent: Michele Cash, Clerk
Brent Hemker, Trustee

Also Present: Chris Doozan, Township Planner
Matthew Quinn, Township Attorney
Loren Crandell, Township Engineer
Leslie Zwada, Township Engineer

Guests: 3

4. **Call to Public:** None

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Hicks, second by Fletcher
To approve the agenda as submitted.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Cash, Hemker

MOTION APPROVED

6. **Resolution of Property Acquisition**

Patricia Carcone explained that parcel 21-12-101-018 belonging to Merle Howard is a foreclosed property in the Township and up for Oakland County Tax Sale. Ms. Carone presented the Board with the information and an explanation regarding the special assessments on this property. She stated that the cost to the Township to purchase this property including the special assessments, the back taxes and interest would be \$31,296.27. Ms. Carcone requested that the members of the Board make a decision as to the purchase of this property reminding them that no matter what the Township will be

responsible for the special assessments of \$19,803.87.

Lannie Young noted that if purchased the property would cost the Township over and above the specials that would have to be paid anyway approximately \$11,000.00.

Ms. Carcone stated that the goal would be to get it back on the market for what it was paid for.

Discussion took place regarding how usable the property would be considering the amount of wetlands.

Ms. Carcone then explained the amount of money that would have to be paid back to the County if the Township does not purchase the property and what would happen if it is purchased by someone else during the second round. She continued to note that there is always the chance that the new owner could let the taxes go for three years and the Township would then be responsible along with additional penalties and interest.

Discussion continued with the possibility of the DDA purchasing the property from the Township considering it is in the DDA District.

Trustee Fletcher stated that he walked the property earlier in the day and expressed his concern that due to the large amount of wetlands the property has very little value to anyone.

Trustee Dolan stated that if purchased he would like to see the property put up for sale as soon as possible to get the money back into the General Fund.

Ms. Carcone suggested the possibility of billboard rental on this property to recoup some of the money with rental fees.

Motion by Carcone, second by Dolan

To adopt the Resolution for Property Acquisition of real property from the Oakland County Tax Sale pertaining to the parcel 21-12-101-018 for a price of not more than \$18,315.73.

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes:	Carcone, Dolan, Hicks, Young
	Nays:	Fletcher
	Absent:	Cash, Hemker

MOTION APPROVED – Resolution
Adopted

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Carcone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Rose Case
Lyon Township Secretary

Michele Cash
Clerk

