

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

PRESENT:	KIM MELTZER	CLERK
	PAUL GIELEGHEM	TREASURER
	JOE A. ARAGONA	TRUSTEE
	MIKE KEYS	TRUSTEE
	KENNETH PEARL	TRUSTEE
ABSENT:	ROBERT J. CANNON	SUPERVISOR (EXCUSED)
	JENIFER WEST	TRUSTEE (EXCUSED)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Ms. Meltzer informed that Supervisor Cannon and Trustee West are both ill and requested to be excused from tonight's meeting. Also in attendance was Mr. Jack Dolan, Township Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Gielegthem, to appoint Trustee Ken Pearl as Chair for tonight's Township Board Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Gielegthem, Keys, Pearl, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearl explained some of the logistical changes to procedures in tonight's meeting, pointing out that there is not a microphone and podium in front, so anyone wishing to speak tonight is to remain at their place and make their comments or ask their questions from their seat. He indicated he will repeat the comments and/or questions for the listening audience at home. He urged anyone who has something to say about anything that is not on tonight's agenda to fill out a public comment card, and it will be brought up at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Meltzer stated the following items are deleted from tonight's agenda:

- Item #2 – Introduction of Applicants for Parks & Recreation Committee
- Item #3 – Introduction of Applicants for Historical Commission
- Item #4 – Introduction of Applicants for Inclusive Playground Committee
- Item #5 – Introduction of Applicants for Conservation Committee

Item #11 – Approval of SDM Liquor License: Dallous Associates, Inc. (Mobil Gas Station) – 34980 Groesbeck

Item #16 – Change in Work Scope – 2020 Sewer Point Repairs

Ms. Meltzer stated the following items are added to tonight's agenda:

Item #22 – Local State of Emergency Declaration

Item #23 – Resolution to Close Civic Center to the Public until April 6, 2020

Ms. Meltzer stated there is also a request to create a Consent Agenda for this Board meeting only, and they will need a motion to allow for the Consent Agenda. They will also need a motion to approve tonight's agenda, with the Consent Agenda attached.

Mr. Pearl explained that the President of the United States does not want people to meet during this, but they are required to have the meeting to pass the budget. They have eliminated some items that will be placed on a subsequent agenda, and the Consent Agenda takes items that are usually approved every year and putting them together for one motion.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Keys, to allow the creation of a Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting only. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Ms. Meltzer, to approve the Consent Agenda which contains the following items:

Consent A: (formerly Item #1)

To receive and file the letter from Judge Linda Davis, Executive Director of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) and approve their request to display signs at various locations within Clinton Township from May 2nd through June 15th for their annual Run Drugs Out of Town Event, which will be held on June 13th, 2020 Request Approval to Display Signs May 14-June 16, 2020 at Various Business Locations for FAN's Annual Run Drugs Out of Town Event

Consent B: (formerly Item #6)

To receive and file the letter dated February 24th, 2020 from the Vice-Chairperson of the Clinton Township Zoning Board of Appeals and receive and file the 2019 Annual Report of the Board of Appeals, as submitted.

Consent C: (formerly Item #13)

To receive and file the letter dated March 4th, 2020 from the Township Treasurer, and authorize the approval of the 2020 School Tax Collection and Distribution Agreements with Clintondale Community Schools, Chippewa Valley Schools, Fraser Public Schools, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, Mt.

Clemens Community Schools, Macomb Intermediate School District and Macomb Community College, as outlined in the correspondence.

Consent D: (formerly Item #17)

To receive and file the letter dated March 11th, 2020 from the Director of the Department of Public Services and approve the renewal of a five-year Path Maintenance Agreement between Clinton Township and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) for maintenance of the bike/hike path owned by the Township, at a cost of \$33,769.00, as outlined in the correspondence.

Consent E: (formerly Item #18)

To receive and file the letter dated March 11th, 2020 from the Director of the Department of Public Services, and adopt the Performance Resolution for the Department of Transportation as presented, pertaining to the work Clinton Township performs in the State Highway Right-of-Ways to install water taps, repair main breaks, repair fire hydrants, etc.

Consent F: To approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 2020 Regular Township Board meeting, as presented.

Consent G: To approve the bills, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Meltzer, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Keys, to approve the agenda as amended, with the deletion of Items #2, #3, #4, #5, #11 and #16, the addition of Items #22 and #23, and the creation of a Consent Agenda for Items #1, #6, #13, #17 and #18. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keys inquired as to whether the Resolution he requested to be added is Item #24 on the agenda.

Mr. Aragona replied he did not include that in his motion and replied to further inquiry that he does not want to withdraw his motion.

Ms. Meltzer replied the add-on referred to by Mr. Keys was not put on and was not discussed.

Mr. Gielegghem suggested they make a motion to amend the motion on the floor.

Motion by Mr. Keys, seconded by Mr. Gielegghem, to amend the motion on the floor to also include the addition of Item #24 – Resolution Urging Federal and State Government to Immediately Take Action to Prevent Residents From Being Penalized for Missing Utility, Rent or Mortgage Payments for the Months of March

and April 2020. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Gielegghem, Pearl. Nays – Aragona, Meltzer. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Roll Call (on **amended** motion to approve the agenda, which includes the addition of Item #24): Ayes – Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearl noted that Item #22 will be moved first on the agenda, and Item #23 will be moved second on the agenda.

22. LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Mr. Pearl explained this was requested by Mr. Cannon. In his authority as Supervisor of the Township, they can issue an Emergency Declaration which helps get federal and state aid to Clinton Township.

Ms. Meltzer read the Local State of Emergency Declaration into the record.

Mr. Pearl emphasized that the safety of the residents is their highest priority, and they are doing everything they can to mitigate the spread of this virus to ensure the community is safe and informed. He informed that the Township's website reflects how essential services are being maintained in each department, with police and fire in full force. Notification has been put out on Nixle, and it is on the front part of the Township's website.

Mr. Pearl opened the floor for public comments, but no one from the audience spoke.

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to approve the Local State of Emergency Declaration, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

23. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE CIVIC CENTER TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL APRIL 6, 2020

Ms. Meltzer explained this is a Resolution to temporarily close the buildings of the Charter Township of Clinton that are otherwise accessible to member of the public as a result of Covid-19, also known as the Coronavirus.

Mr. Pearl explained they will temporarily be closing the building and keep the employees as separated as they can by reducing staff as much as possible while keeping essential services going. This authorizes the Township to do this. He noted the only change is that the motion should include that all buildings should be closed except the Police Department headquarters, which is open to the public. Until the situation changes, they will be posting updates on the website. He added

they are trying to control the virus so it does not get to residents or employees, and he referred to the President's recommendation that there should be no more than ten people in a group, with a minimum distance of six feet apart. They will keep going with essential services.

Ms. Meltzer read the Resolution into the record.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Keys, to adopt the Resolution to Close the Civic Center to the Public Until April 6, 2020; further, to add "with the exception of the Police Department" at the end. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gielegghem noted that a lot of communities are closing completely and meetings have not been taking place. He stressed Clinton Township has tried to take a measured approach to this in an attempt to maintain as many of their operations as possible, although in a limited capacity. They are closing the doors to the public but will be at the Civic Center in many cases to answer phones, process payments that come in through the online system, phone payments, mail or drop box. He commended Mr. Pearl for his work in putting this together in the absence of Mr. Cannon.

Ms. Meltzer reminded everyone in the audience and those watching at home to utilize the Township's website, adding there is a lot of new information included on the website that will guide them to which departments to contact, how to contact them and get whatever questions they have answered. She urged the use of the website first before they try to contact someone because it is a good resource. She informed the website is www.clintontownship.com.

Roll Call (on motion on floor): Ayes – Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

1. REQUEST APPROVAL TO DISPLAY SIGNS MAY 14-JUNE 16, 2020 AT VARIOUS BUSINESS LOCATIONS FOR FAN'S ANNUAL RUN DRUGS OUT OF TOWN EVENT

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item A).

2. INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

3. INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANTS FOR HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

4. INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANTS FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

5. INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANTS FOR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda

6. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ANNUAL REPORT 2019

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item B).

7. PROPOSED CONDITIONAL REZONING: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND RML MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (LOW-DENSITY) TO B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS AND SITE DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY – 7.72 ACRES LOCATED W/ROMEO PLANK, N/PARTRIDGE CREEK BOULEVARD, ADDRESSED AS 43843 ROMEO PLANK ROAD (PARCEL #16-11-05-426-002)

Mr. Dolan stated both attorneys involved in this matter are present this evening, adding that Mr. Ciaramitaro is here on behalf of the Italian Cultural Center and Mr. Kirk is here on behalf of the nearby property. He understood that Mr. Ciaramitaro is offering the Conditional Rezoning Agreement tonight, and further, Mr. Kirk has reviewed that document and, along with his client, is satisfied with that document. He stated the previous issues that appeared to exist between property owners have been resolved with the form of the proposed Conditional Rezoning presented tonight.

Mr. Bruce Thompson, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, replied he does not have anything to add. They have been over this at Planning Commission a couple of times, and he felt it has been summarized well.

Mr. Pearl opened the floor for comments or questions from the audience, but no one spoke.

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to receive, file and concur with the letter from the Secretary of the Planning Commission, and approve the Conditional Rezoning of 7.72 acres of land fronting the west line of Romeo Plank Road, north of Partridge Creek Boulevard (Parcel #16-11-05-426-002), from RML Multiple-Family Residential (Low-Density) and R-1 One-Family Residential to B-3

General Business for the purpose of the addition of a 4,700-square-foot building to expand the Italian-American Cultural Center; further, this is approved to eliminate the non-conforming zoning of the site and to provide the proper zoning for the existing use and proposed expansion; further, there will be no type of catering being allowed on the premises of the proposed new building; further, this is to be known as Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 260-A-480, effective thirty (30) days after publication. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

8. PROPOSED CONDITIONAL REZONING: R-3 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RMH MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (HIGH DENSITY): 5.30 ACRES OF LAND AT THE NE/CORNER OF CLINTON RIVER ROAD AND HAYES ROAD, ADDRESSED AS 15245 CLINTON RIVER ROAD (PARCEL #16-11-19-100-002)

Mr. Thompson explained there was a question about density at the last Board meeting, and whether this plan met the density requirements. He assured it is below density requirements for the zoning district proposed and is part of their voluntary Conditional Zoning Agreement. There were questions regarding sidewalks, and there are sidewalks on the main streets that are proposed as well. There was concern about screening, and he indicated the site will be screened with substantial landscaping and berms for the adjacent uses to the north and to the east. He believed this plan addresses all of those concerns.

Mr. Keys thanked Mr. Thompson for getting the answers to the questions raised at the last meeting.

Motion by Mr. Keys, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated February 11th, 2020 from the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development and concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation, and approve the request for Conditional Rezoning of 5.33 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Clinton River Road and Hayes Road, addressed as 15245 Clinton River Road (Parcel #16-11-19-100-002), from R-3 One-Family Residential to RMH Multiple-Family Residential (High-Density), for the purpose of allowing a 60-unit apartment development, to be known as Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 260-A-481, effective thirty (30) days after publication. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Aragona, Pearl, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

9. PROPOSED REZONING: R-3 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RMH MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (HIGH-DENSITY): 5.33 ACRES OF VACANT LAND AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF 15 MILE AND HAYES ROADS (PARCEL #16-11-30-351-005)

Mr. Thompson summarized the rezoning request, noting they sat down with the petitioner a number of times to look at this property. There is multiple-family zoning both to the north and east, and the Master Plan also designates this property for multiple-family use as well. Because the site development plan meets and/or exceeds all ordinance requirements, the Planning Commission has recommended approval. He stated it is a good project for this location, and he noted that the petitioner has brought some elevations with him. He considered it a Phase II of the development to the east, which is predominantly one-bedroom apartments. This is an operating senior facility, but they have been getting a lot of requests for two-bedroom apartments, so the proposed set of buildings has been designed to accommodate that additional need for two-bedroom apartments for senior living. He felt it is a good progression and a good-looking building.

Mr. Aragona stated when this came before the Planning Commission, there were no renderings of the elevations, other than some simple sketches and the comment that this would be considered Phase II. He noticed a difference in the construction of the building to the east, which is all brick, and the sketch of the proposed building which depicted brick to the halfway point of the building, with other materials to be used above that. He had expressed some concern about the fit of that building and did not want it to be a cheaper design. He voted no at the Planning Commission because of that reason, but thanked Mr. Bill Thompson for providing the elevations and material samples this evening, adding it is just what he wanted to see.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Gielegem, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated March 3rd, 2020 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the rezoning of 5.30 acres of vacant land located at the northeast corner of 15 Mile and Hayes Roads (Parcel #16-11-30-351-005), from R-3 One-Family Residential to RMH Multiple-Family Residential (High-Density), to be known as Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 260-A-482, effective thirty (30) days after publication. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Meltzer questioned what the monthly rent will be for these units.

Mr. Bill Thompson replied he does not know that at this time.

Mr. Pearl doubted that any new construction will go for less than \$1,000 per month.

Mr. Aragona questioned whether these will be geared toward senior living.

Mr. Bill Thompson replied affirmatively.

Ms. Meltzer confirmed they are proposing 112 two-bedroom units at 1,063 square feet.

Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Gielegthem, Keys, Pearl, Meltzer. Nays – None.
Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

10. SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: VILLAGES OF CLINTON POINTE II - 5.30 ACRES OF VACANT LAND AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF 15 MILE AND HAYES ROADS (PARCEL #16-11-30-351-005)

Ms. Meltzer claimed the letter is basically the same as the letter for the previous item, which was the rezoning for this property. This is the request for approval of the Site Development Plan.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Keys, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated March 3rd, 2020, and approve the Site Development Plan for the Villages of Clinton Point II, to be located on 5.30 acres of vacant land at the northeast corner of 15 Mile and Hayes Roads (Parcel #16-11-30-351-005), as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegthem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF SDM LIQUOR LICENSE – DALLOUS ASSOCIATES, INC. (MOBIL GAS STATION) – 34980 GROESBECK

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

12. APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 BUDGET

Mr. Dolan stated the public hearing remained open since the last meeting, so they need to close the public hearing.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Keys, to close the public hearing for the 2020-2021 Budget. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegthem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Ms. Meltzer stated the motion should include adopting the requested budget from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, as well as the estimated March 31, 2020 amended budget, and also including proposal for additional retiree health care and MERS contributions, as presented.

Mr. Pearl questioned whether the stipulation has to be included for the appropriations.

Ms. Lauretti replied that is included within the Budget, so they do not have to address it separately.

Motion by Mr. Keys, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to approve the Budget for April 1st, 2020 through March 31st, 2021, as presented, as well as the estimated March 31st,

2020 Amended Budget, and also the inclusion of proposal for additional retiree health care and MERS contributions, as presented. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keys thanked the staff for getting some information out that he had about a possible budget amendment, and, considering the current situation, he indicated he will wait to make that available when they have a full Board present.

Mr. Gielegghem stressed the budget is one of the most important things they do all year. It is the Supervisor's budget, and even though he is not here, he is represented. He reminded that the budget is a "living document" and when things come up such as the current situation, they figure out how they have to respond to it and what the budget implications are. He noted they can make changes as they go, but it is a starting point.

Roll Call (on the motion on the floor): Ayes – Keys, Aragona, Pearl, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

13. APPROVAL OF 2020 SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENTS

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item C).

14. BID AWARD – FIRE STATION #3 PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, seconded by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated March 12th, 2020 from Mr. Scott J. Chabot, PE, Senior Project Engineer, of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., and award the Fire Station No. 3 Parking Improvements to the low bidder, Metropolitan Concrete Corporation, 6581 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312, in the amount of \$228,880.00. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Keys, Pearl, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

15. BID AWARD – NORMANDY PARK PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Keys requested clarification on the "Corrected by Engineer" note on the Tabulation of Bids.

Mr. Chabot replied it was a small math error when first computed. It is later checked on the spreadsheet, so those are math corrections.

Mr. Keys inquired as to the reason for two of the bids being rejected.

Mr. Chabot explained there was a total of four bidders, but one only submitted for landscaping, so it was an incomplete bid. The other bidder did not submit an

acknowledgement of the Township's prequalification policy for general-funded projects, so that was considered a non-responsive bid.

Mr. Gielegghem stated he would like to make the motion for this request, adding it is his old neighborhood where he grew up. When this became a public park, he appreciated it and the fact that they are making improvements to it now gives him a sense of personal pride. He appreciated the work on this and the grant dollars applied for as well.

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, seconded by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated March 12th, 2020 from Mr. Scott J. Chabot, PE, Senior Project Manager, of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., and award the Normandy Park Parking Lot and Pathway Improvements to the low bidder, Anglin Civil, LLC, located at 13000 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 in the amount of \$513,151.45. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to whether the \$225,870.00 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the \$46,500.00 of SEMCOG Green Infrastructure grant funds from the EPA will bring the total down from the \$513,151.45.

Mr. Chabot replied the \$513,151.45 is the total bid amount submitted. Those other amounts are grant funds that can be applied toward that total.

Ms. Bednar replied they are paying the contractor the \$513,151.45, but they will be submitting to SEMCOG and through the CDBG program for reimbursement of those other amounts. She clarified they pay the contractor the full amount, and when they budgeted, they knew they were getting some grant money, so this falls in line with their budget.

Mr. Chabot stated the breakdown provided is back-up, showing the General Fund amount.

Roll Call (on motion on the floor): Ayes – Gielegghem, Keys, Pearl, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

16. CHANGE IN WORK SCOPE – 2020 SEWER POINT REPAIRS

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

17. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HCMA MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item D).

18. REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF THE NEW PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item E).

19. ADOPTION – CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Dolan explained that there are two Resolutions being presented. One is a Resolution which establishes compensation for Construction Board of Appeals members. The other Resolution amends the fee schedule and imposes a fee if there is an application presented for consideration before the Construction Board of Appeals. He recommended each be voted on separately.

Ms. Meltzer read the fees in the first Resolution, noting it becomes effective upon adoption of the Resolution.

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to adopt the Resolution Revising Fee Schedule Ordinance to Include Construction Board of Appeals Fees, as presented, effective immediately upon adoption. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Compensation to Charter Township of Clinton Construction Board of Appeals, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

20. ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #465 – CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Meltzer stated this is something they adopt each year to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions.

Motion by Mr. Keys, seconded by Mr. Gielegghem, to Urgan Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Gielegghem, Pearl, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

21. REQUEST CLOSED SESSION – MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 2019-2830-CH

Mr. Dolan stated the Board will be returning from Closed Session. He informed the case is Habitat for Humanity v. Clinton Township, and it involved settling some of the issues related to a vacated alley. It is perfecting title on behalf of Habitat for

Humanity. They will be coming out of Closed Session to approve a proposed stipulated Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to schedule a Closed Session immediately following the last item on tonight's agenda for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2019-2830-CH, Habitat for Humanity v. Clinton Township. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Meltzer questioned whether the title of the agenda item needs to be changed in order to comply with the new law.

Mr. Dolan replied no, explaining that they have just indicated the name of the case specifically in the record.

Roll Call (on motion on the floor): Ayes – Pearl, Aragona, Keys, Gielegthem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

22. LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

This item was moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

23. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE CIVIC CENTER TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL APRIL 6TH, 2020

This item was moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

24. RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT RESIDENTS FROM BEING PENALIZED FOR MISSING UTILITY, RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2020

Ms. Meltzer read the proposed Resolution into the record.

Mr. Aragona commented that this Resolution is coming to the Board very late. He did not feel it matters whether it is passed tonight, two weeks from now or a year from now. Previous Resolutions in tonight's agenda addressed issues that the Board can control. He pointed out this agenda item refers to legislation by Rep. Ro Khanna and Rep. Tim Ryan, and he is not familiar with what it does other than the one-sentence summary included in the Resolution. He does not know whether that is the right thing to do. He added the President has recommended delaying the due date of income tax forms for quite a while, and he felt Congress will be voting on that. He is aware they have a job to negotiate a solution, and he does not want to pretend to be a congressman and decide this is the right solution. He supports helping Americans, especially those in this community who will be going

through rough times because of Covid-19, but he is not going to pretend to know the job of Congress at this time, especially since this came before them so late.

Mr. Pearl acknowledged that is Mr. Aragona's opinion, and he admitted it is a tough call. He stressed people are hurting and it is not going to get better as this goes on, adding they do not know how long this will last. He commented that they are closing more and more places every day. He felt whatever they can get, he compared it to raising their hands and asking for help.

Ms. Meltzer noted that on March 13th, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency, which frees up \$50 billion in funding for state and local governments to use in fighting this pandemic. She questioned whether any of her colleagues know how that will be utilized and whether communities will be able to use it as they want.

Mr. Aragona replied he is aware that a lot of it is being used through low-interest loans for small businesses. There are a lot of bars and restaurants that had to shut down as of 3 p.m. today, and he felt carryout service will not sustain them long-term. He is aware that, to get through this crisis, small businesses can apply for a small business loan that they can pay back over a period of time, which he believes is thirty years.

Mr. Gielegghem stated in 2008 they had a housing crisis that turned into a global economic crisis. They saw bailouts, stimulus, quantitative easing and other measures designed to put the economy back on solid footing. They had a bull market for ten years, but this crisis is now throwing them into an economic tailspin once again. He felt this time they have less resources to be able to respond, noting the Fed was already on the path of lowering interest rates. He felt in all the previous stimulus packages, nothing seems to find its way to the working families that are struggling on the edge. He felt Mr. Keys' Resolution is urging the federal government to find a way to actually help working families, and to put money in the hands of the people who will be consumers and spend those dollars within their community. He felt this is something they have not tried, and they need to try it. This Resolution shows they are going on record urging the federal government to take that approach.

Motion by Mr. Keys, seconded by Mr. Gielegghem, to adopt the Resolution Urging Federal and State Government to Immediately Take Action to Prevent Residents From Being Penalized for Missing Utility, Rent or Mortgage Payments for the Months of March and April 2020. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Gielegghem, Pearl. Nays – Aragona, Meltzer. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item F).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

This item was added to the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the meeting (see Consent Item G).

Motion by Mr. Pearl, seconded by Mr. Keys, to authorize the Treasurer to pay any emergency bills in the event the Township Board does hold their next regularly scheduled meeting(s).

Mr. Gielegghem appreciated the authority and assured he will use it judiciously. He assured that he will provide each Board member with a ledger of the bills that are paid, as they have done in the past.

Mr. Pearl stated this is part of keeping essential services going.

Roll Call (on motion on the floor): Ayes – Pearl, Keys, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting recessed into Closed Session at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

21. CLOSED SESSION – MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 2019-2830-CH

Mr. Dolan stated a motion would be in order to approve the stipulated Order as presented, which concludes the case and essentially assists in perfecting the title in Habitat which is the title the Township actually believed they were conveying at the time they executed the deed.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, seconded by Mr. Gielegghem, with reference to Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-2830-CH, Habitat for Humanity v. Clinton Township, to approve the stipulated Order as presented. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Meltzer questioned whether the public understands what is being approved, noting that Mr. Dolan was not speaking directly into a microphone.

Mr. Aragona stated he pointed the microphone toward Mr. Dolan, so he felt his statements were heard.

Mr. Gielegghem summarized that they are approving a consent judgment with Habitat for Humanity to vacate an alley and help Habitat clear title so they can build another house on one of their properties.

Mr. Dolan stated that at the time the Township sold them the property, the deed already referred to the alley as being vacated, so the Township believed it was vacated.

Mr. Gielegghem pointed out they are clearing up a technicality with a stipulated order from Circuit Court.

Mr. Dolan replied affirmatively.

Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Gielegghem, Keys, Pearl, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, seconded by Mr. Aragona, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem. Nays – None. Absent – Cannon, West. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON