

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
February 2, 2023

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

Present: Supervisor Terry Nienhuis, Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, and 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. Church gave the invocation.

Citizen's Comments: None

Mr. Nienhuis reviewed the consent agenda.

23-16 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, to approve the consent agenda including communications (Congratulations from Center for Innovation and Research at the University of Michigan for our high rating in being business friendly), operational reports (Building Department Report for January), bills and financial transactions for January, and the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 19, 2023.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The Board then considered bid proposals for the Township's annual financial audit. The prior auditor is no longer performing governmental audits. Mr. Kuiper, Finance Director, has received three proposals. Proposals were reviewed on a number of factors and the recommendation from Mr. Kuiper is to approve the proposal from Vredeveld Haefner for completion of audit services for the years ending 2022-2026.

23-17 Mr. Church made a motion, supported by Ms. Molotky, to approve the audit services of Vredeveld Haefner for 2022-2026.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

The next agenda item was the consideration of a resolution authorizing the Manager to sign all documents and deliver the funds for the purchase of 1.2 acres of land containing a 3100 square foot building (formerly Wiley's Cleaning Service) adjacent to the Public Works Maintenance Building at a cost of \$300,000.00.

23-18 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. DeYoung, authorizing the purchase of 1.2 acres located at 219 W. Lakewood Boulevard and to authorize the Manager to complete the transaction on behalf of the Township.

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

The next item for consideration was a Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) grant agreement of sewer system expansion. The \$20 million appropriated will be used for the expansion of the Township's sewer collection system that serves the largest industrial area in the Township as well as a large area serving multi-family housing.

23-19 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, to approve the MEDC grant agreement for sewer system expansion.

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

The next item for consideration was a resolution regarding adoption of poverty guidelines for poverty exemptions to be followed by the Assessor and Board of Review.

23-20 A resolution was offered by Mr. Dalman, and supported by Mr. Bush, to approve the poverty exemption guidelines.

All supported the resolution
Resolution declared adopted

The next item for consideration was a resolution authorizing the Board of Review to receive tax assessment protests by letter. These letters of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers could be sent in from the first day of February until the Board of Review adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

23-21 A resolution was offered by Mr. Bush, and supported by Mr. DeYoung, to authorize the Board of Review to receive tax assessment protests by letter.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Terry Nienhuis, Supervisor