



**Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

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**1. – 3. CALL TO ORDER.** The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan. Supervisor Van Tassel called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** JoAnn Van Tassel, Penny Shults, Alice Young, Mark Crane, Neal Porter, John Steimel (arrived 6:10 p.m.), Michael Flood

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lisa Sokol, Sandee Averill, Kathy Klein, Donni Steele, Chris Barnett, Marty Scypinski

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss Attorney Communication.** Moved by Trustee Porter, seconded by Trustee Flood, to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss Attorney Communication. **AYES:** Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane, Porter, Flood. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Steimel. **MOTION CARRIED**

*The Board was in Closed Executive Session from 6:08 p.m. until 6:50 p.m.  
Trustee Steimel arrived at 6:10 p.m.*

Moved by Trustee Porter, seconded by Treasurer Young, to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Shults gave the Invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF BILLS.** Moved by Treasurer Young, seconded by Trustee Crane, to authorize payment of bills dated January 5, January 10, and January 11, 2012 in the amount of \$97,661.94; and payroll dated January 17, 2012 in the amount of \$73,999.39; for a total disbursement of funds in the amount of \$171,661.33, as presented. **AYES:** Young, Crane, Porter, Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel, Shults. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.** Public comment was heard.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Supervisor Van Tassel requested the following addition:

8. D. Action Regarding Closed Executive Session: Discuss Attorney Communication.

Moved by Trustee Porter, seconded by Trustee Crane, to approve the agenda, as amended.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes, Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2012
- B. Resolution: 2012 Polling Locations

- C. 2012 SEMCOG Membership Renewal
- D. Schedule Joint Public Hearing
- E. Furniture Donation – Revised
- F. Notice of Solicitation: Clean Water Action
- G. OCCCC Budget
- H. Request to Waive Sign Permit Fees: King of Kings Lutheran Church
- I. Appointment to Board of Review
- J. Pay Water Debt over Time
- K. Alternative Energy Personal Property Exemption: COBASYS, LLC

Moved by Treasurer Young, seconded by Trustee Crane, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. AYES: Porter, Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED

## 8. PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Liquor License Application Request for Reconsideration: Orion Hotel LLC (SpringHill Suites).** Moved by Treasurer Young, seconded by Trustee Porter, to approve the application and adopt the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Resolution, recommending approval for Orion Hotel, LLC for a new B Hotel Liquor License including a three year moratorium on transfer of license. AYES: Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane, Porter. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED
- B. **Liquor License Application Request for Reconsideration: LRM Associates.** Moved by Trustee Porter, seconded by Trustee Flood, to approved the application and adopt the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Resolution, recommending approval for LRM Associates, for a new Class C Liquor License to be held in escrow for two years, with Liquor License reverting back to Orion Township if it is not issued within the two year escrow period, also including a three year moratorium on transfer of license after issuance. AYES: Flood, Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane, Porter, Steimel. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED
- C. **Request to Hire Part-Time Park Maintenance Workers.** Moved by Clerk Shults, seconded by Trustee Porter, effective January 19, 2012, authorize hiring Donald Cummings and Jessica Woodward as part-time Park Maintenance Workers, Level 3, Technical Union Position with an hourly rate of \$13.56 with no benefits for a 20-hour work week mid-October to mid-April each year and a 40-hour work week from mid-April through mid-October; the exact changeover date is weather dependent. AYES: Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane, Porter, Steimel, Flood. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED
- D. **Action Regarding Closed Executive Session: Discuss Attorney Communication.** Moved by Trustee Crane, seconded by Trustee Porter, to authorize the Attorney to proceed with condemnation matters regarding easements in the Baldwin and Indianwood Roads area, primarily for safety path easements and public utilities. AYES: Young, Crane, Porter, Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel. NAYS: Shults. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Porter, seconded by Treasurer Young to authorize the Attorney to proceed as discussed regarding Village Square PUD. AYES: Young, Crane, Porter, Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel, Shults. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED

**9. REPORTS**

**A. Investment Report.** Moved by Trustee Steimel, seconded by Trustee Flood, to receive and file Treasurer Investment Report, as submitted. AYES: Crane, Porter, Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel, Shults, Young. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED

**B. Elections Update.** Moved by Trustee Crane, seconded by Trustee Flood, to receive and file Clerks Election Update, as submitted. AYES: Porter, Steimel, Flood, Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT.** Public comment was heard.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.** Board member comments were heard.

**12. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: Clerical Union Negotiations.** Moved by Treasurer Young, seconded by Trustee Flood, to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss Clerical Union Negotiations. AYES: Van Tassel, Shults, Young, Crane, Porter, Steimel, Flood. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED

*The Board was in Closed Executive Session from 7:40 p.m. until 8:40 p.m.*

Moved by Trustee Porter, seconded by Trustee Flood, to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

**13. ADJOURNMENT.** Moved by Treasurer Young, seconded by Trustee Crane, to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.