

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00p.m. by the Supervisor.

PRESENT: Benchley, Wright, Kenniston, Leyba, Samyn, Close

ABSENT: Wisniewski

ALSO PRESENT: 5 people in the audience

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Samyn, supported by Benchley to approve the agenda with the following adjustments:

1. Item under “New A: USDA Grant for Patrol Vehicles” moved to Item “A” Under “Old Business”
 2. Addition of item A: Natures Ridge Condo use of citizens building for annual meeting under “New Business”
 3. Addition of item F: Proclamation for April Autism Awareness under “New Business”
- Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kenniston, supported by Samyn to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 4, 2024 with the addition of the cost of the purchase for new in-car computers for the public safety patrol vehicles in the amount of \$22,420.00 from Bay Comm.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Benchley, supported by Samyn to receive the following communications:

- A. Medstar Report
- B. MASUD Law 2024 Rates
- C. February 2024 Public Safety Report
- D. February 2024 DPW Report

Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT:

Motion Benchley, supported by Wright, that the following warrants be approved for payment:

#39	Garbage Fund	\$ 56,223.62
#53343-#53432	General Fund	\$ 82,872.02
#4723-#4727	Sewer Fund	\$ 1,582.40
#2248-#2251	Water Fund	\$ 923.00
#2234-#2240	DDA Fund	\$ 1,252.39
	Total	<u>\$ 142,863.43</u>

AYES: Benchley, Wright, Kenniston, Leyba, Samyn, Close

ABSENT: Wisniewski

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None addressed the Board.

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OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Kenniston, supported by Benchley, to authorize the submission of the USDA Grant application to purchase a 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew 4x4 Police Responder Pickup in the amount of \$31,585.00 allocated from the Public Safety Capital Fund and publish a notice of application for USDA Grant funding.

AYES: Kenniston, Benchley, Wright, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wisniewski
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Benchley, supported by Kenniston to approve the use of Nature Ridge Condo Association request to use the Citizens Building.
Motion carried.

Motion by Close, supported by Benchley to receive the bid from William A. Kibbe and Associates in the amount of \$84,500.00 pending USDA approval for the FEMA Safe room Opening Design Phase at Finn Road Park.
Motion carried.

Motion by Samyn, supported by Benchley, to receive the bid from Netsource One Inc. and opt in to a one-year contract.

AYES: Samyn, Benchley, Wright, Kenniston, Leyba, Close
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wisniewski
Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Benchley, to authorize the Township Supervisor to notify VC3 of contract termination as well as intentions to pay minimums and remain compliant with the 90-day notice.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Leyba, to approve the Resolution to Support citizens for Local Choice Ballot Initiative.

RESOLUTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY WASTE REDUCITON ACT TO REPEAL PART 8 AS ADDED BY PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2023, IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Townships without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed, and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Hampton will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the Township board/trustees of the Charter Township of Hampton feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Charter Township of Hampton is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC.
2. The Charter Township of Hampton is opposed to corporation-prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community.
3. The Charter Township of Hampton supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

I HEAREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees at its' meeting on April 1/ 2024.

Jordan Leyba, Hampton Township Clerk

Motion carried.

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Motion by Samyn, supported by Benchley, to approve the P.A. 116 application by Erik Felske.
Motion carried.

Motion by Close, supported by Samyn, to approve the Proclamation for April Autism Awareness month and designate April 2nd as Hampton for Autism Awareness Day.
Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Not present.

ENGINEER REPORT: Not present.

OFFICER/TRUSTEE/DEPT. HEAD/COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

CLERK: Gave his report.

TREASURER: No report.

TRUSTEES: No report.

SUPERVISOR: Gave her report.

DPW ADMINISTRATOR BENCHLEY: Gave his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR BENCHLEY: No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER POIRIER: Not present.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Rudy Howard addressed the board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Kenniston, supported by Benchley to adjourn the meeting at 8:12p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Jordan Leyba, Clerk

Terri Close, Supervisor