

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING,
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, April 22, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference.

Members Present: Curtis, Dunn, Durr, Ferrari, Payne, Wright, (one vacancy)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Township Engineer Sharpe, Fire Department Finance Director Edmonds, Recording Secretary McCullough, and approximately 11 citizens

Supervisor Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Payne seconded to approve the April 22, 2020 agenda as amended:

To add item 7. New Business – Noise Ordinance Variance for M-24 Reconstruction Project, and to move the remaining items down accordingly.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 (1 vacancy) Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

One citizen spoke on items not on the agenda.

TRUSTEE VACANCY INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT

The following candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees provided background information as to their experience and qualifications:

- Emily McClear
- Jonathan Nold
- Allen Schwartz

Following a period of questions and answers, Treasurer Ferrari moved, Clerk Wright seconded, to appoint Jonathan Nold to fill the vacant trustee position on the Charter Township of Oxford Board of Trustees, to be effective immediately following Mr. Nold's swearing in to office.

Ayes: Durr, Payne, Curtis, Ferrari, Wright, Dunn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOISE ORDINANCE VARIANCE FOR M-24 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Clerk Wright moved, Trustee Payne seconded, that the restrictions as required in Article 10 of the current Charter Township of Oxford Zoning Ordinance, and any working hour restrictions be waived during the M-24 highway reconstruction project located in the Charter Township of Oxford.

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Ayes: Ferrari, Durr, Dunn, Payne, Wright, Curtis

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One citizen spoke during this portion of public comment.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Supervisor Dunn made the following statement:

On April 21, 2020, Township attorney Gary Rentrop issued a legal opinion regarding enforcement of the Governor's order as it pertains to non-essential landscaping services. Mr. Rentrop said, "It is not the role of [the] township . . . to allow or disallow [an] activity not permitted by the [governor's] order. The township simply has no jurisdiction over this matter . . . While the township cannot override the executive order, it is also not required to enforce it nor [is it required to] ask or require others such as the [Oakland County] Sheriff's [Office] to do so."

In response to a resident's question on Facebook regarding whether or not the sheriff's office would be enforcing the governor's order pertaining to non-essential lawn services, the township replied, "The township will **not** be directing the sheriff's deputies assigned to the Oxford Township substation to cite people."

Another Facebook user has misinterpreted this to mean the township has actively directed the sheriff's office to not enforce, or "ignore," the governor's order. **This is completely false.**

As was stated, the township will **not** be directing the sheriff's office to cite people. The township will also **not** be directing the sheriff's office to ignore the governor's order. The township is **not** giving any direction to the sheriff's office, **period**. It is up to the sheriff's office to decide whether its officers enforce or don't enforce the governor's order.

Supervisor Dunn thanked Ms. McClear and Mr. Schwartz for their applications to the Township Board. He further encouraged them to apply for upcoming vacant committee positions.

Trustee Curtis stated that the yarding plan will need to be expedited for Dan's Excavating for the M-24 reconstruction project.

Clerk Wright thanked the candidates for their interest in serving on the Township Board of Trustees. He also reminded Mr. Nold that he will need to be sworn in prior to the May 13, 2020 regular meeting.

Trustee Payne thanked Ms. McClear and Mr. Schwartz and stated that she looks forward to seeing them express their desire to serve on the open committees.

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Trustees Payne and Durr urged everyone to stay safe during COVID-19.

Treasurer Ferrari congratulated Mr. Nold and thanked Ms. McClear and Mr. Schwartz for their interest, urging them to stay involved. Mr. Ferrari stated that he believes the order allowing virtual meetings expires on May 12, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Ferrari moved, Trustee Payne seconded, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 (1 vacancy) Motion Carried



William Dunn, Supervisor



Curtis Wright, Clerk

Approved:

/smm