

**MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING**  
**(Closed Session 6:30 p.m.)**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 15, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor                      Richard Allen, Trustee  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk                                      Mindy Herrmann, Trustee  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer                              Fred Shadko, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Symantha Heath, Trustee

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to enter into a closed session as permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (C) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing, second by Trustee Shadko.

**VOTE:**    **AYES:**                      Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
              **NAYS:**                      None  
              **ABSENT:**                     Heath

**Motion Approved**

Closed session opened at 6:32 p.m. and closed at 6:45 p.m.; the regular meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**1. Agendas:**

**A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to approve the regular amended agenda and the items listed under the consent agenda, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**    **AYES:**                      Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
              **NAYS:**                      None  
              **ABSENT:**                     Heath

**Motion Approved**

**2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**

**A. Appoint Fred Shadko to Planning Commission**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to appoint Fred Shadko to the Planning commission with a term to November 20, 2020, second by Trustee Allen.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**B. Appoint Margie Banner to EDC/BRA**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to appoint Marjorie Banner to the EDC/BRA with a term to November 20, 2020, second by Trustee Allen.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**C. Resolution Honoring NHS Girl's Golf Team**

Motion by Trustee Herrmann to approve Resolution 2018-127 honoring the Northville High School girl's Golf Team, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**D. Appoint Jan Purtell to Senior Citizen Advisory Council**

Motion by Trustee Herrmann to appoint Jan Purtell to the Senior Citizen Advisory Council with a term to January 31, 2021, second by Clerk Hillebrand.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**E. Appoint Symantha Heath to Parks & Recreation Commission**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to appoint Symantha Heath to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to November 20, 2020, second by Trustee Allen.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko

**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Heath

**Motion Approved**

**F. Manager Presentation**

Manager Snider and Supervisor Nix honored Clerk Hillebrand for successfully completing her 50<sup>th</sup> election for Northville Township.

Supervisor Nix presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Richard Allen honoring all of his years of service to the Township.

**3. Public Hearing:** None

**4. Brief Public Comments:**

- Tracey Birkenhauer, 50826 Northstar Way, spoke to the Board about being the coordinator of the Stop the Landfill Expansion effort. She thanked the Board, and the citizens present, for their help thus far but acknowledged that there is still a long way to go. This year the Odor report was launched online to submit odor complaints directly to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
- A physician from Steeplechase noted that she has been sick for about seven weeks and is starting to wonder if there is something in the air from the landfill that is making her sick.
- Sarah, a Northville Township physician, thanked the Board for their services but suggested that more needs to be done about the landfill odors. She indicated that her increased migraines are directly related to the odors she continues to smell at home.
- Another Northville Township resident stated that the Landfill is destroying the environment and home life that Northville Township is known for.
- John Duran, Franklin Road, thanked Director Neumaier for the excellent financial report that was available online; he was able to find the answers to most of his questions. He also presented a financial report to the Board that he thought might be a useful tool in future years.
- A resident from Steeplechase wants to know why the Township doesn't have rights against the Landfill, Salem Township and Washtenaw County for the effects the odor is having on them personally and financially with the housing market.
- Kimberly Dunne, Edenderry/Shadbrook area, noted that she has lived here for the last ten years with the odors becoming much more prominent during the last two fall seasons.
- Virginia Miller, Napier Rd., addressed the Landfill representative that was in the audience wanting to know what the status was on an expansion and how they are trying to solve the current odor problems.
- Joe, Advanced Disposal representative, spoke to the audience regarding their frustration towards the landfill and the odor issues surrounding the Township. He indicated that they have engineers working day and night to develop a plan of action for solving the odor problems that have been created over many years. He

also stated that Advance Disposal is not currently looking to expand due to the complications that are occurring on this site.

- Jennie Cordine, Napier Road, expressed her disappointment with the Township in how the Board is handling the Landfill situation.

**5. New Business:**

**A. Replacement of Fire Department Hydraulic Cutter & Spreader**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to approve the purchase of one set of hydraulic extrications tools from Apollo Fire Equipment for a total not to exceed \$30,000.00, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**    **AYES:**                Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
              **NAYS:**                 None  
              **ABSENT:**                Heath

**Motion Approved**

**B. S.M.A.R.T. Municipal Credit Contract FY 2019**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to approve the SMART Municipal Credit Contract for FY 2019, with funding in the amount of \$28,044.00 and authorize the contract to be signed and executed, second by Trustee Shadko

**VOTE:**    **AYES:**                Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
              **NAYS:**                 None  
              **ABSENT:**                Heath

**Motion Approved**

**C. Right of Way Dedication to Wayne County**

Motion by Trustee Shadko to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the Quit Claim Deed for the Dedication of the ultimate (60') right of way to Wayne County, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**    **AYES:**                Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
              **NAYS:**                 None  
              **ABSENT:**                Heath

**Motion Approved**

**D. Professional Services for the SAW Grant Program**

Motion by Trustee Shadko to increase OHM Advisors budget on the Pump station Condition Assessment, the Life Cycle Analysis, the Capital Improvement Plan and the final report from \$42,020.00 to \$57,000.00, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**    **AYES:**                Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
              **NAYS:**                 None  
              **ABSENT:**                Heath

**Motion Approved**

**E. Decision from Closed Session regarding Union Negotiations**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to approve the COAM and POAM Union collective bargaining agreements effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to approve the amendment of existing MERS Defined Benefit Adoption Agreement for Division 02- Police effective January 1, 2019, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**F. Budget Amendment 2018-7 – Closed Session Decision**

Motion by Clerk Hillebrand to approve Budget Amendment #2018-7, second by Treasurer Banner.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**6. Unfinished Business: None**

**7. Ordinances:**

**A. Introduction of amendment to Historic District Commission ordinance**

Motion by Trustee Shadko to introduce the amendment of the Historic District commission Ordinance to specify that there should be seven to nine members on the Commission.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**           Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**           None  
          **ABSENT:**        Heath

**Motion Approved**

**8. Check Registry:**

**A. In the amount of \$2,064,556.15 for the period of October 6, 2018 to November 2, 2018.**

Motion by Treasurer Banner to approve the check registry in the amount of \$2,064,556.15 for the period of October 6, 2018 to November 2, 2018, second by Clerk Hillebrand.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:**               Nix, Hillebrand, Banner, Allen, Herrmann, Shadko  
          **NAYS:**                 None  
          **ABSENT:**            Heath

**Motion Approved**

**9. Board Communication & Reports:**

**A. Robert R. Nix, II** – Reported that the Township lost some of our local representatives in the November Election, but did retain Terry Marecki, who has been instrumental with road improvements throughout the Township. He also reported on the Northville Record’s article negatively portraying the Seven Mile Demolition indicating that the project is moving along with all the asbestos removed and the conservative demolition only being slightly delayed.

**B. Sue Hillebrand** – Thanked the residents for the honor to serve them as the Clerk during these 50 elections. She also reported that the Township had a 78% voter turnout with 16, 588 total votes cast. Finally, she thanked Deputy Clerk Anderson, Voter Registration Official – Melissa Jones, the precinct inspectors, IT department, W&S department and the rest of the Township Staff for their continued support during each election.

**C. Marjorie Banner** – Reported that she had the privilege of lending a hand on Election Day and was overwhelmed with the amount of work that goes into each and every aspect of elections; much appreciation to Sue for all she does. Also, thank you to Trustee Allen for his remarkable years of service; the HDC will continue to call upon your vast amount of knowledge as needed in the future. She reported that although the Township has been successful in lessening the amount of trucks that travel down Napier between Six Mile and Eight Mile roads, the road conditions have still not been fixed leaving them almost impassable sometimes. The Township will continue to work with the County in hopes of being able to get the drainage and other problems fixed along that section of Napier. Finally, she reported that the plan should be in place to present at the march meeting in regards to the Eastern Pathways at the park.

**D. Richard Allen** – Reported that the Planning commission approved a commercial building on Seven Mile with the vegetation remaining. He also indicated that the Mill Ridge developer is now looking into individual condos. He also urged the Board to take preemptive measures regarding the possibility of Marijuana development in our community.

**E. Symantha Heath** - Absent

**F. Mindy Herrmann** – Reported that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing is set for 10:00 a.m. on November 28<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to attend. The Seniors Thanksgiving luncheon was attended by 99 guests and the December holiday luncheon is filling up fast. NYA is looking into other ways to get more involved with the students, instead of just working off the referrals. Finally, she reported that the Seniors Commission is looking at ways to cut transportation cost without cutting much needed services.

**G. Fred Shadko** – Reported that he attended the ribbon cutting for Old Village School on Sunday with Treasurer Banner and Supervisor Nix; it was a beautiful event.

**H. Chip Snider** – Deferred his report to Director Mutchler who reported that with the approval of Ballot Proposal 1, the Township is working on an opt-out ordinance with the Township attorneys to hopefully bring to the December meeting. He also spoke about the challenges Public Safety will face with Michigan passing Proposal 1 while Federal law still prohibits it.

**10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None**

**11. ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:**



**Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.**

Approved: December 13, 2018