

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10 A.M. FEBRUARY 16, 2009. THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING AND LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

ROBERT BALDWIN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENIS MACFARLANE	TREASURER
NANCY STEPHAN	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT

Supervisor B. Baldwin reported the Board of Review members needed to be re-appointed. **MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to re-appoint Gail Wyatt, James Myers and Doug Fitzgerald as alternate to the Board of Review. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

The supervisor also explained that MTA recommends the township have at least two alternates to the Board of Review. Names were suggested.

POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY

The supervisor also brought it to the board's attention that the township should set and adopt the poverty income guidelines and asset test for the "principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and the board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under act MCL211.7u".

There was a discussion and the board reviewed the guidelines provided by the Michigan Townships Association.

INCOME POVERTY LEVEL

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to follow the Federal Income Guidelines on how much income a person can have in income per year and still be eligible for the poverty exemption with a 1.4% factor added. Also must file a poverty exemption application. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

HOUSEHOLD ASSET TEST

Things of value that a person can own and still are granted a poverty exemption. There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by J. Peek to set the limits of things of value that a person can own and still be granted a poverty exemption.

1. House and required land for home.

2. Car- not valued over \$20,000.00
3. Additional assets not over \$12,000.00

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes Waldron, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

Earl Spalo the township assessor explained that the individual must apply each year for the exemption and application may be done at all three Board of Review sessions of the year, December, July, and March. The township's policy must be reviewed each year. The only time the supervisor has a vote on the board of review board, is for a Poverty Exemption request.

SEWER

These board members visited and toured the Big Rapids waste water treatment plant, B. Baldwin, D. MacFarlane, and N. Stephan.

There was a discussion on the following

- Facility upgrades needed
- Phase 1 of improvements
- DEQ
- Consensus of board to proceed with review process of the Usercharge to finalize formulas
- Collection system proration

LIBRARY

No penal information report has been received from the Big Rapids Library.

Discussed that the laws have been changed, not allowing the forming district libraries with school districts, taking effect in 2015.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan to adjourn.9:55 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

Janet Clark,
Township Clerk