

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PENNFIELD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2009

Supervisor Behnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Pennfield Middle School cafeteria. Present were Supervisor Behnke, Clerk Case, Treasurer Phillips and Trustees Bartlett, Beard, Bordine-Houseman and Ensign. There were 19 residents present. A moment of silence was observed and Supervisor Behnke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Supervisor Behnke presented the following proclamation to Suzanne Horsfall from the Substance Abuse Council:

PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROCLAIMS

APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

“PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST-DON'T BE A PARTY TO TEENAGE DRINKING”

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the threat to their long-term development and well being, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to give or allow your teen's friend to drink alcohol in your home, even with their parents' permission, and

WHEREAS, anyone found guilty of providing alcohol to youth can face up to a \$1,000.00 fine and sixty days in jail, in addition to any civil action that can be brought as a result of damages or injury related to the offense, and

WHEREAS, each year about 1,900 persons who are under 21 die in motor vehicle crashes that involve underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is also involved in about 1,600 homicides and 300 suicides each year among persons under 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, 13 percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year;

- The Underage Drinking Prevention Forum of the Substance Abuse Council

launched the campaign "Parents who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party

to teenage drinking: at a Media Conference on March 23rd at 4:00 PM at

Lakeview Square Mall

- Local leaders and alcohol free youth throughout the county are invited to be

part of the solution by volunteering to teach a lesson on alcohol to 5th grade

students throughout the county, during April or May. The Substance Abuse

Council will provide training and materials for "Teach-In" presenters upon request.

- The Underage Drinking Prevention Forum of the Substance Abuse Council

will present garden plaques in April to local youth groups that planted red

tulip bulbs which will bloom this spring and serve as a reminder to keep

Calhoun County Youth alcohol free.

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse Council, through April Alcohol Awareness, "Parents who Host, Lose

the Most; Don't be a party to teenage drinking" campaign provides the education materials to raise community awareness regarding this illegal and unhealthy practice, and

WHEREAS, the Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees encourages residents to refuse to provide alcoholic beverage to underage youth and to take the necessary steps to discourage the illegal and unhealthy practice, including the reporting of underage drinking by calling their local law enforcement, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees not only discourages the use of alcohol by those below the legal age of consumption but also exhorts all residents of Pennfield Charter Township to refuse to provide alcoholic beverage to those underage youth, and will continue to take the necessary steps to discourage this illegal and unhealthy activity.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Robert P. Behnke, Jr., Supervisor of the Charter Township of Pennfield, have hereunto set by hand and affixed the Seal of the Charter Township of Pennfield, Michigan this 14th day of April, 2009.

Supervisor Robert P. Behnke, Jr.

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PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROCLAIMS

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of April, 2009 has been designated as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, only 40 percent of rapes and sexual assaults are reported to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, among female victims of rape and sexual assault, 74 percent of the crimes were committed by intimate partners, relatives, friends or acquaintances; and

WHEREAS, one in six girls/women and one in thirty-three boys/men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees that April, 2009 is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Charter Township of Pennfield. The Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees thanks and recognizes Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County, the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department and other Law Enforcement and Service Agencies, who, through their cooperative efforts have coordinated the events of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Robert P. Behnke, Jr., Supervisor of the Charter Township of Pennfield, have hereunto set by hand and affixed the Seal of the Charter Township of Pennfield this 14th day of April, 2009.

Supervisor Robert P. Behnke, Jr.

Charter Township of Pennfield

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CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, President Ronald W. Reagan first declared "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in 1981 to focus our Nation's attention on the plight of crime victims; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, America has joined together annually to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

and

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WHEREAS, the week of April 26-May 2, 2009 has been designated as National Crime Victims' Rights week with the theme of "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Crime Victims' Rights Act"; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees that April 26-May 2, 2009 is recognized as Crime Victims' Rights Week in the Charter Township of Pennfield. The Pennfield

Charter Township Board of Trustees thanks and recognizes those victims of crime, the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement and service agencies, who, through their cooperative efforts in coordinating the events of Crime Victims' Right Week, help heighten awareness of the plight of those who are or become a victim of crime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Robert P. Behnke, Jr., Supervisor of the Charter Township of Pennfield, have hereunto set by hand and affixed the Seal of the Charter Township of Pennfield this 14th day of April, 2009.

PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROCLAIMS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of April, 2009 has been designated as National Child Abuse Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, youth between the ages of 12 and 19 experience the highest rate of violent victimization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, of the approximately 906,000 children found to be victims of child maltreatment, 63 percent were neglected, 19 percent were physically abused, 10 percent were sexually assaulted and 8 percent were psychologically maltreated; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1500 children died of abuse or neglect in 2006; 79 percent of the children were younger than 4 years of age; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees that April, 2009 is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Charter Township Pennfield. The Pennfield Charter Township Board of Trustees thanks and recognizes those victims of crime, the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department, the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council and other law enforcement and service agencies, who, through cooperative efforts in coordinating the events of Child Abuse Prevention Month, help heighten awareness of the plight of those who are or become a victim of crime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Robert P. Behnke, Jr., Supervisor of the Charter Township of Pennfield, have hereunto set by hand and affixed the Seal of the Charter Township of Pennfield this 14th day of April, 2009.

Supervisor Robert P. Behnke, Jr.

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CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT

Two residents spoke; one spoke about the removal of trees blocking the vision of drivers on Gorsline and Bellevue Roads; the other spoke about wanting a variance on a burning permit.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and supported by Trustee Bordine-Houseman to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT ADGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and supported by Trustee Bordine-Houseman to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- 1) Meeting Minutes of March 4, March 10 and March 30, 2009
- 2) Utilities Division monthly report (see Addendum A)
- 3) Code Compliance monthly report (see Addendum A)
- 4) Permits Department monthly report (see Addendum A)
- 5) Assessors Department monthly report (see Addendum A)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE: Lt. Eddy gave the police report for the month of March, 2009. The stats are as follows:

There were 130 traffic citations, 01 verbal warnings, 16 traffic crashes, 73 arrests, 93 self generated complaints, 263 dispatched complaints and 728 property inspections.

FIRE: Chief Smith gave the fire report. The stats for the month of March are as follows: There were 78 calls for the month broken down as follows: 13 fire, 45 rescue & emergency service incidents, 8 hazardous condition (no fire), 4 service calls, 5 good intent calls and 3 false alarms. There were two drills for the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1) It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and supported by Trustee Bordine-Houseman to approve of the Identity Theft Prevention Program (Utilities Division/Red Flag Rules). **Motion Carried.**

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2) Adoption of Pennfield Charter Township Resolution #09-24

PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #09-24

(A Resolution replacing Resolution #09-19 setting the hourly rate for Paid on Call Fire Fighters to begin April 1, 2009 and continue until changed.)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennfield Charter Township Board hereby sets the hourly rate for Paid on Call Fire Fighters as follows:

Minimum Wage **\$ 7.40** (remains the same unless a change in minimum wage occurs)

Certified Fire Fighter **\$11.94**

Lieutenant **\$12.48**

Captain **\$12.82**

Asst. Chief **\$14.07**

Moved by: Trustee Bartlett Seconded by: Trustee Bordine-Houseman

Supervisor Behnke – Yes Trustee Beard – Yes

Clerk Case – Yes Trustee Bartlett – Yes

Treasurer Phillips – Yes Trustee Ensign – Yes

Trustee Bordine Houseman – Yes

Vote shows 7, yes, -0- no and -0- excused, **Resolution 09-24 stands adopted.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

March, 2009 Treasurer's report shows the following balances on hand:

General Fund \$1,616,426.65

Metro Act-Maint 1,402.15

Parks 12,973.45

Public Safety 0.00

Sewer 930,454.59

Water 625,410.61

Trust & Agency 6,960.76

Tax Collection 142.85

Paving Assessment 0.00

TOTAL: \$3,193,771.06

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and supported by Trustee BordineHouseman to receive and place on file the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried.**

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and supported by Trustee Bordine-Houseman to approve the payment of the monthly bills in the amount of \$434,602.44 (see addendum). **Motion carried.**

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two residents spoke; one about recycling televisions and the other on better speed control on Pine Lake Road.

TOWNSHIP BOARD COMMENTS

Clerk Case announced the upcoming Election on May 5, 2009 and remember to VOTE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR

Supervisor Behnke recognized 3 Scouts from Troop 374 attending the meeting to earn a merit badge: Jacob Yeager, Ben McCloud and Colorado Taylor.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on May 12, 2009. The Township office will be closed on Monday May 25th for Memorial Day. The next recycling weekend will be April 25th and 26th. It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and supported by Trustee Bordine-Houseman to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. **Motion carried.**

Robert P. Behnke, Jr. Kathleen R. Case

Township Supervisor Township Clerk

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Addendum A – Department Reports

UTILITIES REPORT

There were 1,200 meter reads for the month of March, 2009. The stats for the month of March were as follows: 12 works orders for repair/install meters, radio read boxes & repair wires, 20 Miss Digs. The monthly bacterial samples came back negative for the month.

ASSESSOR/ZONING

All Homestead and Property affidavits were suspended until the conclusion of the March Board of Review. 2009 final reports were delivered to the County Equalization Department.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Department published in the Battle Creek Shopper News as required by Ordinance in order to enforce during the month of May – October. Property inspections for blight and zoning violations were conducted. There were 16 complaints/violations for the month as follows:

11 – junk, trash & rubbish

03 – inoperable vehicles

00 – tall grass & weeds

01 – front yard parking

00 – parking/storage of recreational type vehicles

00 – unsafe structure

01 – township ordinance

00 – zoning ordinance

PERMITS

The following permits were issued for the month of April 2009:

Building 4 Permits (PB09-003 thru PB09006)

Electrical 2 Permits (PE09-004 thru PE09-005)

Mechanical 4 Permits (PM09-12 thru PM09-015)

Plumbing 0 Permits