
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Bartolotta, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Jeff Gilbert, Trustee
Sam Harris, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Gary Wall, Trustee

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joellen Shortley	Jan Feldman	Derek Diederich
Sharon Thomas	Barbara Miller	Alison Swanson
John Casey	Andy Fountain	Robert Stempien
Gina Feistel	Chris Perry	Bill Best
Robin McGregor	George Grund	

Supervisor Bartolotta opened the meeting with Joellen Shortley, Township Attorney, informing the Trustees about the Opioid Settlement money forthcoming to the Township over the next 13 years. She said it is about \$800,000,000 and that some municipalities have been contacted by the Press and suggests if any Trustees are contacted that they should only state that a policy is being worked on. There are limited required uses for the spending of this money. Supervisor Bartolotta asked the Trustees to look at the list Joellen sent out and bring forward two to five suggestions based on the list, and as a group, we can select the uses for this money together.

Supervisor Bartolotta asked if there were any questions for Plante Moran (PM) and wanted each Trustee to have ten minutes to ask Plante Moran questions. Clerk Markee asked about what the budget differences will be since we spent \$62,000 on a tentative budget for the Feasibility Study. PM will provide more details with the updated version of the budget. They also explained we should see savings by using them since they will receive many bids for us to select from. They will help with the bid process, hiring the contractors, and ensuring we stay on time to meet the deadline. Clerk Markee said we would like to have the title to the OCC property before we start construction which should be by January 31, 2026. The Purchase agreement states that the closing will take place between January 1, and December 31, 2026. Trustee Harris and Trustee Gilbert had many construction and environmental questions. Most Trustees also visited Sterling Heights Rec Center, and Trustee Harris was concerned about the added operating expenses for the OCC Facility. Supervisor Bartolotta said there will be a Community Center Committee which will include Trustee Wall, Alison Swanson, Parks and Rec Director, Jeff Polkowski, Development Services Director, and Supervisor Bartolotta.

Trustee Harris suggested there should be an orientation for new Trustees. He is disappointed that he does not have his laptop yet and was frustrated to learn that the IT Department no longer allows Trustee's card access to this area of the building. Supervisor Bartolotta said he was unaware of all the people who had access and thanked Trustee Harris for bringing this to his attention. They are working to make sure only necessary access is given to the IT area. Derek Diederich, Budget Director, explained the budget process and that the Trustees are included in many of the meetings with the Department Heads to develop the budget.

Supervisor Bartolotta will talk to Chris Barnett, Orion Township Supervisor, to get an update on their transition from Priority Waste to Waste Management. Supervisor Bartolotta said it was too late to go out for a bid now.

Derek Diederich, Budget Director, clarified that at tonight's Board of Trustee Meeting, there is a request to hire Baker Tilly to assist the Township in the bond development for OCC. Waterford should get a bond rating, and it will be interesting to see what rating is given to Waterford Township.

Sharon Thomas, a Citizen, said that nothing is easy anymore and that we should all respect each other's time.

Robin McGregor, a Citizen, clarified that we are talking about Priority Waste and not GFL.

Mark Monohon, a Citizen, said that there should be transparency and that access to areas of the building should not be locked out to Trustees.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:46 p.m.