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Green Oak Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor St. Charles at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Susan Daugherty, Treasurer, Tracey Edry, Trustee, Rollin Green, Trustee, Richard Everett, Trustee, Wally Qualls, Trustee, Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Mark St. Charles, Supervisor.

Guests: 13

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor St. Charles added the Centennial Farms Phase I invoice to the bill's list.

**Motion by Edry, second by Sedlak
To approve the agenda as revised.**

**Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None**

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT – opened at 7:02 p.m.

Walt Ernst – He questioned where the special event approval request was located and commented that the Fire Department request should be approved.

Dennis Cazone – He supported the special event approval request.

Supervisor St. Charles closed the public comment period at 7:04 p.m. due to no further comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the April 7, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Everett, second by Qualls
To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None**

MOTION APPROVED

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED BILLS LIST

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52 **Motion by Sedlak, second by Edry**
53 **To approve the bills list as presented with amendments.**

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55 **Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
56 **Nays: None**
57 **Abstain: Qualls**
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59 **MOTION APPROVED**

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62 **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

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64 **Clerk** – Clerk Sedlak reported that he attended a conference in Lansing and unfortunately the
65 Township will not be able to take advantage of the computers for the upcoming elections
66 because the date has passed. He also reported that Karen Losacco, the Township’s Deputy
67 Clerk has submitted her letter of retirement effective June 4, 2010.

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69 **Supervisor** – Supervisor St. Charles explained the situation regarding the odors coming from
70 the sewer treatment plant and that the issue needed to be resolved once and for all.

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73 **PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECUPYL BATTERY SOLUTIONS, LLC REQUEST TO ESTABLISH**
74 **IDD**

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76 Fred Dillingham explained that this is a joint venture between a French company and Battery
77 Solutions. The partnering will further facilitate recycling batteries. The expectation is that it will
78 create 12 new jobs over the next 2 years with an investment of 1.2 million dollars. He
79 continued that it is a very tight timeline and that there has been a commitment to a 5 year
80 lease.

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82 Mr. Herschelman explained the process of recycling and that there is no heat or water used
83 and that the system runs very clean and it is the first kind in the United States with 6
84 worldwide. There has been a lot of interest expressed and there was a meeting held with
85 General Motors regarding recycling the Volt battery.

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87 Supervisor St. Charles questioned where the batteries would come from. Mr. Herschelman
88 stated that Battery Solutions will source the batteries and pull them from all 50 states. He
89 explained that the batteries are non hazardous and are sorted before coming to the site. Clerk
90 Sedlak questioned if employees would be transferred from another location? Mr. Herschelman
91 stated no.

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93 Supervisor St. Charles opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. and closed it due to no one
94 wishing to comment.

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96 **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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98 **A. Recupyl Battery Solutions, LLC Request to Establish IDD Resolution 08-2010**

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100 **Motion by Sedlak, second by Edry**
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102 To adopt Resolution 08-2010 Resolution Establishing Industrial Development
103 District #2010-01.

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105 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
106 Nays: None

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108 MOTION APPROVED
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111 **B. Recupyl Battery Solutions, LLC Request to Establish IFT Resolution 09-2010**
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113 Motion by Sedlak, second by Daugherty
114 To adopt Resolution 09-2010 Resolution Approving Application of Recupyl Battery
115 Solutions LLC for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.
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117 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
118 Nays: None

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120 MOTION APPROVED
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123 **C. Request by Fire Department to Adopt 2009 International Fire Code**
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125 In attendance: Chief Steele, Fire Chief
126 Tim Kedzierski, Fire Inspector
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128 Chief Steele explained that the Township adopted the 2003 version of the International Fire
129 Code as its Fire Code several years ago. Since then, there was a 2006 updated version of the
130 International Fire Code that changed very little and was not adopted by the Township, and now
131 a 2009 version has arrived. It is best to keep the Township's Fire and Building codes in line
132 as much as possible. Adopting concurrent Fire and Building Codes improves consistency
133 within the Township's Ordinances and helps insure that Township businesses are not faced
134 with conflicting code requirements or divergent opinions from the Township's inspectors.
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136 Motion by Sedlak, second by Everett
137 To introduce proposed adoption of International Fire Code 2009 Edition
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139 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
140 Nays: None

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142 MOTION APPROVED
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145 **D. Request by Rob Cortis for Special Event Approval**
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147 Mr. Cortis stated that he owns property on Whitmore Lake Road between 8 and 9 Mile Road
148 and the property has been for sale but is not moving. He has consulted with some
149 organizations and felt that he would like to provide some community/family events such as a
150 circus, carnival, business expos or car shows. He thought he would get started by filling out a
151 special event application in order to get a feel from the community and the Board. At the same

152 time his plan was to work with community organizations that have a need to raise funds. He
153 felt it would be seasonal, for the summer months and see how it went and if it goes well
154 continue it.

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156 Concerns were raised due to the lack of information on the application. Trustee Qualls stated
157 that the applicant would need to go to the Planning Commission as well.

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159 After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that they supported the idea but there were
160 many considerations that needed to be dealt with such as type of tents used, water being
161 brought to the site, parking and tree removal. Since there was no actual event planned the
162 Board would need to deal with this particular application. The Board was not objecting to the
163 concept but it needed to be accomplished in the correct order with all pertinent information
164 provided.

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166 **Motion by Everett, second by Edry**
167 **To deny the application for lack of clarity.**

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169 **Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
170 **Nays: None**

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172 **MOTION APPROVED**

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174 **E. Solar Currents DTE Solar Pilot Program**

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177 Supervisor St. Charles provided information outlining the Detroit Edison Company's pilot
178 program. If the Township was selected, a long term agreement would be entered into to
179 purchase power from DTE and that DTE would install a photovoltaic (PV) system on the
180 Township Hall building and would pay the Township a fee per year.

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182 **Motion by Qualls, second by Everett**
183 **To direct the Supervisor to proceed.**

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185 **Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
186 **Nays: None**

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188 **MOTION APPROVED**

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191 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not needed

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193 **DISCUSSION** – Not needed

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195 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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197 Trustee Edry explained that the ZBA would like the Board to offer guidance in regards to
198 waterfront properties. Supervisor St. Charles suggested placing this on the next agenda and
199 come up with a policy.

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201 Trustee Everett explained that it was discovered that SELCRA made a change to the Articles
202 in the Corporation which allowed an expandability of the number of Board members that could

203 be appointed at large. While SELCRA has continued to operate under those until the present
204 time it was never sent back to the Townships for ratification. A committee was appointed to
205 look at the articles and clean them up. A new set has been forwarded to the pertinent people
206 and the packet consists of the new proposed set of articles the original 2001 articles and then
207 a new set of articles highlighted with the changes. He asked that this be placed on the agenda
208 for the next meeting.

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210 Trustee Green reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the Marijuana Act. The
211 Commission reviewed the Zoning Amendments that would bring those up to date with the law.
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213 Clerk Sedlak suggested having a cut off date for the codified ordinances. He suggested June
214 30th as the cut off date to incorporate all changes and have one revision date. The Board
215 concurred that it is a good idea and it would be placed on the agenda for May.
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217 **CORRESPONDENCE** – All was distributed
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219 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
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221 **Anna Ernst**– She reported that the Historical Society will be holding a Dinner and Silent
222 Auction on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at the Whitmore Lake Rod and Gun Club. She also
223 reported that the Phoenix Players will be performing Alice in Wonderland beginning in May.
224 She also commented on the Special Event permit.
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226 **Walt Ernst** – He commented on the special use permit application.
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228 **ADJOURNMENT**
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230 The Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. due to no further business.
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233 Respectfully Submitted,
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236 Kellie Angelosanto
237 Recording Secretary
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240 Approved as submitted May 19, 2010
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243 Michael H. Sedlak CMC,
244 Green Oak Charter Township Clerk
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Mark St. Charles
Township Supervisor