

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barb Miller Derek Diederich Justin Westlake

Agenda included:

1. Opportunity For Trustees To Discuss Topics Of Concern
2. Public Comments Limited To Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by informing the Trustees that the OCC Highland Lakes Campus is closing by 2025. The campus has approximately 323 acres, and OCC selected this property because it is the most marketable. Clerk Markee said it would be a great community center for Waterford Township, but may be too expensive and too large.

Trustee Monohon asked about the progress of the Riverwalk, and Supervisor Wall informed him that this week they are planning to do soil borings. DPW will cut some trees and brush down so workers can get back there with their machinery and equipment to do the soil borings.

Trustee Monohon asked about using CDBG funds for sidewalk replacement. Supervisor Wall informed him that CDBG funds are not nearly enough to cover all the sidewalk repairs and replacements that the Township is in need of replacing. CDBG funds can only be used in certain qualified areas. Mr Diederich proposed adding a sidewalk millage to the 2024 ballot. He said we used to have one, and then it went away. Before when we had the sidewalk millage, it was like \$15.00 or so, and he thinks a small millage to the taxpayers would go far to repair and replace the sidewalks. There was a PASER study done on Waterford's sidewalks in 2017, however, it needs to be updated for inflation and estimate the costs for 2023. The Trustees allocated \$1.0 Million for sidewalks from the ARPA funds at a Board Meeting in 2022. The worst sidewalks need to be repaired first. Ms. Miller said the Huron Gardens area sidewalks along M-59 will get replaced when MDOT replaces and improves the accesses to the properties along this corridor. The Board of Trustess approved OHM which is working with MDOT to do the reconstruction of these sidewalks during the MDOT reconstruction of M-59. Development Services suggested we do this sidewalk reconstruction at the same time since it was considered the worst area for sidewalks in Waterford as per the PASER study when it was completed in 2017, which would save money to do it at the same time that MDOT was doing reconstruction.

Clerk Markee mentioned we need to have a Capital Improvement Priority List that is consistent with our Master Plan. Trustee Bartolotta said he thought the Community Center would be a high priority, and Clerk Markee agreed and mentioned subdivision roads and sidewalks could also be considered a high priority.

Trustee Hauswirth requested that DPW clean the Waterford gateway signs because they are looking dirty, and we need to maintain them. Mr. Westlake said his DPW employees will look into getting these cleaned up.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.