
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:

Peter Provenzano, OCC Chancellor
Eunice Jeffries, OCC

Liz Schnell, OCC
Steve Klein, Resident

Agenda included:

1. Oakland Community College Chancellor Provenzano
2. Capital Improvement Funds
3. On-Line Credit Card Payments
4. Opportunity For Trustees To Discuss Topics Of Concern
5. Public Comments Limited To Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by introducing Peter Provenzano, OCC Chancellor. Mr. Provenzano informed the Trustees of the closing of OCC Highland Lakes Campus by the end of 2025 because of the population decrease in higher education and online classes. Over 50% of the students are learning online, and of the online students 90% of them attend whereas for in-person learning only 50% of the students attended class. There is over 1.0 million sq ft of building space and it is expensive to maintain. The reason Highland Lakes Campus was chosen to close is that it is difficult to get to since there are no highways that easily connect to it. They are also closing their district office located in Bloomfield Hills and consolidating the offices to the Farmington Hills campus. The Highland Campus was gifted to OCC or possibly acquired with a very small amount of money. Before it became OCC, it was a hospital. They would like to sell the property as one complete piece to one buyer. Clerk Markee asked if they had any developers interested and Chancellor Provenzano said, "No". (Supervisor Wall informed us in an email after the meeting that the campus consists of four separate parcels that are 4.06, 28.94, 51.06, and 71.20 acres, totaling 155.26 acres.) Trustee Hauswirth asked if he was okay with Waterford talking to developers about this property and Mr. Provenzano said, "yes it was fine." Trustees Hauswirth and Bartolotta mentioned we need a community center and this could possibly work. Chancellor Provenzano said he is willing to work with us. Trustee Bartolotta said, "When one door closes, another one opens." Treasurer Thomas asked if they would be moving the culinary classes, and Chancellor said, "yes to Royal Oak, because there are many restaurants that would take advantage of these classes." Chancellor Provenzano informed us their peak enrollment was in 2011 when they had approximately 40,000 students enrolled. Trustee Monohon said it would be a great place for an EV Center because of the elevation of this property. According to Ms. Jeffries, Representative Brenda Carter is taking a proactive position in helping with the marketing of this property

Clerk Markee mentioned the population decline and wondered if that could cause any more school buildings to close. Supervisor Wall said they already closed many schools, so he didn't think they would close more.

Trustee Hauswirth said RCOC must decide to replace the sidewalk along Walton Blvd where the reconstruction is taking place. Supervisor Wall mentioned we have 189 miles of sidewalks and the life expectancy is 25 years, therefore there are many in need of repair and it is going to cost a huge amount of money to fix them. The going rate is \$10.25 per sq ft. Grants or a SAD would help with maintaining the sidewalks. Clerk Markee mentioned having a donate button on the website, so if anyone wanted to contribute money to the sidewalks or the Township, they could easily do so. Supervisor Wall was not sure if we could solicit donations like that.

Treasurer Thomas said it took one year of meeting once per week to implement the Paymentis system. Chase is no longer supporting the previous credit card system. Andrew Mutch has to do nightly updates for this system. Payments only works with BS&A.

Resident Steve Klein from the Conservation Group addressed the Board in favor of protecting natural areas in the Township to ensure they remain intact for nature including wildlife animals. We need to protect our natural resources. Supervisor Wall said the recommended amount of natural space is 10 acres for every 1,000 people and this does not count wetlands or Oakland County Parks that we have in Waterford. We have 850 acres with a population of about 72,000, therefore we more than meet this recommended requirement. There are many wild animals including, deer, rabbits, skunks, possums, beavers, muskrats, hawks, bald eagles, and many more.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.