

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 2013

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller  
Members absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Public Input opened at 7:01 p.m. V. Begick stated the County approved the bonds purchase for the new water treatment plant. Public input closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to adopt the agenda with the addition of ZBA Standards.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 regular meeting as presented.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Pike to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,630.76 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to receive the Treasurer's Report for July 2013.  
Motion carried.

Hall Request - United Way

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to grant the United Way of Saginaw County use of the township hall front lobby to hold the Veteran Health Care Appreciation Day on Tuesday October 15, 2013; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Building Department Refunds – Building Permit, Water Tap Fee, Sewer Tap Fee - Cobblestone Withdraw of Home Construction Permit

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to grant the request submitted by the Treasurer on behalf of Cobblestone Builders for the refund of: the building permit fee \$1,951.35, sewer tap fee \$4,620 and water tap fee \$1,600 associated with parcel 09-100-024-300-340-00, due to the owner of the property cancelling the home construction.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Pike stated she requires a receipt for the \$55 water inspection fee prior to the issuance of a water tap and questioned why this fee was not included in the prior motion.

Kowalski stated this refund was not included with the paperwork received for the board packet.

Motion by Arnold supported by Malkin to approve any written requests submitted for other permits or fees associated with building permit PB13-0050 for which an inspection has not been performed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Kowalski stated in future, building department refunds will not be placed on the agenda without a written request from the applicant detailing the requested permits/fees.

#### 2013 Liquor Fund Budget Adjustment

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to adjust the 2013 Liquor Fund budget as follows:

Increase 212-000-451 \$224; increase 212-301-801 \$234 and decrease 212-000-890 \$10.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### ZBA Standards

Malkin stated the township ZBA standards for issuing a variance are consistent with the state statute and the surrounding community. Malkin inquired if this should be placed on a future agenda for discussion and referral to the Planning Commission.

Arnold asked for further clarification. Arnold stated the township has the right to place more restrictions than those covered by the state and asked what guidelines covered by the statute Malkin is referring to.

Malkin stated the ordinance does not give the ZBA the ability to grant a variance based on practical necessity as opposed to undo hardship. Malkin will review the state statute and our township ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor