

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 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. No public present wished to speak and public input was closed.

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Malkin to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,546.39 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Planner / Planning Commission Inquiry to Township Board ó Rummage Sales

The Township Planner sent a memo to the board dated September 4, 2013 in which he requested township direction to the Planning Commission regarding a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to provide for rummage/estate/yard/moving sales. The inquiry involved answers to the following 4 questions: 1) Should the Township require registration or rely on neighbors to notify the Township about a perpetual sale? 2) What should the registration process be? a) Develop an online form? b) Come into the Township Hall and fill out a basic form? 3) Is a maximum of two sales, with one additional ömoving saleö (each lasting 72 hours) a sufficient time allotment? 4) Should the penalty for violating this ordinance section be a civil infraction (Section XX of the Zoning Ordinance), or a less severe penalty?

There was considerable and lengthy discussion regarding a registration requirement for these types of sales. Brandt and Arnold were of the opinion a registration process should be required and would aid in enforcement of the ordinance and the penalty process.

Kowalski, Malkin, Miller and Kochany made statements that imposing a registration requirement would be öregulatory overkillö imposed on the majority of township residents who do not abuse having this type of sale. Neighbors would notify the township of perpetual sales and the

ordinance administrator would take the necessary appropriate action. If it is found in the future that additional means are needed to be imposed to stop violators, the issue of registration would be reconsidered.

All board members concurred the penalty of any violation to the zoning ordinance should remain a civil infraction.

The Clerk in preparation for this discussion and to help clarify the board's intention to the Planning Commission, provided in the board packets a memo dated September 5, 2013 and draft ordinance which combined the Planning Commission's and Planner's recommendations and the 2006 draft ordinance.

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to recommend the Planning Commission consider the draft ordinance prepared by the Clerk.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Kowalski, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: Brandt, Pike, Arnold

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Clerk's September 5, 2013 Memo of Building Official Wage & Payment of Inspections

The Clerk, in a memo to the board dated September 5, 2013, stated at the June 24, 2013 meeting the township board adopted the Personnel Committee recommendations relating to the restructuring of the building department. Two months have passed since these directives were implemented and a few items need to be re-addressed.

1) The building officials wage prior to the June 24th meeting was \$25.50/hr. The Clerk does not believe it was the intent of the Personnel Committee to reduce the building official's wage and recommends the reinstatement of the building inspector's wage to \$25.50 retroactive to June 24, 2013.

2) The recommendation made and adopted by the board, states the building inspector be paid 50% of the permit fees and payment to be 1/3 of the permit fee monthly as completed. In practice, BS&A programmers cannot split 50% of the fee in equal 1/3rd increments. The Supervisor and Clerk spoke with the building inspector and suggest the building inspector still be paid 50% of the permit fee, in 2 increments; 1/2 after the rough inspection is completed and 1/2 when the final inspection is completed. We believe this is in keeping with the original intent of the motion.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to adopt the recommendation contained in the Clerk's September 5, 2013 memo to the board regarding the building official's wage and payment of inspections.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Cortland Farms Condominium Association Request

Cortland Farms Condominium Association submitted an inquiry dated September 5, 2013, into the possibility of using the township conference room or hall side rooms to hold their monthly board meetings without charge. The meetings usually run 8:30-12:00 noon on the first Wednesday of each month.

In response, the Board has maintained the service to our residents by waiving the hall fee for all township condominium associations to hold their annual meetings at the township hall. The Board is hesitant however, to limit the availability of those rooms for township business by providing one condominium association use of the facility and not offering them to all associations.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to deny the request submitted by Cortland Farms Condominium Association to their monthly board meetings at the township building without charge.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Malkin

Absent: None

Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Brandt reported he served a civil infraction ticket to the Barn 14 facility.

Brandt stated he would get bids to have the township hall parking lot resurfaced and restriped.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor