

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2016

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.

J. Engel, 4400 Mackinaw Rd., inquired if the Supervisor had received correspondence from his attorney (Hammond) regarding the Card property.

Brandt stated he had, and he and the zoning official are scheduled to do a visual inspection of the property tomorrow.

L. Ramseyer, 4719 Birchwood Dr., read written comments he prepared regarding the road millage, the ballot language and the proposed creation of special assessment districts to fund curb/gutter and/or drainage improvements for subdivisions. Ramseyer stated the ballot language for the road millage indicated it was "for the purpose of construction, maintenance and improvement of the local roads". Further, that since the subdivision roads were constructed according to both the township's Subdivision Control Ordinance and Road Commission specifications which required 1) all weather paved surface over appropriate sand and/or gravel base; 2) curb and gutters; and 3) storm drainage; in order to be considered "public roads", then these improvements should be paid by road millage dollars without additional financial burden to the subdivision residents.

(A complete copy of Mr. Ramseyer's comments were given to the Clerk to be placed on file.)

Pike stated she pays taxes for the road millage and receives no benefit because she lives on a primary road like many other residents of the township.

Kochany stated originally when the board discussed going for a road millage, every road was going to get the benefit of chip & seal and if any other road surface was requested, it was to be at an additional cost. Later it was decided by the majority of the board, that the best way to repair the roads was to do blacktop with the additional work needed to be paid by special assessment.

Malkin stated in hindsight, the board (township) could have done better to make the information available at the time the millage question was on the ballot.

Miller stated the difficulty was prioritizing all the roads that needed to be done with the amount of funds generated by the millage. If all the improvement costs were assumed by the township, then only 2-3 subdivisions would have been done with no money left to benefit the other roads in the township.

Public Input closed at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to adopt the agenda with the addition of Williams Township request for 8 Mile road improvement.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016 regular meeting as presented.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to remove the bill in the amount of \$450 submitted by the township attorney for preparation of documents not requested by the Clerk and to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$46,699.57 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: Brandt, Arnold

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Meyer PA 116 Applications ó Parcels 09-100-001-300-005-00, 09-100-001-300-030-00

Motion by Pike supported by Malkin to approve the PA116 Applications for Farmland Agreement submitted by Floyd II & Bridget Meyer for 65.15 acres of parcel 09-100-001-300-005-00 and 38 acres of parcel 09-100-001-300-030-00 with an initial term of 90 yrs for both applications.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Par Plan Representative for Zone 6

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to support Trustee Arnold to be the Par Plan township representative for Zone 6 in the upcoming Par Plan election of officers.

Motion carried.

R-2016-005 Resolution Authorizing MDOT/Monitor Contract ó M-84/Hilltop Sewer

There had been a change to the MDOT/Monitor contract to do repairs to the M-84/Hilltop sewer since last meeting. One of the main changes is that Monitor will assume all the initial repair and engineering costs and MDOT will reimburse the township after the work is completed.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to adopt Resolution R-2016-005, a resolution authorizing an MDOT/Monitor contract for M-84/Hilltop sewer repair as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
MDOT CONTRACT NO. 16-5017**

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that CONTRACT No. 16-5017 by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Charter Township of Monitor is hereby accepted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Supervisor of the Township are authorized to sign the said contract.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Spicer Agreement ó Engineering Services M-84/Hilltop Sewer

Motion by Arnold supported by Pike to approve the agreement submitted by Spicer for engineering services for the M-84/Hilltop sewer repair in the amount of \$25,000 with funds from the Sewer Fund and to be reimbursed to the township from MDOT.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hall Request ó Special Days Camp October 22, 2016

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to grant the request to waive the hall rental fee for Special Days Camps use of the township hall on October 22, 2016; signed contract, clean-up fee and damage deposit required; security deposit required if applicable.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Supervisor's Recommendation ó DDA Board Member Appointments

Motion by Malkin supported by Arnold to reappoint A. Lyday and C. Schweitzer to the DDA Board with terms of office commencing on April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2019, as recommended in the Supervisor's memo to the board dated March 23, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Clerk's Office ó 2016 General Fund Budget Adjustments

Malkin stated the township legal fees are extremely excessive and because one of the proposed budget adjustments is to increase the township attorney line expense, he cannot support the budget adjustments as presented.

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to approve the 2016 General Fund budget adjustments as submitted in the Clerk's office memo to the board dated April 8, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Malkin

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### Williams Township Request for 8 Mile Road Improvement

Brandt stated he talked to P. Wasek the Supervisor from Williams Township to inquire if they would be interested in restoring 8 Mile between Salzburg & Hotchkiss that was turned back to gravel by the Road Commission 2-years ago. Wasek explained they (Williams) do not have it in plan to do that section of 8 Mile for at least 4 years.

Some board members felt Monitor should not contribute to 8 Mile, or have it contingent upon having the Salzburg to Hotchkiss section restored.

Kowalski asked the board to consider both sides of the issue. Williams Township does not have funds to do that section of 8 Mile. There may come a time in the near future when we have road millage bond payments and do not have funds available to do boundary road projects. \$10,000 to do any roadwork is minimal and by doing preventative work now, it will save us money in the future.

Malkin suggested one of the reasons Williams may not want to do the Salzburg to Hotchkiss stretch now may be because the Road Commission turned it back to gravel and their policy for cost reimbursement if improvements are done on that road before a certain time period has elapsed.

Motion by Malkin supported by Arnold to approve the request submitted by Williams Township to do road improvements on 8 Mile Road (between Wheeler & Townline 14) with Monitor Township share in the cost estimated at \$10,000.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### REPORTS

Brandt reported the piano in the hall is in terrible condition and should be removed.

It was the consensus of the board to put "free piano" on the township sign.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor