

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014

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

Members present: Brandt, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller
Members absent: Kowalski

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Public Input opened and closed at 7:01 p.m. with no one present to speak.

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to adopt the agenda with the addition of the sale of the Fire Truck.

Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to pay the bills in the amount of \$24,086.62 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Kowalski

Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding Proposed Sanitary Sewer Connection/Extension-Woodhaven Senior Apartment Complex-Spicer

Don Scherzer from Spicer Group discussed the proposed sanitary sewer connection for Woodhaven, 09-100-012-200-070-04.

Brandt reported that Woodhaven implied that requiring the sewer to extend the length of their property would kill the project.

Scherzer proposed an 8" line under Alpine Blvd. by Woodhaven and the Township extending the line to 2 Mile Rd. Woodhaven was reportedly non-committal to that suggestion. The 8" line would need to be 22 feet deep.

Scherzer said that the Township should not allow a service across private property. It is bad practice.

Brandt commented that Woodhaven might need to get approval from Alpine for clarification of the easement if the line would extend further on the easement than originally proposed. He

reported that Attorney Austin said that there should be no problem in transferring that easement from Woodhaven to the Township.

Much discussion.

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate with Woodhaven to have them bring an 8" line across Alpine Blvd. at the depth required, then the Township would extend the line to 2 Mile Rd. All appropriate easements need to be in place.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Kowalski

Motion carried.

Sale of Fire Truck

Motion by Malkin supported by Arnold to reconsider his previous motion to re-contact previous bidders on the fire truck due to Gibson Township making contact and submitting an offer that we accepted.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Kowalski

Motion carried.

Road Millage Discussion

The Bay County Road Commission is holding a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, August 13, 2014 for all interested parties regarding road projects.

Brandt commented that the Road Commission can grind up the roads, but we want chip and seal next spring rather than returning a section of Fisher and 8 Mile Rd. to gravel. Williams Township would have to work with us on 8 Mile. He questioned whether we would be able to use asphalt instead of chip and seal and save a few dollars in the long run.

Kochany suggested borrowing the money that the new road millage will bring in and doing all of the roads right away, paying them off as the money comes in. It might save money in the long run and residents would be more content knowing when their road would be done. Considerable discussion regarding this suggestion as it may save costs with contractors by doing large sections at a time and also on the price of asphalt.

The Township would have to outsource some of this work beyond the Road Commission and we would need advice from Spicer.

Ken Malkin left at 7:55 p.m.

Brandt suggested setting up a special meeting with the Road Commission, Jim Lillo and Cory Wale, to plan and get some prices. Pike suggested inviting Tom Hickner as well.

Miller reviewed the consensus of the issues to be discussed with the Road Commission: 1) We want asphalt roads, not chip and seal;
2) We want subdivisions as well as local roads.
3) We want a commitment from the Road Commission that they will continue to give us our regular share of money from them and from any State money that may become available.

Arnold thinks Spicer could enlighten us on some costs before committing. We could go down every road and get preliminary costs for each individual road.

Scherzer said that we wouldn't have trouble borrowing money, but we would have costs in paying a bonding attorney. He suggested that there would be advantages to special assess through the Drain Commissioner because he can assess entities that the Township cannot like the Road Commission, railroad, etc.

There was discussion regarding meeting with subdivisions separately to discuss their options. To treat everyone equally, roads would be resurfaced, but curbs, gutters, and storm sewers would have to be a decision of the subdivision for special assessment.

Brandt will schedule a special meeting with the Road Commission on a Monday night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jean E. Wildeboer, Recording Secretary

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor