

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011

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 Malkin supported by Kowalski to adopt the agenda as presented
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to pay the bills in the amount of \$81,665.65 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 Kochany to receive the Treasurer's Report for November 2010.

Motion carried.

DWS Annual Review and Recommended REU Adjustments

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to table the DWS recommended REU adjustment to the next regular meeting in order to obtain additional information.

Motion carried.

Hall Request of St. Mary's of the Assumption

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to waive one-half the hall rental fee for the St. Mary of Assumption fundraising event on March 4, 2011; damage, clean-up and security fees still apply.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Pike, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: Kowalski, Arnold

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Wildfire Waterline & Easement Agreement

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to approve the waterline extension & easement agreement between Monitor Township, Meijer and Wildfire.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Verizon Co-location Application óAlltel Tower Euclid Ave. Location

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to approve the wireless communication collocation application submitted by FMHC on behalf of Verizon Wireless on January 6, 2011, to remove and replace twelve existing antennas, and add six diplexers on the cell tower located at 964 S. Euclid Ave (formerly owned by Alltel).

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Recommendation Regarding Amendment to Section 3.13

The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their regular meeting of January 4, 2011 to amend Section 3.13 regarding fences.

It was the opinion of many township board members that the proposed amendment is too restrictive. Examples include, but are not limited to: 1) The 4ft. height restriction for chain link fence. 2) The time limitation of when ösnow fencesö are allowed. 3) The restriction for safety fences without a clear definition of what is considered an öapproved temporary useö. 4) The restriction that chain link fences must be knuckled top and bottom and may not have slats woven through the wire links. 5) The maintenance requirement of fences and walls and the position that a fence may not look esthetically pleasing but is still structurally sound.

Many of these items were discussed by board and planning commission members at the August joint meeting, or submitted to the planning commission in writing.

Motion by Brandt supported by Pike to not approve the Planning Commission recommendation to amend Section 3.13 of Ordinance 52.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin

No: Arnold, Miller

Absent: None

Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Brandt reported Fraser Township has implemented a zoning awareness permit application for such things as fence installation, roofing, replacing siding and windows, etc. Questions were raised regarding if there is a penalty for not completing the application, or if it is strictly voluntary, and by what means the township adopted the application i.e. ordinance amendment or township policy. Brandt will supply additional information.

Brandt also reported the Road Commission is requesting road projects be submitted earlier this year and requested board members submit potential road improvements to him at their earliest convenience.

Arnold reported due to the number of ZBA variance requests, the Planning Commission is currently reviewing setback requirements for instances where the lot size is less than 100øx 100ø

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor