

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2014

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.

County Commissioner V. Begick gave the board an update on various County items of business.

Public Input closed at 7:03 p.m.

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

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 regular meeting as presented.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to pay the bills in the amount of \$34,398.46 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 December 2013.  
Motion carried.

Fire Chief January 22, 2014 Memo ó Fire Truck Update & Sale of #407

The Fire Chief in a letter to the board dated January 22, 2014, stated he, Lt. Bladecki, and firefighters W. Courier, B. Weaver, and M. Ramseyer went to HME in Wyoming, Michigan to inspect the progress on the new fire truck. Projected delivery of the truck is expected in three weeks. The Chief recommended Unit #407 could be put out for bid as soon as equipment is transferred and the new truck is put into service.

Motion by Arnold supported by Pike to authorize that after delivery of the new fire truck, Unit #407 be put out for bid using the same format as that used in 2007 and for the attorney to review the bid request prior to publication.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None  
Absent: None  
Motion carried.

#### Hall Request ó Lionø Club

Motion by Malkin supported by Kowalski to grant the Lionø Club request to waive the hall rental fee for use of the township hall on March 5, 2014; signed contract, damage deposit, clean-up fee and security fee required.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### Planning Commission Report & Request ó Arnold

Arnold reported the Planning Commission has inquired if additional funds are available for the Planning Commission to hold special meetings to work with the professionals on the ordinance requests sent by the board. Arnold also asked if the professionals (planner and attorney) should work on the revisions themselves and then present it to the Planning Commission or if the Planning Commission should do it themselves.

It was the general feeling of the board it should be a joint effort of the planning commission members working with the professionals rather than having the professionals spend a lot of time working alone on the revisions and finding they are not proceeding in the same direction the commission anticipated.

Kowalski stated that at this point in January, there is a whole years worth of budget to work with. Without knowing how many meetings additional meetings are needed or what the extra professional cost would be, adjusting the budget now is premature. We can monitor the Planning Commission expenses and do a budget adjustment later in the year if it is needed.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Miller to give the Planning Commission the authority to hold special meetings to work on ordinance amendments as needed.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Arnold reported in regard to the Board request concerning definitions used in the ordinance for the building inspector/ordinance administrator. The Planning Commission was leaning toward having the usage changed to a more generic term and requested board feedback.

The board concurred.

#### Budget Adjustments ó Clerkø Office

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to approve the adjustments to the 2013 General Fund budget, 2013 Capital Fund budget, and 2014 General Fund budget as requested in the letter from the Clerkø Office dated January 27, 2014.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

### REPORTS

The State of the Community Luncheon is February 19, 2014 and is open to any board member who would like to attend.

The Supervisor reported the County held the public hearing on the Recreation Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor