

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 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.

Summer Richard, the coordinator for the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival gave a presentation regarding the benefits of the festival.

Ms. Richard asked if the township would consider a partnership with her organization by making a supporting donation of money or providing a banner, placing an ad, etc. for not only this year, but to also put this donation in the budget for future years. The Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area are an educational 501 (c) 3 educational non-profit organization.

Kochany stated she has attended the festival in the past and asked if they could coordinate with another organization.

Ms. Richard stated they are looking in to all possibilities.

Kowalski stated she would check with the township attorney to see if making such a donation would fall within the lawful expenditure restrictions for units of government.

Jon Thurlow, 5536 Gaertner Ct. provided to the board a timeline related to the fence issue at 5510 Gaertner Ct. and stated additional fence sections have been installed in May, after the township put a stop work order on the fence in February.

The Clerk stated this is an ordinance enforcement issue. The Supervisor will need to contact the Zoning Administrator to investigate and possibly issue a civil infraction violation ticket.

Public Input closed at 7:20 p.m.

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

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,299.11 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None
Motion carried.

Township 3-yr Roadside Weed Cutting Agreement

The township roadside weed cutting agreement expired last year. The Clerk advertised for bids for a new contract. As specified in the ad, bids were opened Friday and included in the packets for board consideration.

Two bids were received. The first bid was from Leon Leszczynski, LL Enterprises that included the cost of: 2016 - \$6,300, 2017 - \$6,500, and 2018 \$6,500. The second bid was from Floyd Fischer that included the cost of: 2016 - \$6,400, 2017 - \$6,400, and 2018 - \$6,400.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to accept the bid submitted by Leon Leszczynski, LL Enterprises for the township 3-yr weed cutting agreement in the amount of: 2016 - \$6,300, 2017 - \$6,500, and 2018 \$6,500.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Possible First Reading of Ordinance 63 ó Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal

Mary Kulis, governmental liaison for Consumers Energy, stated the 30-yr gas franchise between Consumers Energy and Monitor Township (Ordinance 33) expires in September. A new franchise ordinance has been prepared, modeled after the existing ordinance and is before the board for consideration.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to have this meeting serve as First Reading of Ordinance 63, a Consumers Energy gas franchise ordinance, and set Second Reading of the Ordinance for the next regular meeting of May 23, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

BS&A Proposal for AccessMyGov-Internet Services

A proposal was received from BS&A to allow internet access to property and tax data on the township website.

The first option would be free of charge to the township but charge the users a \$2 fee payable by credit card to BS&A to view daily updated or real-time data (taxpayers may look up their own property data for free). The second option would require the township pay an annual service fee of \$4,200 that covers basic services of general lookup of BS&A data with no cost to view the data and an additional optional annual fee of \$2,100 to provide the ability to do an assessing property sale search to view comparable sale data based on query and neighborhood filters.

The board discussed the pros and cons of each option of the proposal.

Motion by Arnold supported by Miller to reject the proposal submitted by BS&A for AccessMyGov-Internet services.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Brandt stated he has checked the petition signatures against the owners of record for the subdivisions requesting road drainage/curb/gutter improvements by special assessment and will forward them to the Clerk to start the process.

Brandt reported the Road Commission will restore N. Union between Fraser & 7-Mile that was used as a detour route for road reconstruction.

Brandt also reported he received a call from a person interested in purchasing the old township dump on N. Union Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor