

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

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.

K. Burk, 1021 E. Salzburg Rd., spoke on behalf of Trinity Lutheran School/Church. Burk stated he attended the November 3, 2015, Planning Commission meeting to inquire if there was a possibility to have the LED sign restriction amended in the township zoning ordinance. Trinity Lutheran would like to replace their bulletin board sign with an electronic LED sign whereby they could change the text message from inside the building. The current zoning ordinance only allows this type of sign in C or I Districts and requested the board refer the amendment to the Planning Commission.

P. Evans & J. Engel, 4400 Mackinaw Rd., voiced concerns regarding buildings on a neighboring property. They submitted a letter addressed to the Planning Commission dated November 3, 2015 in which they question why the construction of a 14,000 sq. ft. indoor public horse riding and jumping arena and the restructuring of two non-conforming buildings were not brought to the attention or consideration of the Planning Commission.

Also submitted, was a copy of an email sent by Mr. Engel to the Supervisor and Zoning Official stating: 1) the reasons why he believes the Cards have violated the variance conditions; 2) the Cards restructuring of two non-conforming buildings by more than 50%; 3) no application was submitted for special use permit and there was no Planning Commission or Fire Department review.

Brandt stated the appeal Mr. Engle submitted to the Card variance is still pending and all the information Mr. Engle and Ms. Evans submitted have been forwarded to the township attorney.

Public Input closed at 7:36 p.m.

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to adopt the agenda with the addition of Fire Chief Recommendation ó Resignation of Firefighter L. Jean, Possible Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Regarding Electronic LED Signs, and Malkin Report on MTA Dark Stores Article. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,905.09 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Chemical Bank Presentation

Representatives from Chemical Bank presented information to the board regarding CFC Capital private placement bonds and ACH municipal payment services they offer.

Peddler's Ordinance of City of Bay City

The board reviewed the Peddler's Ordinance recently adopted by the City of Bay City.

According to the terms and regulations of the ordinance, even the cases of panhandling in Bangor would not violate this ordinance.

It was the consensus of the board to take no action at this time.

2015 Budget Adjustments

Motion by Pike supported by Malkin to adopt the 2015 Liquor, Public Safety, Road Improvements and Road Debt Retirement Fund adjustments as submitted in the Clerk's memo dated October 23, 2015.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Fire Chief Hall Request of Fire Academy December 1, 2015 of May 14, 2016

Motion by Kowalski supported by Miller to grant the Fire Chief's October 27, 2015 hall request to hold the winter 2015 of 2016 Fire Academy classes beginning December 1, 2015 and ending May 14, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hall Request of Monitor Township Firefighters Christmas Party December 4, 2015

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to grant the Fire Department's November 5, 2015 request for use of the township hall on December 4, 2015 for their annual Christmas Party; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Fire Chief Recommendation ó Resignation of Firefighter L. Jean

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to accept the resignation of on-call firefighter L. Jean, effective November 5, 2015, as recommended by the Fire Chief in his letter to the board dated November 6, 2015

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Possible Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Regarding Electronic LED Signs

The board stated they are not against LED signs in general, so long as they are prohibited from blinking, flashing, and scrolling or too bright as to provide a distraction for vehicles.

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to refer amendment of Sections 15.06 (g), 15.07 (a), and 15.08 (a) of Zoning Ordinance 52 to the Planning Commission to allow electronically changeable LED bulletin board message signs for Churches and Schools in AG and R Districts. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Malkin gave a report on the MTA November 2015 article, "In The Dark: Unfair assessing theory costs locals millions" and the ways suggested in the article for townships to protect themselves.

Brandt reported he has not received any applications for the township assessor position.

M. Norton ó Spicer, reported all the roads in Phase I of the township road millage project have been paved. There is still some shoulder, finish and restoration work to do that should be finished in the next few weeks.

D. Scherzer reported MDOT acknowledged the partial collapse of the sewer pipe at M-84 & Hilltop was caused by the M-84 expansion. It was implied they will assume responsibility for the cost to fix it in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor