

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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

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

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 Brandt supported by Miller to adopt the agenda with the addition of Burk Sewer Connection Request and to move Hiring Township Attorney to the next meeting agenda.
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Arnold to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,852.28 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Pike

Motion carried.

R-2015-011 Resolution Adopting Water Fee/Rate

Motion by Kowalski supported by Miller to adopt Resolution R-2015-011, a resolution adopting the new water rate of \$4.19/CCF as recommended by the Department of Water & Sewer as follows:

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING WATER FEE/RATE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2013, the township adopted Resolution R-2013-002, which authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to sign a Water Supply Agreement to, along with various other municipalities in Bay County, finance and construct the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant which will be used to provide treated water to users of Monitor Township; and,

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2013, the township adopted Resolution R-2013-007, which increased the customer retail rate \$.50/CCF to a new retail rate \$3.87 per CCF effective the fourth quarter 2013, to generate revenue for 2014 Debt Service. The increase was necessary

based on the recommendation by the Department of Water & Sewer, to provide starting capital for the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Transmission Mains and to cover the wholesale cost of water and transmission costs from the City of Bay City; and,

WHEREAS, the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer has reported that the water rate billed to customers should be adjusted to compensate for the actual expenses incurred to purchase and transmit water; and,

WHEREAS, the township was informed the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant became operational August 31, 2015. The cost of water to be invoiced quarterly from the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant will be \$2.82/CCF; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bay City has notified the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer that the estimated cost of water transmission based upon the current methodology for determining transmission costs as agreed in the Water Supply Agreement will be \$0.41/CCF; and,

WHEREAS, Bay County Department of Water and Sewer recommendation in August 2013 was based upon a cost of water of \$2.91/CCF.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Monitor Township Board of Trustees of Bay County Michigan, hereby approves an increase of \$0.32/CCF for the retail cost of water from the current rate of \$3.87 per CCF to a new rate of \$4.19 per CCF effective the fourth quarter 2015 billing cycle.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Pike

Motion carried.

Fire Chief Personnel Request

The Fire Chief in a memo to the board dated August 31, 2015 has requested additional firefighter personnel to operate the station. The Chief stated the number of runs have increased each year and the current staff is having a hard time doing the regular hydrant maintenance, building inspections, plan reviews and hose testing. The Chief also stated the board needs to be aware that full-time staff will be eligible for retirement in the next five years.

To help alleviate this, Chief Kramer has proposed the creation of a part-time firefighter position for the board's consideration. The firefighter or firefighters hired for this position would work approximately 32 hours/pay period (two-weeks) and perform any work needed separate from the duties of an on-call firefighter. The Chief stated he will monitor the hours this individual(s) work so as to not exceed the average of 130 hours/month to stay under the rules of the Obama Care requirement for benefits.

Ideally, the Chief would like to request the hiring of up to 3 additional full-time or 2 part-time staff but understands the need to work within the fiscal budgetary limitations the board faces each year.

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to support the Fire Chief and create a part-time firefighter position to work not more than 32 hours/week at a rate of \$12.00/hour beginning the January 2016 budget year as recommended by the Fire Chief.

Motion withdrawn.

Before making a decision the board would like to investigate the budgetary impact the different options of: 1) increasing the meeting/training wage to have regular on-call firefighters work the extra hours to do the work proposed in the "part-time" firefighter position; 2) hire 2 part-time firefighters to work 32 hours each/pay period; 3) hire additional full-time firefighters.

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to table the Fire Chief personnel request to the next regular meeting to obtain additional information.

Motion carried.

Hall Request of Bay City Lions December 2, 2015, March 2 or 9, 2016, May 4, 2016

The Lions Club request for use of the hall on March 2 or 9, 2016 conflicts with set up and clean up for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election and the hall is not available.

Motion by Malkin supported by Arnold to grant the Bay City Lions Club request to waive the hall rental charges for use of the hall on December 2, 2015 and May 4, 2016; signed contract, damage deposit required and security deposit required if applicable.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Pike

Motion carried.

Cost Recovery Appeal of Lee

Motion by Brandt supported by Malkin to grant the appeal submitted by M. Lee to waive cost recovery charges in the amount of \$608.88, for the incident on February 4, 2015 for the reason that 1) the police were already on scene, 2) the wrecker was removing vehicle, and 3) the driver was already in ambulance when the fire department arrived.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller

No: Kowalski

Absent: Pike

Motion carried.

Burk Sewer Connection Request

No board action was needed concerning Mr. Burk's request to not connect to the sewer line on Four Mile Rd. and refund the sewer connection fee, for the reasons that Township Sewer Ordinance 56 and State statute require connection of any premises located not more than 200 feet from a public sewer line.

REPORTS

M. Norton, Spicer Engineering, gave a progress report for the 2015 road millage paving project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor