

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 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.

Jim Plant, 4172 S. 11 Mile Rd. (Williams Township), addressed the board seeking support to proceed with the development of a bike path from Midland to Bay City. Plant explained efforts were made in the past to develop a bike path along the railroad tracks but did not receive the approval needed by Dow Chemical. The Bay Regional Alliance is now looking into the possibility of using easements along the 17 pipelines that run from Dow Chemical to Standish. At this time, Plant is requesting the boards from the City of Auburn, Williams Township and Monitor to contribute their share of the cost to do a title search to obtain easements on 45 properties to run the bike path to Mackinaw Rd. The cost would be based on the path miles in each jurisdiction of which Monitor's share would be \$379.50 of the total \$1,100 cost.

Kochany voiced concern that our residents would have to bike down Mackinaw Rd. with its heavy traffic and suggested N. Union as an alternative.

Plant replied N. Union does not run consecutively through all three jurisdictions; it has areas where it dead-ends then starts again.

Arnold expressed concern that property owners may not want to have a bike path constructed in the middle of a farm field.

Kowalski stated that no information or plans have been submitted and had reservations about the ability to obtain easements from 45 property owners (one of which is Dow Chemical) to make this a viable endeavor. Kowalski also asked if the City of Auburn or Williams Township had approved funds for the title search prior to Plant addressing Monitor.

Plant replied Monitor is the first jurisdiction as the other two have not had meeting yet this month.

Miller stated a bike path would be beneficial to our township residents.

Malkin stated we could add this item to our agenda at the close of public input.

Public input closed at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Bay Regional Alliance Bike Path.

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Kochany supported by Miller to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,807.69 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 January 2014.

Motion carried.

Bay Regional Alliance Bike Path

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to authorize Monitor Township to contribute \$379.50 for the township's share of the cost for Bay Regional Alliance to do a title search of properties for a bike path/trail from Midland to Mackinaw Rd., contingent upon Williams Township and the City of Auburn also contributing their share of the total \$1,100 cost.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

R-2014-001 Resolution Adopting Recreation Plan

Motion by Kowalski supported by Miller to adopt Resolution R-2014-001, a resolution adopting the recreation plan as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fifteen Monitor Charter Townships within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Garfield Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Charter Township, Mount Forest Township, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2014 and 2018 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from September 30, 2013 through October 25, 2013, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Monitor Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from December 22, 2013 through January 21, 2014, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and on line at the Bay County web site, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 21, 2014, at 4:30 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bay County and Monitor Charter Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Monitor Charter Township board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Monitor Charter Township board adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Monitor Charter Township.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

R-2014-002 Resolution of Intent to Participate in M-13/Wilder Rd. Access Management Study
Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to adopt Resolution R-2014-002, a resolution of intent to participate in the M-13/Wilder Rd. access management study.

M-13 & WILDER ROAD MAIN STREET CORRIDOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT STUDY

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN M-13 & WILDER ROAD MAIN STREET CORRIDOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT STUDY, PLAN AND ORDINANCE ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the M-13 and Wilder Road main street corridors are an essential route through our community for effective traffic movement; and

WHEREAS, M-13 and Wilder Road bring economic benefit to our community and attract customers throughout the Bay County region; and

WHEREAS, M-13 in Monitor Township has an average daily traffic volume between 20,963 (May 2012) just south of Fisher Road and 15,512 (May 2012) just north of Salzburg Road; and

WHEREAS, Wilder Road in Monitor Township has an average daily traffic volume of 20,808 (May 2006) just west of 2 Mile and 20,678 (November 1998) between I-75/M-13 Connector & 2 Mile; and

WHEREAS, M-13 has a five year traffic crash history from November 2008 to November 2013 of 100 crashes, of which some of those crashes were at the intersection of M-13 and Salzburg; and

WHEREAS, Wilder road in Monitor Township has a 5 year traffic crash history from 2008 to 2012 of 100 crashes, of which some of those crashes were between I-75/M13 Connector & 2 Mile; and

WHEREAS, land use development and redevelopment along M-13 and Wilder Road are key components to improve the safety along these corridors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Monitor, Bay County, requests the opportunity to participate in an M-13/Wilder Road Access Management Study funded by State Planning and Research funds for the M-13 portion and Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning funds and matching funds from the Bay County Road Commission for the Wilder Road portion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Monitor will work with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Bay County Road Commission in the development, adoption and implementation of the M-13/Wilder Road Access Management Study, Plan and Ordinance.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Arnold

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hall Request of Monitor Softball League

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to grant the Monitor Township Softball League request for use of the township hall lobby for softball registration on March 1, 2014 and on April 7, 2014 for the coaches meeting; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt supported by Pike to grant the Monitor Township Softball League request for use of the township hall on May 19, 2014 for team picture night; signed contract, damage deposit required.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Compensation Request for Hall Rental - 2/1/2014

During the hall rental on February 1, 2014 the CO₂ tanks ran out so the renter could not use the beer taps and had to send someone to rent a keg pump. The renter is requesting \$40.00 compensation for the beer pump he had to rent and \$50.00 for the extra tip he paid the bartender for the inconvenience.

Kowalski agreed we should compensate the renter for the pump rental but stated the extra money the renter paid the bartender was his choice and should not be the township's responsibility.

Motion by Pike supported by Malkin to grant the compensation request submitted by R. Goll for the equipment failure associated with February 1, 2014 hall rental.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Reports

Malkin reported he checked with the county and the emergency sirens have a one-week battery backup to operate the sirens in the event of a power failure.

Brandt reported he received the road rating report from the County Road Commission and will supply a copy for board members at the next meeting.

Arnold reported he was told at the MTA conference the law was repealed in 1996 requiring the township to seek bids. Public works expenditures over \$15,000 require an architect's stamp and expenditures over \$50,000 require a performance bond for labor and material costs. Arnold asked the Clerk to review resolutions the township may have adopted concerning obtaining bids.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor