

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 13, 2015

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

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

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

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 regular meeting as amended.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kochany supported by Pike to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,870.52 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to receive the Treasurer's Report for June 2015.
Motion carried.

Possible New Business & Township REU's

T. Keyes, Bay Future informed the board they have been working with the State of Michigan since the fourth quarter of 2013, to find sites for a large industrial manufacturing business to locate in Michigan. Monitor Township is one of the 3 final sites being considered. This industrial manufacturer would require 3650 REU's and is looking for board support to allocate the REU's for their project in the event the township is selected. This would leave the township with 300 remaining REU's at DWS.

D. Scherzer, Spicer Group, stated per the recent sewer study that was done, they had projected the township needing 45 REU's/year. The remaining 300 should be adequate to meet the township's needs for the next few years.

T. Paige, Bay County DWS, stated it is not uncommon for townships to purchase additional REU's from other owners of the DWS system. Monitor has in the past sold REU's to other townships when they were needed.

Some board members expressed concern the type of business is unknown and the manufacturing process may result in undesirable consequences.

Keyes stated the State is very interested in this company coming in to Michigan and may offer state incentives. It would also bring 250 new jobs to boost our local economy.

Motion by Malkin supported by Kowalski to tentatively allocate 3650 REU to the potential industrial manufacturer interested in locating in Monitor Township as presented by Bay Futures at tonight's meeting provided all prerequisite requirements are met.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Arnold

Motion carried.

Sewer Line at M-84 & Hilltop

DWS has recommended action be taken concerning the sewer line that has been found to be partially collapsed at M-84 & Hilltop. Paige stated there are potential ways to repair the line that would not require extensive excavation.

Scherzer stated cost estimates should be prepared to repair the line and apply to MDOT for an emergency permit to excavate M-84 in the event it is needed. Spicer also recommends that when all cost estimates are in, the township pursue asking MDOT to participate in sharing the costs in the event this collapse is a result of the M-84 expansion project in 2009.

DWS will work with Spicer to determine the best way to repair the line.

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to allocate funds not to exceed \$5000 for Spicer to gather estimates and repair options for the sewer line located at M-84 & Hilltop.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Arnold

Motion carried.

Consideration and Possible First Reading of Ordinance 36-E

An amendment to Ordinance 36 has been prepared for board consideration to repeal the DDA Development and TIF plan in Ordinance 36-D. If adopted, it would result in keeping the DDA entity as provided in Ordinance 34, but remove the ability of the DDA to collect tax revenue. If additional revenue is needed, the township could impose a tax up to 2 mills on properties located in the DDA district.

Malkin suggested as an alternative to rescinding the Development & TIF plan, to leave it in place until it expires on December 31, 2016. Malkin also suggested requiring the DDA to return 75% of the TIF collected to comply with the terms of Ordinance 36-D.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to have this meeting serve as First Reading of Ordinance 36-E, an Ordinance repealing the DDA Development & TIF Plan effective December 31, 2016, and to hold Second Reading of this ordinance at the July 27, 2015 next regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Pike, Malkin, Miller
No: Kowalski, Kochany
Absent: Arnold
Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to direct a letter be written to the DDA to require the DDA to return a minimum of 75% of the TIF collected to the taxing entities beginning the Winter 12-1-2015 billing season.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin, Miller
No: None
Absent: Arnold
Motion carried.

McAlear-Sawden Fireworks Permit ó September 11, 2015

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to approve the fireworks permit submitted by McAlear-Sawden for a display to be held on September 11, 2015, contingent upon fire department inspection of the site prior to the event.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin, Miller
No: None
Absent: Arnold
Motion carried.

Selling of Rescue Vehicle #411

Chief Kramer, in a memo to the board dated July 9, 2015, has reported the new medical rescue vehicle is almost ready to go into service. All necessary equipment has been removed from the old rescue #411 and transferred to the new unit. Chief Kramer suggests putting the retired Unit #411 out for bid to be sold õas isõ.

Motion by Miller supported by Pike to put Rescue Unit 411 out for bid with a minimum bid of \$3,000 and the designation the truck would be sold õas isõ.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin, Miller
No: None
Absent: Arnold
Motion carried.

Fire Chief Recommendation to Hire M. Toporski as Probationary On-Call Firefighter

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to hire M. Toporski as a probationary on-call firefighter as recommended by the Fire Chief in his memo to the board dated July 10, 2015.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin, Miller
No: None
Absent: Arnold
Motion carried.

REPORTS

Brandt reported Trustee Arnold has had an accident and suffered severe burns. He is currently in the burn center at Flint Hurley.

Board members expressed their concern and wish Arnold a complete recovery.

Brandt also requested board participation to seek door prizes for the July 22, 2015 BCTOA dinner meeting that the township is hosting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor