

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

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

Members present: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin, Miller  
Members absent: None  
Also present: A. Doyle, Township Attorney

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 Miller supported by Malkin to adopt the agenda with the addition of the park improvement project.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 regular meeting as presented.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,705.92 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 Kochany to receive the Treasurer's Report for August 2011.  
Motion carried.

Park Improvement Project

Brandt reported he and Rob Eggers from Spicer attended a pre-construction meeting with Heineman to discuss the bid for the park project. Proposed cost savings included the following: 1) stockpile topsoil on site; 2) eliminate sand base at asphalt path; 3) place 8ö of 22A natural aggregate in lieu of 6ö 22A limestone; 4) eliminate 5 heaters; 5) eliminate transformer and electrical panel; 6) eliminate 2 doors and 3 frames; 7) reduce material testing by Spicer; and 8) waive all township permit fees. Implementing the proposed measures would reduce project costs by \$16,377 and eliminate the need to reduce the walking path as proposed at the September 12, 2011 meeting. The new total for construction costs would be \$132,949.00.

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to approve the change order to amend the bid submitted by JR Heineman to the new amount of \$132,949.00 for contracting services for the park improvement project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kochany

Absent: None

Motion carried.

R-2011-016 Resolution Setting Time to Consider Michigan Sugar IFT Application

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to adopt Resolution R-2011-016, as follows:

**RESOLUTION SETTING A TIME TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 1974 PA 198, as amended, that being MCLA Section 207.551 et seq., the Charter Township of Monitor has established an Industrial Development District encompassing a portion of property owned by Michigan Sugar Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Sugar Company has now applied for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under the provisions of 1974 PA 198, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, 1974 PA 198, as amended, provides that before acting upon such an Application for Industrial Facilities Certificate, the Township Board shall afford the applicant, the assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units an opportunity for a hearing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the application of Michigan Sugar Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall remain on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
2. That the Township Board shall meet at the Monitor Township hall on October 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., and shall provide to the applicant, the local assessor and representatives of each of the taxing units an opportunity to be heard on the questions of Michigan Sugar Company's Application for an Industrial Facilities Certificate which relates to the acquisition of equipment within the proposed District to be created.
3. That the Township Clerk inform, by certified letter, the applicant, the local assessor and the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem taxes in the Township of Monitor on the property located within the Industrial Development District.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None  
Absent: None  
Motion carried.

#### Hall Request - Creekwood Estates Association

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to grant Creekwood Estates Association use of the township hall on May 15, 2012 for their annual meeting; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### Hall Request ó St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

Brandt stated he was of the opinion the hall request submitted by St. Mary's last year was a one time only request.

Motion by Arnold supported by Malkin to waive the hall rental fee for the St. Mary of the Assumption fundraising event on February 10, 2012; damage, clean-up and security fees still apply.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, Malkin, Miller

No: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany

Absent: None

Motion defeated.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to waive one-half of the hall rental fee for the St. Mary of the Assumption fundraising event on February 10, 2012; damage, clean-up and security fees still apply.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Pike, Malkin, Miller

No: Brandt, Kowalski, Arnold, Kochany

Absent: None

Motion defeated.

#### Hall Request ó Girl Scouts

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to grant the Girl Scout Service Area 554 use of the township hall for cookie distribution on November 28, 2011; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### Supervisor's Report

Brandt gave a status report concerning 5110 Maplegrove.

The morning receptionist's last day will be this coming Wednesday. It was determined for the current afternoon receptionist to work five mornings each week on a trial basis and not fill the afternoon position at this time.

A recent legal dispute has reinforced the need for the township to adopt a resolution requiring township inspection of all water service lines and connections installed within township boundaries and the adoption of fees to cover the expense. A resolution will be submitted for board consideration.

Attorney Report

Motion by Malkin supported by Kowalski to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

The board returned from closed session at 8:50 p.m.

No motions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor