

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2016

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: William K. Fahey, Township Attorney

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Public Input opened at 7:01 p.m.
County Commissioner V. Begick stated he will run for office again in 2016.
Public Input closed at 7:04 p.m.

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

Motion by Kochany supported by Pike to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kochany supported by Miller to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,615.54 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kowalski to receive the Treasurer's Report for December 2015.
Motion carried.

Public Safety Millage Renewal

The last collection for the Public Safety Millage that was voter approved at the November 7, 2006 General Election, was placed on the Winter 2015 tax bills.

Board members discussed the feasibility of asking the voters for a new .95 mil millage to allow for future structural improvements to the fire station. In light of the passing of the 2014 road millage also appearing now on the tax bills, it was the consensus of the board to place a renewal of the public safety millage for .75 mills at the August 2, 2016 Primary Election.

Motion by Arnold supported by Pike to place a renewal of the Public Safety Millage on the August 2, 2016 Primary Election ballot and authorize the Clerk to work with the Township Attorney and Assessor to prepare the necessary updates to the ballot language.

Roll call vote:

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

LWCF Grant Application for Township Park

The township received notification the application period for the LWCF (Land Water Conservation Fund) 2016 grant cycle is now open. Applications need to be submitted by April 1, 2016. Township engineer D. Scherzer and R. Eggers from Spicer, met with the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer last week to discuss and prioritize the improvements that need to be done at the township park. Items discussed included: replacing the original playground equipment; removing and replacing the diseased ash trees; replace the original outdoor grills and picnic tables; upgrade the electrical to the pavilion; add security lighting around pavilion & play area; replace the car stop barrier; add additional asphalt surface for better accessibility; and add instructional signs to the fitness stations that were installed by the previous grant.

Scherzer estimated cost at \$220,000 for these improvements. The LWCF grant is a 50/50 match of funds up to \$100,000. If the township receives the grant, its portion would be \$120,000. Grant award notification occurs in November/December so realistically funding for the grant would need to be budgeted in 2017 and work done in the 2017 park season. Scherzer submitted a proposal in the amount of \$4,000 for Spicer to prepare and submit the LWCF grant on behalf of the township.

Motion by Malkin supported by Pike to accept the Spicer proposal in the amount of \$4,000 to prepare and submit the LWCF grant application for park improvements by April 1, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss confidential attorney correspondence regarding panhandling, noise issues, a draft nuisance ordinance and possible annual permits for Michigan Sugar.

Roll call vote:

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

The board returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.
No motions were made during closed session.

Panhandling Ordinances ó Saginaw, Bangor

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to take no action to prepare a draft panhandling ordinance at this time.

Motion carried.

Discussion - Noise Issues

No board action is needed.

Proposed Nuisance Ordinance

No board action was taken.

Planning Commission Referral ó Annual Permits Michigan Sugar

No board action is needed at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor