

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 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

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 Pike supported by Kochany to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kochany supported by Pike to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,939.02 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Frank PA116 Agreement ó 09-100-009-300-010-00

Motion by Malkin supported by Kowalski to approve the PA116 Application for Farmland Agreement submitted by Jack & Marilyn Frank for 75 acres of parcel 09-100-009-300-010-00 with an initial term of 25 yrs.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

R-2016-002 Resolution Approving Public Safety Millage Renewal Ballot Language

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to adopt Resolution R-2016-002, a resolution approving the ballot language for a 0.7494 mill Public Safety Millage renewal to be placed on the August 2, 2016 Primary ballot as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND SHERIFF PATROL MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Monitor wishes to renew the millage for the Township's Fire Department and Sheriff Patrol Services that expired after 2015; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide fire department and sheriff patrol services as authorized by MCL 41.801, *et seq*, and other applicable statutes; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy *ad valorem* property taxes to finance lawful public services as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Monitor Township Board approves the following millage renewal question language and directs the Township Clerk to submit it to the Bay County Clerk to be placed on the August 2, 2016, Primary Election ballot within the Charter Township of Monitor:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
FIRE/POLICE MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the Charter Township of Monitor of 0.75 mill (75¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 0.7494 mill (74.94¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and levied at 0.7494 mill (74.94¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) for ten (10) years commencing in 2016 and continuing through 2025 inclusive, for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the operation of the Township's Fire Department, including the purchase of new firefighting vehicles and equipment, and for Sheriff patrol services, raising an estimated \$278,063.41 in 2016?

[] Yes

[] No

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment ó LWCF Park Improvement Grant

The public hearing for public comment regarding the township's submittal of a LWCF park improvement grant application opened at 7:09 p.m. No public present wished to speak regarding the application and public comment closed at 7:10 p.m.

R-2016-003 Resolution Adopting LWCF Park Grant Application

Kowalski voiced opposition to the park grant on the basis that the cost of \$107,300 for the township's share of the cost in one budget year was too high and suggested the scope of the project be reduced.

Malkin stated the township has a healthy fund balance to support the township's share of the grant.

Kochany questioned the drainage needed on the proposal and suggested the widening of the drive to allow parking on both sides to alleviate parking congestion during t-ball games. Brandt stated the drainage needs to be put in before any paving of the drive is done. Arnold questioned how the drainage would work by gravity flow unless the drive is built up.

Miller questioned the security lights and asked if solar lights were an option. Scherzer replied solar technology is not advanced enough to rely on for consistent lighting.

Motion by Miller supported by Pike to adopt Resolution R-2016-003, a resolution approving the submittal of a LWCF park grant application to do improvements at the township park, and to commit a 50% match of \$102,300 plus an additional \$5,000 survey cost, of a total project cost of 209,600.00 from its General Fund budget as follows:

**MONITOR TOWNSHIP LWCF GRANT APPLICATION
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, Monitor Township wishes to undertake improvements in the Monitor Township Park, and

WHEREAS, those improvements are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Monitor Township Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held on March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monitor Township Hall, to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed improvements, and

WHEREAS, Monitor Township has committed \$102,300.00 [or 50%] plus an additional \$5,000 survey cost, of a total \$209,600.00 project cost from its General Fund budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monitor Township Board hereby approves submittal of a Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 52-X 6 Rezoning Parcel 09-100-013-300-170-00 to C-PUD

Motion by Arnold supported by Malkin to have this meeting serve as First Reading of Ordinance 52-X, an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance 52 to rezone parcel 09-100-013-300-170-00 to C-PUD, and set Second Reading of this Ordinance to the next regular meeting of March 28, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kowalski supported by Kochany to hire M. Toporski as an on-call firefighter as recommended in the Fire Chief's letter to the board dated February 22, 2016.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS

The board discussed the Fire Chief's letter to the board dated March 7, 2016, which reported ongoing commercial record and inspection updates currently underway in the township.

The board discussed the communication submitted by the DDA regarding the township board February 22, 2016 motion.

Malkin gave a report concerning the progress of current Medical Marijuana legislation in the State Senate.

Brandt reported the BAWTP Advisory Committee approved the use of available bond funds to demolish the old Bay City Water Treatment Plant with an estimated cost of 2.475 million.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor