

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2019

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

Members present: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh  
Members absent: None  
Also present: Richard Sheppard, Township Attorney

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Public Input opened at 7:01 p.m.

J. Leuenberger ó 3368 Fraser, stated he read the Sidock Fire Station Facilities Assessment report on the township's website. Leuenberger voiced concerns that the township/fire department does not need a four bay fire station; does not need to purchase an aerial truck; and would not sustain enough future growth to support bond funding or a new millage to finance a new or renovated fire station.

County Commissioner V. Begick gave an update of county issues.

B. Krause, 4489 8 Mile, stated he was available to answer any questions regarding the wind turbine section of the proposed zoning ordinance #67. Krause gave the audience a summary of the additions to this section and thanked all members of the Wind Turbine Committee.

S. Carmona, 6004 W.S. Saginaw Rd., stated he is a member of the Fire Station Fact-Finding Committee and stated the scope of the committee. Carmona asked if the duties of the committee are expanded, or the scope of the duties are changed, that it is done by board motion.

G. Gellise, 2353 Midland Rd., stated he was disappointed with the board action to not remove T. Miller from the township planning commission.

J. Bellor, 1396 Wilder Rd., stated one person should be designated to be accountable for all the money that is spent on roads in the township.

Public Input closed at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by Reder supported by Pike to adopt the agenda with the addition of 2019 General Fund budget adjustments and solar energy.

Motion carried.

Motion by Reder supported by Walsh to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Reder supported by Walsh to pay the bills in the amount of \$80,376.30 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Reder supported by Kochany to receive the Treasurer's Report for January 2019.

Motion carried.

#### First Reading of Zoning Ordinance No. 67

Motion by Reder supported by Malkin to have this meeting serve as First Reading of Zoning Ordinance 67 and to set second reading and adoption of the ordinance to the March 25, 2019 regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### AEY Capital Application for 10 Additional Grower Licenses

Motion by Reder supported by Walsh to approve the medical marijuana facility license application submitted by AEY Capital LLC, for ten (10) additional Class C grower licenses with the requirement they comply with the terms and conditions of the special use requirements of the proposed zoning ordinance No. 67 and pay all associated fees.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Reder, Walsh

No: Brandt, Kochany

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### Township Wide Special Assessment for Trash Pickup

The Treasurer inquired if a hardship committee could be formed to remove some residents who stated during the period of winter tax collection, they did not wish to pay for trash collection services through the township and asked if they could be removed from the trash special assessment roll.

The Clerk stated the trash special assessment district includes to all residential parcels in the township and can only be amended one time per year to either add new homes that were constructed or add/delete parcels that were changed as a result of land division and is governed by state statute. As in the case of other special assessment districts in the township like the subdivision road special assessment districts, once the district is formed, the assessment applies to all parcels in that district and does not provide a mechanism for those who do not want to be included in the assessment.

A hardship committee on the other hand may be provided for by township ordinance, like that in the township's water and sewer ordinances, to provide assistance to pay tap fees.

Attorney Sheppard concurred with the Clerk's statement adding the board could inquire through the MTA if the statute was changed to provide a provision for hardship.

Hall Request ó Community All Stars Bowling League ó May 11, 2019

Motion by Reder supported by Walsh to approve the request submitted by Community All Stars Bowling League for use of the township hall on May 11, 2019; signed contract, damage deposit required.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Reder, Walsh

No: Pike, Brandt, Kochany

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Bids for KME Pumper Truck

A request for bids was noticed and published for the sale of the 1998 KME fire truck. No bids were received.

2018 Budget Adjustments

Motion by Pike supported by Reder to approve the 2018 budget adjustments for the General Fund, Public Safety Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Sewer Fund, Waterline Expansion (Capital Projects) Fund and the Construction (Building Fund) as submitted in the amended Clerk's office listing for the board, dated 2-20-2019.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Electrical Inspector's Recommendation to Amend Permit Application Fees

Motion by Brandt supported by Reder to approve the electrical inspector's recommendation to amend the electrical permit application and fees as stated in his memo to the board dated February 21, 2019.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Resignation of On-Call Firefighter M. Villarreal

Motion by Brandt supported by Reder to accept the resignation of on-call firefighter M. Villarreal effective February 19, 2019, as requested by the Fire Chief.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

2019 General Fund Budget Adjustments

Motion by Reder supported by Brandt to approve the 2019 General Fund budget adjustments submitted by the Clerk's office on 2-21-2019.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

### Solar Energy

Reder stated like wind, land is being leased for solar energy and stated it may be beneficial for the township to adopt a moratorium and form a solar energy committee to review the provisions in zoning ordinance that regulate solar energy.

Motion by Reder supported by Brandt to adopt a moratorium upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses and approvals for any property subject to or under the jurisdiction of the Township's Zoning Ordinance for the establishment and use of commercial Solar Energy Systems for six (6) months or until the Township amends its Zoning Ordinance regulating Solar Energy Systems or determines the provisions regulating Solar Energy Systems is adequate.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

### REPORTS

Malkin referenced the Planning Commission Annual Report prepared by McKenna and the letter from McKenna stating we have been assigned a new planner to replace P. Lippens.

Township Facebook Page ó Malkin stated he listened to a webinar from the MTA where they were of the opinion a township Facebook page was more effective than a township website. This item may be included for board discussion on a future agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Ken Malkin, Supervisor