

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

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 Miller supported by Kochany to adopt the agenda with the addition of: Hall Request – 2015 Mackensen 5th Grade Banquet & Waterline Request - Baumer.

Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,353.68 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 Malkin to receive the Treasurer's Report for January 2015.

Motion carried.

Chemical Bank Presentation on Bonds & Account Information

Kyle Fahrner and Jennifer Spencer from Chemical Bank gave a presentation regarding bond options to do the road millage work.

Ms. Spencer stated Chemical could set up a Municipal Now checking account for the bond proceeds. There would be no fees for this type of account.

Mr. Fahrner stated there are three types of bonds available to the township. They are as follows:

1) Competitive Sale bonds; 2) Negotiated Sale bonds; or 3) Private Placement bonds.

Chemical Bank handles private placement bonds. Fahrner stated private placement bonds are held by the bank or financial institution. They do not require up front costs to go out for competitive bids. There is no underwriter, which would result in savings of \$30,000. The bonds are not remarketed. The estimated interest rate is around 2% and the placement agent works to get the best market rate.

Road Millage – Work Determination Plan & Possible Resolution of Intent to Issue Bonds

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal submitted by Spicer for the design, bid, and construction engineering for phase 1 of the road millage project estimated not to exceed \$155,000.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

There was considerable discussion regarding purchasing bonds to fund the road millage project; the cost of issuance; and cost of interest vs. the low cost of petroleum now which would result in lower asphalt costs, allowing the township to do more roads.

It was the consensus of the majority of the board to take an aggressive approach and do as many roads as the funding would allow.

Kowalski voiced concerns regarding committing the majority of the township road budget for ten-years to pay back the bonds especially when all funds would be spent in the first three years.

Motion by Arnold supported by Malkin to authorize the township to proceed with the steps necessary for the issuance of a ten-year bond for road millage projects based on \$900,000 maximum annual revenue.

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Park Improvement Plan

Spicer submitted at tonight's meeting, an updated future park improvement plan for board review based on discussion at the previous board meeting. This item will be placed on the February 23, 2015 board agenda.

Water Ordinance 19 Review and Codification

Motion by Arnold supported by Malkin to table Water Ordinance 19 review and codification to the next regular meeting and request to have the attorney present for the discussion.

Motion carried.

R-2015-002 Resolution to Adopt the Amendment to the Bay County Solid Waste Management Plan

Motion by Miller supported by Pike to adopt Resolution R-2015-002, a resolution adopting the amendment to the Bay County Solid Waste Management Plan as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE
AMENDMENT TO THE
BAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Miller and supported by Member Pike.

WHEREAS, the Monitor Township Board has received a request from the Bay County Board of Commissioners to consider approval of the amendment to establish Siting Criteria for Transfer Facilities to the Bay County Solid Waste Management Plan.

WHEREAS, Transfer facilities can provide an important service and environmental enhancement in many ways as recycling and reuse of material provides a new source of raw material and reduces the amount of waste headed for disposal, extending the life of the local landfill.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monitor Township board of the Charter Township of Monitor does hereby approve the Amendment to the Bay County Solid Waste Management Plan for Transfer Facilities Siting Criteria.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

DWS Annual REU Review & Recommendation

Motion by Brandt supported by Miler to table the DWS January 26, 2015 recommendation to adjust REU's based on actual use history to the next regular meeting of February 23, 2015.

Motion carried.

Hall Requests – Monitor Township Softball League

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to grant the Monitor Township Softball League request for use of the township hall lobby for softball registration on March 7, 2015 and on April 6, 2015 for the coaches meeting; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to grant the Monitor Township Softball League request for use of the township hall on May 18, 2015 for team picture night; signed contract, damage deposit required.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Recommendations February 5, 2015

- Hire F. Bryden – Temporary Electrical Inspector

Motion by Miller supported by Brandt to hire F. Bryden as the township's Temporary Electrical Inspector as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- Establish Pay Rate – Temporary Electrical Inspector

Motion by Miller supported by Brandt to approve Personnel Committee recommendation that the temporary electrical inspector and any future electrical inspectors be paid consistent with the other Township inspectors; that their percentage of electrical permit fee be paid upon completion of final inspections and submittal of reports to the township.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- Wage Increase – Board of Review

Motion by Arnold supported by Miller to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation that the Board of Review members' hourly wage be increased from \$11.00/hr. to \$13.00/hr. for required meetings and training for 2015.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Arnold, Malkin, Miller

No: Kowalski, Pike, Kochany

Absent: None

Motion carried.

- Wage Increase – Planning Commission & ZBA

Motion by Pike supported by Miller to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, to increase the meeting stipend for members from \$45/meeting to \$50/meeting and increase the rate for the Chairman and Secretary positions from \$50/meeting to \$55/meeting for 2015.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Kowalski

Absent: None

Motion carried.

2015 General Fund Budget Adjustments for Wage Increases

Motion by Malkin supported by Arnold to approve the 2015 General Fund budget adjustments submitted by the Clerk on February 6, 2015.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hall Request – Cortland Farms Condominium Association

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to grant Cortland Farms Condominium Association use of the Township Hall on August 19, 2015 for their annual resident 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 – 2015 Mackensen 5th Grade Banquet

Motion by Kowalski supported by Malkin to waive the hall rental fee for the Mackensen Elementary 5th Grade Banquet to be held on Thursday June 4, 2015; signed contract, damage deposit and custodial clean-up fee required.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Waterline Request – Baumer

Motion by Malkin supported by Miller to receive the request submitted by Chuck & Mary Baumer for the township to extend the waterline to service 3635 Four Mile Rd.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor