

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018

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. Frank, 2080 Wheeler Rd., stated he received a letter from the DEQ about the dredging and clean-out of the South branch of the Kawkawlin River. Frank was concerned that trees on his property that are close to the waters edge would be removed as part of the planned clean-out. Frank also asked how they were going to gain access to the river.

Malkin stated it sounds like the work being proposed is all part of the Kawkawlin River grant that was initially applied for in Bangor Township and of which Monitor was added to the grant. T. Lewandowski is overseeing the project and should have that information.

County Commissioner V. Begick informed the board of a meeting scheduled on February 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Doubletree at which the proposed Bay City bridge project would be discussed.

Public Input closed at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Reder supported by Kochany to move the Williams Township road request from communications to new business and adopt the agenda.
Motion carried.

Motion by Reder supported by Pike to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Reder supported by Walsh to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 special workshop meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Reder supported by Walsh to pay the bills in the amount of \$85,633.72 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 Kowalski to receive the Treasurer's Report for November & December, 2017.

Motion carried.

Presentation by Sheriff Troy Cunningham

Bay County Sheriff Troy Cunningham gave a report regarding the types and number of incidents in 2017 the township deputies responded to in Monitor Township and Bay County at-large. Sheriff Cunningham stated his policy to have all deputies work a 12-hr., six to six shift and have all deputies report to roll-call prior to their shift is working out well as it keeps all deputies informed of issues in the County. In addition to the two deputies assigned to Monitor Township, there are three deputies assigned to the County at-large to respond as back-up as well as the State Police officers and a canine unit. The Pinconning Sheriff Department has also just added a canine dog to their department and has offered its services as part of a 75/25 time split. Sheriff Cunningham reported the heroin epidemic in the township and Bay County continues to be of concern.

The question was asked how the state licensing of medical marijuana facilities would affect the department resources. Cunningham responded the role and impact on local law enforcement as yet remains unknown. The federal government still classifies marijuana as an illegal substance. To date there are two state licensed dispensaries operating in Bangor Township.

Second Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 52-Z Rezoning 3 Properties from C to R-3

Motion by Kowalski supported by Brandt to have this meeting serve as Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 52-Z, an ordinance rezoning parcels 09-100-001-400-050-00, 09-100-001-400-045-00 and 09-100-001-400-035-00 from C to R-3.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Second Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 65 ó Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance

Reder and other township officials recently attended a Medical Marijuana forum held at SVSU. The panel consisted of representatives from the state, MML, Consumers Energy, DEA and a township supervisor from Kalamazoo. The Kalamazoo supervisor stated the resource and manpower costs to his township far outweighed the application fee and projected revenue he may receive from the state. The DEA officer also spoke against these facilities because of the increase in larceny cases and the federal government classification of marijuana as an illegal substance.

Motion by Reder supported by Brandt to have Monitor Township opt-out adopting a medical marijuana facilities ordinance at this time to see how the state implements their licensing procedures and if our neighboring townships or the city experience any negative impact from allowing such facilities.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, Kochany, Reder, Walsh

No: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Brandt Submittal Regarding Revisions to Zoning Ordinance 52

The board, township attorney and Planning Commission Chairman discussed each of the items of concern submitted by Brandt concerning the draft zoning ordinance. Attorney Sheppard will compile a synopsis of the discussion and share the board's feedback to the planning commission.

Bids for Township Roof

Motion by Reder supported by Malkin to reject all bids received for the township roof project.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin supported by Reder to hire D. Boersma from Spicer to act as the township architect and project manager for the roof project at a cost not to exceed \$2,200, for the scope of work submitted in the January 18, 2018 correspondence to the township supervisor.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Pike

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Captain Meier's Request for Unused Vacation Pay

Motion by Pike supported by Kowalski to approve Captain Meier's request to pay him for 3.5 vacation days he was unable to take in 2017 at the 2017 rate.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

American Tower Proposal

The board reviewed the two proposals submitted by American Tower for the leased area in the township park. No action was taken.

Supervisor Recommendations for DDA Board Appointments

Motion by Reder supported by Brandt to approve the Supervisor's recommendation and reappoint G. Ayotte and D. Peden to the DDA board for a four-year term beginning April 1, 2018 and ending on March 31, 2022.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Walsh

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hall Request ó Cortland Farms South Homeowners Assn. ó March 13, 2018

Motion by Kowalski supported by Pike to approve the request submitted by Cortland Farms South Homeowners Association to hold their general meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018; signed contract, all fees waived.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hall Request - H. Roller Request for Brian's House Luncheon March 25, 2018

Motion by Kowalski supported by Walsh to approve the request submitted by H. Roller to waive the hall rental fee for a luncheon benefitting Brian's House on Sunday, March 25, 2018; signed contract and damage deposit required; security required if applicable.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Possible Reschedule April 23, 2018 Board Meeting due to MTA Conference

Motion by Brandt supported by Malkin to reschedule the April 23, 2018 regular meeting to April 30, 2018 due to a conflict with the 2018 MTA Annual Conference.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Williams Township Request for Joint Road Projects ó 8 Mile Rd.

The Supervisor of Williams Township submitted a request for Monitor to consider including the section of 8-Mile Rd. (between Salzburg & US-10) and a second section of 8 Mile (between Midland & Wilder) at a 50% boundary cost share when determining the road projects for 2018. There was board discussion regarding the need to pave the section of 8 Mile that was not included in the Williams requests.

Malkin was directed to request Williams Township to consider including this area in 2018 and for Malkin to request estimates from the BCRC.

REPORTS

Road Work: M-13 Connector to Linwood ó Malkin stated work is scheduled to start work the week of June 4.

State of the Community on February 27th ó Malkin asked board members to contact him if they wished to attend.

McAlear update ó A meeting will be scheduled with the Bay City Public Schools, the BCRC, the Township and the Developer to discuss the proposed McAlear Sawden school crossing sign.

Personnel Policies ó The Personnel Committee has been working on updating the township personnel policy. A draft will be supplied to board members for their review.

Township Focus ó January 2018 Article ó Michigan Sugar was mentioned in the January 2018 Township Focus magazine.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Ken Malkin, Supervisor