

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 26, 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 Kowalski supported by Miller to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Miller supported by Kochany to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kochany supported by Pike to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,102.14 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 Miller to receive the Treasurer's Report for December 2014.
Motion carried.

Cost Recovery Appeal – M. Jonas

Motion by Arnold supported by Miller to grant the appeal submitted by M. Jonas for cost recovery charges for fire department response to incident 2014-0000826 on October 31, 2014.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, Miller

No: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany, Malkin

Absent: None

Motion defeated.

Cost Recovery Appeal – B. Truszkowski

Motion by Malkin supported by Arnold to grant the appeal submitted by B. Truszkowski for cost recovery charges for fire department response to incident 2014-0000724 on September 25, 2014 for reasons of financial hardship.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, Malkin, Miller

No: Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Kochany
Absent: None
Motion defeated.

Road Millage Work Determination Plan

The board discussed the township road millage and the possibility to 1). Proceed with the issuance of bonds to do the road improvements over a 4 yr period paying the bonds for the 10yr period; 2) Use road millage revenue and general fund budget revenue to do road improvements each year as revenue is collected for the 10 year millage period; or 3) Use yearly millage revenue, yearly general fund road budget and supplement 1-yr millage revenue from general fund balance at the initial start of the road projects and pay the township back from millage collected over the 10-yr period.

Prior to Monday's meeting, The Clerk asked our Assessor to verify the revenue generated by the millage minus the DDA capture to determine the net revenue the township would receive. Her determination was \$738,020/yr millage revenue, less \$49,591/yr DDA capture, leaves a net revenue of \$688,429/yr to do road projects.

The board also discussed reducing the township portion of the general fund road budget allocated to pay back the bonds from \$300,000 (total budget) to \$211,571. This reduction would allow for the township's ability during the 10 yr. period to match funds through the Road Commission Building Better Roads Program or to do boundary roads through 50/50 match with neighboring townships.

After discussion, the board determined additional information was needed from Bendzinski, Municipal Financial Advisors and bond legal advisors, Miller Canfield as follows:

1. Confirm that the millage can legally be used to pay off a bond.
2. The Township would like them (Bendzinski / Miller Canfield) to try to negotiate a lower interest rate on the bonds.
3. Once bonds are sold, where would the Township deposit the bond proceeds?
4. Can the Township collect interest on the bond proceeds?
5. Could the bonds be paid off faster if the Township had additional funds?
6. Re-run the numbers based on the revised revenue the Board discussed (\$900,000).

Motion by Miller supported by Malkin to 1) Begin the process to allow for a single ten-year bond sale for road improvements based on a total \$900,000 annual millage and general fund revenue; 2) Request the financial advisors negotiate any bond issuance charges and/or interest rates; and 3) Consult with bond counsel regarding the legality of a bond approach using designated road millage funds for bond payment.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Park Improvement Plan

The plan for future park improvements, initially introduced by D. Scherzer from Spicer Group was discussed. Each board member gave input regarding improvements they liked about the proposed plan and things they did not like. All board members agreed this plan would be “a long-term work in progress” and would evolve over time.

All board members agreed the improvements that should be given a highest priority are:

- 1) Removal of all ash trees.
- 2) Paving the road and parking area. (Installation of drainage may be required).
- 3) Replacing the car stops with new posts.
- 4) Widening and improving the appearance of the park entrance.
- 5) Installing permanent lighting around the park.
- 6) Replacing and enhancing playground equipment.

Scherzer will prepare cost estimates. The board could then decide what improvements could be done by the township and which could be done by applying for grants.

Fire Chief Recommendation – Hiring On-Call Firefighter C. Beaver

Motion by Malkin supported by Kowalski to hire C. Beaver as an on-call firefighter as recommended by the Fire Chief in his memo to the board dated January 22, 2015.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

2014 Budget Adjustments – Special Funds

Motion by Pike supported by Malkin to approve the budget adjustments to the 2014 Sewer Fund, 2014 Capital Improvement Fund, 2014 Public Safety Fund and 2014 Solid Waste Fund as outlined in the Clerk’s office memo to the board dated January 23, 2015.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Brandt reported in calculating the tap fee for a new development there were areas in the Water Ordinance that should be updated and clarified. Brandt would like review of Water Ordinance 19 placed on the next agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Gary A. Brandt, Supervisor