

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
July 26, 2021

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

Members present: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh

Members absent: None

Also present: R. Sheppard, Township Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Public input opened at 7:01 p.m.

T. Kloha, 2514 E. Salzburg, discussed the efficiency of glass on the new Fire Dept. doors and requested a copy of the August ballot wording for the Fire Dept. bond.

D. Hughey, 2693 Royal Oak Dr., discussed blight at 2683 Royal Oak, and the complaint filed a month ago.

N. Niederer, 5402 Elmview, stated he lives next to the blight house the past 28 years and it is unacceptable.

J. Flathau, 5492 Goetz Ct., added that the blight house has live traps on the roof.

K. McMullen, 5430 Goetz Ct., said he is concerned about children playing in it.

C. Hughey, 2693 Royal Oak Dr., mentioned she has had to shoo children away.

D. DeGrow, 8086 Hawk Dr., Freeland, stated his wage request was denied at the last meeting based on the Zoning minutes from Oct. 2020 that he wasn't even aware of. He clarified that the previous Supervisor ordered him to stay out of zoning. So the problem that the minutes referred to was not with him.

Public input was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Walsh supported by McCulloch to adopt the agenda with the addition of: Bonding of Office Staff, and Donation of Sprinkler System.

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh supported by Brandt to approve the Minutes of June 28, 2021 regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh supported by Pike to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2021 special meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson,

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch supported by Walsh to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 85,689.18 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch supported by Brandt to receive the Monthly Account Balance & Rev/Exp. report for June 2021.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh supported by Arnold to accept contract as written by iCloud for the treasurer to accept tax payment by credit card.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt

No: McCulloch

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Walsh to accept tonight as the first reading of Ordinance 66-B dated July 26, 2021 for the Regulation of Recreational Marijuana establishments to increase the Marijuana grower to be located in Industrial zones limited from one to four locations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh supported by McCulloch to increase the building inspector wage to 75% of his permits, effective in 30 days.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Pike, McCulloch, Walsh

No: Ferguson, Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

T. Quinlan of MITCon, I.T. service provider for non-profits, presented and answered questions for the board.

Motion by Ferguson supported by Walsh to sign a contract with MITCon for the GSL Level 4 for 40+ hours of combined service, renewed as needed, and to be reevaluated at a later date to determine if we keep the hourly contract or go to a charge by workstation contract.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, Walsh, Spencer,

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch supported by Walsh to move dumpster to the northeast corner of the parking lot and approve the Spicer PCO#18, Alternate #1, 12' x 15' x 8" thickened concrete slab, no concrete approach, 3 – 6" steel bollards, and 6' high wood fence at three sides. Cost \$14,034.60.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Pike, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson supported by McCulloch to purchase the Cyber and Privacy Liability Coverage from Burnham & Flower for \$ 1,790.00 per year.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: None

Motion carried

Motion by McCulloch supported by Walsh to table until the next meeting MI Sugar IFT and SK Siltron CSS, IFT. Emails will be sent to board members to schedule the special meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by McCulloch to promote N. Christensen from probationary on-call firefighter to part-time firefighter.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch,

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold supported by Brandt to schedule a Special Work session before the September 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss with Chief Kramer the request to add another full-time firefighter so it can be approved before going into the next budget cycle.

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch supported by Brandt to discuss the Chief's request for a change in his work schedule at the above-mentioned Special Work session September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson supported by Walsh to increase the Deputy Clerk to \$19.00 per hour.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Walsh

No: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch

Motion denied.

Motion by Brandt supported by Arnold to deny the request for the Office Administrator a raise to \$17.00 per hour.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch

No: Ferguson, Walsh, Spencer

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch supported by Walsh to increase the Deputy Clerk to \$17.00 per hour, effective in 30 days.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Pike, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch supported by Walsh to increase the Office Administrator to \$17.00 per hour, effective in 30 days.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Arnold, Brandt, Pike

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh supported by McCulloch to increase the building-assistant to \$15.00 per hour, effective in 30 days.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Brandt, Pike, Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt supported by Pike to increase the Deputy Treasurer to \$20.00 per hour, effective in 30 days.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Pike, Brandt

No: Ferguson, Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike supported by Brandt to purchase a bond for the Office Administrator from Burnham & Flower and set the bond amount to \$50,000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Pike, Arnold, Brandt

No: Ferguson, McCulloch

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh supported by McCulloch to accept the donation of a lawn sprinkler system for the front area of the township that faces Midland Road, from Kyle, owner of Green Lawn Care.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

D. Scherzer, discussed that the Sanitary Sewer, SRF project was submitted for reimbursement. Fisher contracting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> for the manhole work and lining the pipes with completion in July of 2022.

Steih Park-hoping to hear soon on receiving the grant by June 2022 with construction in 2023.

R. Walsh, Planning Commission report included approving MI Sugar for a new site plan addition.

Supervisor reported that the American Rescue Plan Act application was submitted. The County Sheriff Cunningham came to the office for a meeting with Spencer, Pike and Ferguson. The township survey was extended until August 31<sup>st</sup> since only 150 were returned so far. The public has had positive comments about the fire station construction but now the hall needs updated. He explained the blight complaint on the Royal Oak house just came in on June 30<sup>th</sup> and the paperwork has been submitted to the building official. Complaints about the trailer are being addressed too, he is on it.

Motion by Brandt supported by Walsh to receive the Communications in the board packet.  
Motion carried.

Deputy T. Pichiotino reported for June with a print out for the board members.

Motion by Walsh supported by McCulloch to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Linda Ferguson, Clerk