

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2022

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, Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was recited by all.

Public input opened at 7:01 p.m. 2 people spoke. Public input was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Pike to adopt the agenda with the addition of the 2023 Resolution for Poverty guidelines from assessor and the Resolution adopting 2023 water rates. Correction on the 2023 Holiday dates. Also, carryover discussion of Sewer payback with Weinlander Fitzhugh and park rules.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to adopt consent agenda.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Arnold to approve the minutes of Regular meeting on 11.14.2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes of Special meeting on 12.5.2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 79,048.74 from General Fund.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Arnold to table the Social Media Policy and schedule a Special meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch

No: Spencer, Walsh

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Pike to introduce and have second reading for Rezoning from a R-1, PUD to conventional R-1 zoning.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded McCulloch to table the Special Communication Facility application for American Tower alteration until a Certified State of Michigan Licensed Professional Engineer provides certification of the fall zone.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to approve Park Advisory committee objectives and membership with the last sentence as corrected by attorney.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Brandt to eliminate page 2 - Request to speak on agenda item form and change page 1 from 5 minutes to 3 minutes for a speaker when addressing the board. (ref: Dec. 01, 2001 Board minutes, Monitor township meeting rules #7. a.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to change the Planning Commission meeting date to 1.10.2023 as the office is closed on 1.3.2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Pike to approve the refund of the Sewer tap fee to MDL Construction for Supreme Floor Covering as calculated by Spicer Engineering.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried

Motion by Pike seconded by Brandt to amend the previous motion and hold payment until Mr. Sheppard contacts Mr. Hewitt, attorney for MDL, and approves this on behalf of MDL Construction.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Special Assessment on Township Wide Trash Pickup. Opened at 7:53. 1 person spoke. Closed at 7:54.

Motion by Brandt seconded McCulloch to approve R-2022-015 Confirming Amendment to Special Assessment Roll Regarding Township Wide Trash Pickup.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to have second reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance 67, with Ordinance 67-E, amendments to Sec.2.02 definition of accessory building or use, 2.19 definition of building, 2.93 definition of structure, 2.104 definition of yard, 3.13 height and location of fences and walls (residential district), 3.27 accessory buildings and structures in R districts and on residential lots in the agricultural district, 3.29 yard requirements, 15.05(h) electric signs.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to appoint E. Rosenbrock to the Planning Commission for the 3-year term starting 1.1.23 to 12.31.2025.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Brandt to appoint J. Meier to the Planning Commission for the 3-year term starting 1.1.23 to 12.31.2025.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Pike to appoint J. Krueger to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 3-year term starting 1.1.23 to 12.31.2025.

Motion unanimously carried. (E. Arnold abstained from vote.)

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to appoint A. Lyday to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 1-year term starting 1.1.23 to 12.31.2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to appoint D. Zube to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 2-year term starting 1.1.23 to 12.31.2024.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Brandt to take the antique fire truck in to evaluate and fix the oil leak, not to exceed \$2,000. To have an assessment made for the repairs needed.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to approve the administrative assistant job description.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Brandt to accept and sign the DWS Annual REU review for the 2023 "New" REUs rates based on actual use history on non-residential. To have Brandt check on the last page as to why the 8 properties do not have 1 REU and get back with the board.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for 2023 General Appropriations opened at 8:33. No one spoke. Closed at 8:34.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to approve that the Township continues to pay the Health Care premiums for 2023 for full-time employees.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt
Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution - R-2022-016 adopting 2023 wages for Elected officials.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to approve Resolution - R-2022-017 adopting 2023 wages for Employees.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to approve Resolution - R-2022-018 General Appropriations Act for 2023 with correction to add use of fund balance in addition to estimated revenue. (SEE NEXT MONTHS MEETING MINUTES FOR GENERAL FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR.)

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2022-019 adopting guidelines for poverty exemptions.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to adopt the 2023 water rates per DWS recommendation.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to correct the 2023 Holidays to include labeling the Fire Dept. dates.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to table Weinlander Fitzhugh unto the 1.9.2023 meeting under unfinished business to discuss the Sewer debt payback schedule.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by McCulloch to add to the 1.9.2023 consent agenda the Park rules, Ordinance 54 & 54A.

Motion unanimously carried.

B. Walsh gave the Planning Commission report.

Supervisor report included: Toys for Tots picked up the donation box, a thank you letter from Versiti blood bus, Meijer hosted shop with a hero day where 4 of our on-call firepersons came to volunteer. He recognized firefighters: Don Suchyta for 30 years, Jim Ramseyer 30 years, Brian Bladecki 35 years, Wayne Courier 40 years. SK Siltron hosted the President of the U. S. in a recent visit our community. Bay Co. is expected to pass the \$50,000 TIF capture unto the township at tomorrow's meeting.

Public comment opened at 8:58 p.m. No one spoke. Public comment closed at 8:59 p.m.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk