

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 5, 2023

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: J. Ebel, Attorney

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

Public input was held.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to adopt agenda by moving the Auditor presentation before unfinished business, take M. Ferguson off the agenda - needs to go to personnel committee first, add the Rueger farms fireworks application that was turned in today, discuss which account to take the roof payment from, bring ABC news 12 FOIA from consent to agenda for discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Walsh to adopt the consent agenda.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the Regular meeting minutes of 5.8.2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Walsh to approve the Special meeting minutes of 5.18.2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to approve the payment of the bills \$73,133.56

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Weinlander Fitzhugh representative, J. Ellis presented the 2022 Township audit report.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve up to \$200,000 of ARPA money for Steih Park in 2024.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to take a break at 7:37 p.m. to walk into the hall and view the proposed board room extension area. Meeting called back to order at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Arnold to get estimates to extend the wall out into the hall and put a u-shaped table in the conference room and just move the window unit to the south wall with a u-shaped table.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Arnold to retroactively pay \$1 per hour to our acting office administrator starting on 3.6.2023 when she was moved to fill that position and continue the \$16 per hour. She was hired in to be the assistant assessor on 2.6.2023. At her 6-month anniversary on 8.6.2023 - increase the pay by \$1 to \$17 per hour.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded Ferguson to approve the DNR hall request for 6.13 & 14.2023.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Walsh to get an estimate from the Bay Co. Road Commission for the Pepperberry Creek speed limit signs as requested by the Homeowners Association and collect the money from the association before ordering the signs, the township will not pay for the subdivisions speed limit signs.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Spicer will get the board estimates for a 3" HMA overlay for the Monitor Township Park entrance.

Motion by Pike seconded Walsh to approve Creekwood hall request for their annual meeting on 5.14.2024.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded Pike to approve Appletree Farms Hall request for their annual meeting on 6.22.2023 with use of a microphone.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded McCulloch to move the Antique fire truck back to the fire museum.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded Pike to pre-approve K. Weaver fireworks application for 7.8.2023 at Rueger Farms pending the Fire Chiefs approval.
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded Arnold to pay the roof bill of \$79,568 with ARPA funds. Paying \$71,611.20 now with retainage of 10% \$7,956.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

At 8:27 p.m. the Fire Chief requested a closed session for discussion of the ABC 12 News FOIA. The session ended at 9:15 p.m.

Fire Chief reported to the board that the current Motorola radios will no longer be repaired as of December 31, 2022. The radios are still working at this time. A county wide grant will not be available for purchasing new radios, as in the past. He has received estimates from 2 companies on replacing the radios. His concern is the time to get the radios due to supply chain issues. The 800 frequency that is currently being utilized is full and they are transitioning to a 700 frequency. The new radios will be able to handle both. The cost came in at \$207,713.45 from Anderson and is good until 6.24.2023 as a 3-year lease program. L3Harris does not expect a price increase until 3rd quarter of this year and they have a 30-day payment program.

Walsh reported that the Planning Commission did not have a meeting in May.

Supervisor reported that he participated with the Fraternal Order of Police on 6.3 to clean the ditches on West Side Saginaw Road, the Watershed association did a clean-up that day too and June 17th is the Pirate Paddle.

Brandt added that Linwood Metro will be joining the Bay Co. Water Dept.

Motion by Pike seconded by Walsh to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk