

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 28, 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: R. Sheppard, Attorney

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

Public input was held.

Motion by McCulloch seconded Ferguson to adopt the agenda and the consent agenda.
Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the payment of the bills \$186,091.48

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Ferguson to have the Clerk sign the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension dated 7.1.2023.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch table the Creekwood Consumers streetlight addition as the attorney is waiting on a reply from Consumers regarding why the township should be responsible for the primary costs and the electrical when their property manager has interacted with Consumers for the whole process.

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by McCulloch to authorize the Treasurer to use her discretion to purchase what she needs as a currency counter.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the Clements Electric Inc. invoice #25834 for payment from ARPA funds in the amount of \$7,380.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve from ARPA funds the additional \$29,848 in work done by REI.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Pike, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the use of the hall and fire dept. facility for MIDNR on 9.19.2023.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded Arnold to approve the use of the hall on 11.5.2023 for the Fraternal Order of Police.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Pike to have Attorney Sheppard write a policy on subsidizing, or a hardship adjustment for up to \$500 on DWS billings.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Pike, Arnold

No: Ferguson

Motion carried

Motion by Pike seconded by Walsh to have DWS credit 58 units (sewer only), which equals \$138.04 and bill for 20-unit minimum of \$47.60 to 4138 S 2 Mile Road.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Ferguson

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Walsh to have DWS credit 50% of the \$2,639.50 bill after the normal usage charge is deducted for 5275 Baxman Road.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh

No: Ferguson, Pike

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Pike to have DWS credit 17 units of sewer \$54.06 and charge for 15 units equaling \$47.70 for 5101 S 2 Mile Road.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Ferguson

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Arnold to approve the request from K. Ballard to forgive payment of the AccuMed billing as no service was rendered.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Brandt to approve the DDA budget adjustments.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by McCulloch to table discussion of the changes for 67-I ordinance.

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Pike to approve the fees for IFTs and IFECs, new or amended, at \$500.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

It was agreed to have the Deputy Treasurer assist with supporting the office work outside of her duty in the Treasurer's office.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to have the Supervisor sign the Bay City Bridge Partners agreement to facilitate Public Safety Services.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Arnold to approve the purchase of new fire dept. radios with Public Safety funds in the amount of \$207,713.45.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to approve ARPA funding for the Begick quotation of landscaping by the digital sign of \$6,959.00

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to have Begick do a quotation of rubber material, not to exceed \$14,000, for the playscape at the park and bring to next meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the R-2023-005, Resolution of Support for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application, for the playground mulch at the park.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to approve continuing the 4-day office work week with the longer hours.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike
No: Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Roll call vote:
Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to re-open the public meeting 9:37 p.m.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to have our Attorney, Supervisor, Fire Chief and the Engineer go to court on 9.5.2023 at 1:30 p.m. to negotiate the terms as discussed in the closed session.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer
No: None
Motion carried.

The attorney advised that the Special meeting held in June did not change the Fire Chief Job description and the job description from 2.2023 is still current. His timesheets need to be signed.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Pike to have Arnold sign the Fire Chief timesheets, vacation requests and other communications and to report to the board.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Spencer
No: Walsh, Ferguson
Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to approve the fire chief recommendation to take J. Braman, M Ferguson and M. Dardas off probation and have them continue working as on-call firefighters for the dept.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the fire chief recommendation to extend the probationary period for N. Carter and S. Erikson for another 6 months and have them continue working as full-time fire fighters.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Pike to table the Social Media Policy.

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to have the attorney write a policy for accessing him by the office staff and officials only.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

V. Begick, Co Commissioner, reported that the Health Dept. will be setting up in the old Art Van on Wilder. Commissioners are working on the next budget.

Fire Chief did not give a report.

Walsh had no report from the planning commission.

Supervisor had no report.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 10:50 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk