

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 11, 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 Ferguson seconded Walsh to adopt the agenda and the consent agenda.

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to approve the payment of the bills \$20,906.23.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to use an additional \$41,453 of ARPA funds and to accept the Serenus Johnson proposal for interior renovations to the board/conference room.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Ferguson to approve \$47,930 (\$20,000 ARPA and balance from General Fund) to Serenus Johnson to remove and replace the pole barn roof per the estimate.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch, Walsh

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Arnold to approve the Begick quote for removal and disposal of the base under south playground area and structure, install geotextile fabric and 39,000 lbs. rubber playground mulch to ASTM code depth of 6" and do the same to adjacent swing set for \$29,560 from general fund - park repairs and maintenance.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, Spencer

No: McCulloch, Walsh

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Brandt to table the authorization for Consumers change in standard lighting contract for Creekwood.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Pike to table the Consumers Creekwood streetlight authorization until a special assessment district can be created.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to have the first reading of Ordinance 67-I.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded Ferguson to table until corrected, as discussed, the changes to the resolution for establishing forgiveness for excessive sewer and water charges. That the township only pay for costs over the average usage of 50% up to \$500 and one time per customer.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution R-2023-006 for access to the township attorney services.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Arnold, Brandt, Pike

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to deny adoption of proposed Social Media Policy.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike

No: Brandt, Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the request from the Dept. of State Police to use the hall on 9.12.2023

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the Clerk to sign the Data sharing agreement between the MI Dept of State and the Charter Township of Monitor.

Motion unanimously carried.

V. Begick, Co Commissioner, shared that the County will consolidate the early voting to be held at the Community Center and updated info. from the last meeting.

Arnold had nothing to report for the Fire Dept.

Walsh reported for planning commission.

D. Scherzer reported on the Steih park progress. Spicer will be starting on the master plan the end of Sept. and setting up a table at the Fire Dept. open house Oct. 8th.

The Supervisor reported that the State has a bill ready to drop that allows Solar farms to take away local zoning - contact your state representatives. He attended a tour of SK Siltron today, they have employed over 120 people with good paying jobs and benefits, they have also partnered with Delta College. He is researching the landfill in the township. The EPA said it needs to be monitored and tested regularly. Oct. 8th is the Fire Dept. Open house. Chief Kramer has requested another full-time firefighter. Hey Bay City has had articles on the Monitor Township firefighters. DDA and Co. Executive working to not sunset DDA in 2026. M.E.D.C. is meeting with Terry on Friday. The Fire Dept. was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the State of MI. Brownfield development Authority received \$300,000 for cleanup of the N.W. corner of Euclid and Salzburg to prepare for the Tim Hortons. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Oct. 29th in the township parking lot. He wants to throw out some dates so everyone can attend the employee Christmas party. Lastly, he envisions a community Christmas event, volunteers, Santa Clause, reindeer, hot cocoa and cookies - a local event for the community.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk