

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 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 Pike by seconded McCulloch to adopt the agenda with the addition of the water tap fee schedule moved to new business from the consent agenda and add Wind Turbines /Solar discussion to the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to approve the payment of the bills \$ 97,390.39.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Brandt to approve signing the 2024 agreement for Special Police Protection in Monitor Township for 2 deputies costing \$251,791.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion Pike by seconded by Walsh to update the hall rental prices to include a \$150 damage deposit required for all rentals. Rentals: Sunday \$ 250, Mon. – Thurs. \$ 350, Fri. / Sat. \$ 550. For Sat. weddings, if the hall is available on the Friday before it may be rented for decorating for 4 hours for \$100. Residents will get a 25% discount – residency will be verified from the liability insurance on the homeowner's policy.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by McCulloch open public hearing to expand the Special Assessment District for Trash.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

No one spoke.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to close the public hearing.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution R-2023-013 to Expand the Special Assessment District for Trash.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion Brandt by seconded by Pike to approve Resolution R-2023-019 for 2024 water fees/rates schedule.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution R-2023-020 to adopt the Road Millage renewal proposal to be placed on the August 2024 primary election ballot. The final amount to be determined by Assessor after March Board of Review.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to move up the agenda item on the 2-mile house inspection.

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to table until the January meeting the 2-mile house discussion.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Spencer

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Walsh to open public hearing on the 2024 budget.

Motion unanimously carried.

No one spoke.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to close public hearing on the 2024 budget.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to have the Township continue to pay the health care premiums in 2024 for full-time employees.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Pike to approve Resolution R-2023-016 adopting 2024 wages for employees.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution R-2023-017 adopting 2024 wages for Elected Officials.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch, Walsh

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution R-2023-018 General Appropriations act for 2024.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to appoint the Deputy Treasurer as the FOIA – Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Pike, Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to hear from the Bay Co. Fair representative M. Brandt.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve the hall request for the Bay Co. Fair for March 1st & 2nd, 2024.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Abstain: Pike

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Brandt to hear from the Saginaw Valley Kennel Club (SVKC) representative W. Sparschu.

Motion unanimously carried

Motion by Brandt seconded by Walsh to approve the use of the hall for the Saginaw Valley Kennel Club (SVKC) once a month for the year of 2024, after that it will go up for reconsideration by the board.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Pike

Motion carried.

V. Begick, Co. Commissioner spoke on the dredging of the Kawkawlin River project by the Army Core of Engineers and the additional funding that will be needed. They want to remove the abutments that are down river too.

Motion by Pike seconded by Ferguson to support considering funding of the Kawkawlin River dredging project after completion of the Steih Park project.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by McCulloch to approve the 2024 DDA budget.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Discussion on Wind Turbines and Solar regulations clarified that current zoning is still in effect until the State comes out with new laws. The board will continue to monitor the situation.

V. Begick, Co. Commissioner stated that the Animal Shelter bids were finalized today. A new building will be constructed at the fairgrounds, hopefully within a year, costing \$ 6 million. The county budget is finalizing soon.

E. Arnold reported on the Shop with Heroes program that 3 firefighters attended with children. A smoke detector install program is available through the Fire Dept. The new radios are slowly coming in.

B. Walsh explained that the rezoning of the Animal Clinic on Midland Road was denied rezoning. A Fairfield hotel is going in behind the Uno's – 4 stories tall. Great response on the master plan survey from the public.

Supervisor - Shop with a Cop, Fraternal Order of Police assisted 30 kids in spending \$100 each and provided a food basket to each family too. The renovations on the board room are coming along. The township is having a Holiday lights contest again this year. The Herb Steih park project is getting started now, even though it is not frozen yet. A press release from Frito Lay is coming out on the \$15 million investment they made. The fire Chief is having a Narcon training for the office on the 19th at 1:00. It appears the Co. is in favor of supporting the DDA extension for 30 years. 3-mile road work is planned for 2024 and the Road Commission will be having public meetings about it in Feb. or March.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk