

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2024

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, and 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 by McCulloch to adopt the agenda and consent agenda with the addition of adding establishment of the Creekwood Special Assessment district roll Resolution R-2024-011.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve the payment of the bills \$ 78,390.45.

Roll call vote:

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

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Ferguson to introduce and have first reading of Ordinance 19-P (consolidation of 19's Ordinances).

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution 19-R-2024-010 establishing Water Tap fees for Monitor District #2.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to open public hearing for Creekwood Special Assessment District for Streetlights.

Motion unanimously carried.

Jan McMeans, President of Creekwood association, does not want to continue with the Special Assessment District. R. Sheppard, attorney, explained why the confusion in this process. Consumers had stated they would take the money for the new streetlight from Creekwood association, but the township is on the line for it. Creating a Special assessment district requires publication, mailings, engineering, and attorney fees.

Consumers new policy is that they will no longer charge associations - now they charge the townships.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Pike to close public hearing for Creekwood Special Assessment District for Streetlights.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Walsh to table and recess the public hearing until the next regular board meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by McCulloch to have second reading of Ordinance 67-L. AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 67, THE MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 4.02 THEREOF BEING THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ACT 110 OF 2006, AS AMENDED.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to hire full-time firefighter P. Christensen from the townships on-call firefighter position.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to table hiring another full-time firefighter.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Walsh to increase the insurance coverage on the 2016 F250 from \$28,734 to \$50,000 for an additional \$177, and on the 2020 F350 from \$32,201 to \$130,000 for an additional \$812.

Review the insurance coverage for the rest of the vehicles at budget time.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Pike to credit half of the 233 units (sewer only) which equals \$277.27 and bill for 20-unit minimum which equals \$47.60 for 4828 Appletree Lane per customer request as calculated by DWS.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Pike to credit half of the 49 units (sewer only) which equals \$58.31 and bill for 20-unit minimum which equals \$47.60 for 5414 Baxman Rd per customer request as calculated by DWS.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt seconded by Arnold to approve the hall request from Cortland Farms South Condo Assoc. for monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to approve the hall request from our new Administrative Secretary - T. Parker, to offer local Township Businesses an opportunity to showcase their products and services on 11.9.2024.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Pike seconded by Ferguson to get estimates for the Monitor Township Park upgrades from Spicer.

Roll call vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to charge \$50 per day for rental of the Fire Dept. training room with a \$150 deposit and prepare a contract for it.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch

Motion denied.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by McCulloch to move the next Regular Board meeting from 10.21 to 10.15 at 5:00 p.m..

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, McCulloch, Walsh

No: Arnold, Brandt

Motion carried.

The Supervisor responded to questions asked by the residents during public input.

The building inspector is getting another estimate on demolishing the abandoned building, so it is moving forward.

The personal policy has had the Assessor, the Building Dept., the Custodians, the Administrative Secretary and the Fire Chief all reporting to the Supervisor. It was changed and is now changed back to the original reporting structure. The Fire Chief is an employee, not an elected official, and that is why he must report. The Clerk and Treasurer have their own departments to oversee.

Motion by Pike seconded by Walsh to allow R. Rivard to comment on the problem of speed limits not being followed in his neighborhood and the Township Road patrol not responding to these complaints. He has called the Sheriff dept. – what can be done?

As for the many calls on speeding throughout the township, the Township office only sees one of the two officers that is paid for by the Township. The calls to the Sheriff dept. regarding having “no service” go unresolved. To fix this, the township needs to house the patrol car in the back shed again so the officer on duty starts out and ends the day at the township. A meeting with the Sheriff would be a great way to let the residents voice their concerns.

Beaver Township is hosting a meeting for Townships to go in together and possibly sue the State for the takeover of local land use. The township Assessor has already received new agreements for leases for Wind turbines. The petition that was signed in the Spring was 50,000 signatures short. Monitor Township had 5% of the State’s signatures with over 2,500 of those collected by T. Spencer.

Approve by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk - MIPMC