

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

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

Members present: Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier and Meylan

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 Kloha to adopt the agenda with the addition of P. Wieland leaving the Firefighter training course and his resignation as of 11.7.2024 and to adopt the consent agenda.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Meier seconded by Meylan to approve the payment of the bills \$ 58,928.25.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Kloha to stop billing as requested from DWS for 1550 S. Euclid and 1604 S. Euclid Ave S #B as long as the R.E.U.'s (R.T.S.) charge by DWS for the building is 10.5 as calculated by Spicer Engineering.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Meylan seconded by Meier to approve the application for the cellular tower at 2480 Larry Lane for American Tower Corp. equipment upgrades.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Meylan seconded by Meier to accept the agreement #1008 from Answer Heating & Cooling, Inc. for the HVAC scheduled service program for one year.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Bellor to table the Consumers easement for a water main until the developer comes up with a plan to pay for it.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Ferguson to hire K. Beaver as Deputy Treasurer at \$15.75 per hour started on 12.2.2024.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to appoint T. Parker as the F.O.I.A. coordinator.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Kloha to raise T. Parker pay by \$2.00.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor, Meier, Meylan

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Kloha to pay the Deputy Supervisor \$5 per hour.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor, Meylan, Spencer

No: Arnold, Meier

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to table the hiring of an additional firefighter.

Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold seconded by Meier to approve signing of the agreement for Special Police protection in Monitor Township through additional Sheriff Patrol services by two road patrol deputies assigned to this jurisdiction.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to table the new utility truck purchase until the Public Safety committee review it.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to open public hearing for the proposed township budget for 2025.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha

No: None

Motion carried.

No one spoke.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to close public hearing for the proposed township budget for 2025.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold

No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Kloha to approve Resolution R-2024-016 adopting wages for employes with correction of Deputy Treasurer to \$16.22 per hour and Administrative Secretary to \$18.29 per hour and the addition of Deputy Supervisor at \$5.00 per hour for 2025. **The Assistant Assessor wage is \$20.45, retro to Jan. 1st, 2025, as amended, superseded and replaced by R-2024-016A.**

Roll call vote:
Yes: Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold, Bellor
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Kloha to approve Resolution R-2024-017 adopting wages for elected township officials for 2025.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor, Meier
No: Arnold
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Bellor to approve the Resolution R-2024-018 adopting the General Appropriations act for 2025 and the Special fund budgets for Public Safety, Liquor, Solid Waste, Building, Ponds, ARPA, Capital, Roads and Sewer funds for 2025. **The Liquor Total appropriations \$7,285.30, Solid Waste budget: \$871,425.36 Revenue, Investment \$6,000, \$871,425.36 Services, Net \$5,600. retro to Jan. 1st, 2025, as amended, superseded and replaced by R-2024-018A.**

Roll call vote:
Yes: Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer
No: Arnold
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Kloha to authorize Resolution R-2024-013 appointing the Supervisor, Clerk and the F.O.I A. coordinator as authorized to retrieve electronic data of another township official, employee, or agent.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor, Meier
No: Arnold
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Bellor to amend and supersede, Resolution R-2024-014 with Resolution R-2024-014A as required by the state.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Bellor to approve Resolution R-2024-020 to Support Local Control and claim of appeal against Michigan Public Service Commission order.

Roll call vote:
Yes: Bellor, Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Kloha to approve Resolution R-2024-021 to adopt the water fee/rate schedule for the first 2025 quarterly billing cycle that includes a decrease of \$0.02/CCF. **The Dept of Water & Sewer addition: The current cost of C.C.F will be \$4.85 for 2025 a decrease of \$.02 from \$4.87 charged in 2024, retro to Jan. 1st, 2025, as amended, superseded and replaced by R-2024-021A.**

Roll call vote:

Yes: Meier, Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Kloha to approve the Fire dept training room use addendum with no alcohol replacing the no drinks and adding room capacity of 40 people.

Motion carried.

Motion by Meylan seconded by Bellor to approve the use of the Fire Dept. training room on 9.18.2025 by the MI. Public Safety Frequency Advisory Committee, fees waived as requested.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Meylan, Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Bellor, Meier

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

Roads committee will continue to meet and work on road assessments.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Kloha to create a Public Safety Committee with two board members and the Supervisor. (The function will be to provide strategic and policy guidance to the board on related issues of the contracted police services and the Monitor township fire dept.)

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Bellor to appoint J. Meier to the Public Safety Committee.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Ferguson to appoint P. Meylan to the Public Safety Committee.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to accept the resignation of J. Meier from the Planning Commission.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Kloha to appoint J. Meier to the TAC – Technical Advisory committee.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Ferguson to appoint B. Walsh to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

Motion by Meier seconded by Bellor to appoint A. Peckham to the Planning Commission.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Bellor seconded by Meylan to accept the resignation of M. Ferguson as an on-call firefighter and thank him for his service.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Meier seconded by Meylan to approve the Holiday Fire Fighters schedule for 2025 with corrections.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Meylan seconded by Bellor to introduce and have first reading of Ordinance #54 A for Care and Cleanup after Dogs in the Township parks.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Kloha, Arnold, Bellor, Meier, Meylan

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Kloha seconded by Bellor to accept resignation from fire dept. training and on call from P. Wieland.
Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Meylan seconded by Kloha to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk - MIPMC