

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 carried to adopt the agenda and the consent agenda. Motion carried to approve the payment of the bills \$20,906.23. Motion carried to use an additional \$41,453 of ARPA funds and accept the Serenus Johnson proposal for interior renovations to the board/conference room. Motion carried to approve \$47,930 (\$20,000 ARPA, balance from General Fund) to Serenus Johnson for the pole barn roof. Motion carried to approve the Begick quote for rubber playground mulch for \$29,560 from general fund. Motion carried to table the authorization for Consumers change in standard lighting contract for Creekwood. Motion carried to table the Consumers Creekwood streetlight authorization. Motion carried to have the first reading of Ordinance 67-I. Motion carried to table the resolution for establishing forgiveness for excessive sewer and water charges. Motion carried to approve Resolution R-2023-006 for access to the township attorney services. Motion carried to deny adoption of proposed Social Media Policy. Motion carried to approve the request from the Dept. of State Police to use the hall on 9.12.2023 Motion carried to approve the Clerk to sign the Data sharing agreement between the MI Dept of State and the Charter Township of Monitor. V. Begick, Co Commissioner, shared that	the County will consolidate the early voting to be held at the Community Center. 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 House has a bill ready to drop that allows Solar farms/Wind Turbines to come to Monitor Twp, the bill would take away local zoning – advising everyone to contact your state representatives to keep local control. Supervisor 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 to have training for jobs there. He is researching the landfill in the township. The EPA advised it needs to be monitored and tested regularly, this should have been done over the years, that prior boards did not act. Oct. 8th is the Fire Dept. Open house, and the Supervisor will have a table with information about the Master Plan update for residents. Chief Kramer has requested another full-time firefighter, per the Supervisors request, due to increasing call volume, lack of coverage, and future staffing considerations. 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 Supervisor on Friday. Supervisor reported he signed a grant from the State of MI for the Fire Dept. and M.T.F.D. was awarded a \$10,000. Supervisor reported as the Chair of the Bay County Brownfield development Authority, they received \$300,000.00 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, Supervisor would like the Township to consider a community Christmas event, volunteers, Santa Clause, reindeer, hot cocoa and cookies - a local event for the community. Motion carried to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Linda Ferguson, Clerk
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