

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2011**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, January 17, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Berez at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to appoint Treasurer Warren as chairperson pro tem. All present voting aye.

**ROLL CALL BY CLERK BEREZ:**

**PRESENT:** Clerk Berez, and Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Fire Chief Drouillard, Recreation Director Maxe, Assessor Iott, Township Attorney Foley, and Township Engineer Woodworth.

**ABSENT AND EXCUSED:** Supervisor Linko.

**MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2011. All present voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Agenda of January 17, 2011. All present voting aye.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Public forum was held from 7:02 p.m. until 7:20 p.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE #173-6; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #173 “ANIMAL CONTROL”:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #173-6, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 173, “Animal Control”, to provide for the reduction of some violations from misdemeanors to civil infractions and other amendments. Roll call vote: Warren, aye; Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; and Eberth, aye. Absent and excused: Linko. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 33<sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT AMENDED 2011 BUDGET:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-02 as submitted for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court Amended Budget which reflects a four (4) percent reduction for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Roll call vote: Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Eberth, aye; and Warren, aye. Absent and excused: Linko. Motion carried.

**2011-2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2011:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant for Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. All present voting aye.

**BROWNSTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE PERMIT:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berez, to approve the Brownstown Little League's request for permit approval for their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Opening Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. starting at Hunter Elementary School and ending at Fort-Gibraltar Field. All present voting aye.

**SUPERVISOR:**

**ACCEPT WITH REGRETS THE RESIGNATION OF CHIEF ASSESSING OFFICER S. IOTT:**

Motion of Eberth, supported by Berez, to accept with regrets the resignation of Chief Assessing Officer Susan Iott effective June 7, 2011. This includes five (5) weeks of vacation time beginning May 3, through June 6, 2011, with April 29, 2011, as her last day of reporting to the Assessor's office. Ayes: Berez, Warren, Cronin, Eberth, and Walters. Nays: Taft. Absent and excused: Linko. Motion carried.

**REIMBURSE POLICE DEPARTMENT PETTY CASH - \$145.96:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve to reimburse the Police Department's Petty Cash in the amount of \$145.96. All present voting aye.

**CLERK:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the Clerk's report which consists of Notice from the Liquor Control Commission regarding Sunday liquor sales license, Comcast correspondence – enhancements to cable network, and Disbursements. All present voting aye.

**TREASURER:**

**DISBURSEMENTS - \$1,107,020.72:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$214,617.69; Fire Protection in the amount of \$161,583.96; Police Operations in the amount of \$183,307.54; Downtown Development in the amount of \$75,021.56; Police Capital in the amount of \$933.16; Fire Capital in the amount of \$6,342.85; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$575.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$11,734.88; Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$3,145.00; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$183,793.36; Water Fund in the amount of \$213,950.51; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$8,536.64, and School & County in the amount of \$43,478.57, for a total amount of \$1,107,020.72. Roll call vote: Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Warren, aye; Berez, aye; and Walters, aye. Absent and excused: Linko. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**REQUEST TO CLOSE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY 7, 2011, FOR BS&A TRAINING:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to concur with Building Official Earl's request to close the Community Services Department on February 7, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for clerical training on the upgrade to the BS&A permit software.. All present voting aye.

Motion of Eberth, supported by Walters, to receive the balance of the Community Services' report which consists of the Zoning Enforcement Log – December 2010. All present voting aye.

**RECREATION:**

**2011 ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT BID:**

Motion of Berez, supported by Cronin, to approve to concur with the recommendation of

Recreation Director Maxe and approve to submit to bid the 2011 Athletic Equipment and Supplies for T-shirts, hats, bats, bases, etc., for the 2011 Athletic Programs. All present voting aye.

**2011 LAWN MAINTENANCE BID:**

Motion of Berez, supported by Cronin, to concur with the recommendation of Recreation Director Maxe and approve to submit to bid the 2011 Lawn Maintenance Contract for mowing, fertilization, and herbicide application to Township-owned properties, detention ponds, and subdivision common areas. All present voting aye.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the balance of the Recreation Department Report which consists of Community Center Update, 2011 Winter Programs, and Senior Programs. All present voting aye.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

No DPW report submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk  
Charter Township of Brownstown

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