

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2011**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, March 21, 2011.

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

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BEREZCZ:

PRESENT: Supervisor Linko, Clerk Berezcz, and Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Fire Chief Drouillard, Recreation Director Maxe, Economic Development Manager DiSanto, Building Official Earl, Assessor Iott, Human Resource Director Hall, and Township Attorney Foley.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Treasurer Warren.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2011. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berezcz, to approve the Agenda of March 21, 2011, with the addition of Item #5A – Royal Canadian Legion Parade Permit for Post 92 Memorial Service; and moving the Special Recognition of DPW General Foreman Paul DePaulis to the Supervisor’s Report Item #6A2. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Form was held at 7:03 p.m. There was no public comment.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #229-14; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #229 – 2009 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #229-14 – to amend Ordinance #229 – 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. All present voting aye.

ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT FOR WOLVERINE SHOOTING SPORTS, 19999 DIX-TOLEDO HWY:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the annual operating permit for Wolverine Shooting Sports, 19999 Dix-Toledo Hwy., contingent upon successful completion of all inspections. All present voting aye.

NEW PEDDLER PERMIT APPLICANT FOR ICE CREAM SALES – WILLIAM GAGNON, 6833 FELLRATH ST., TAYLOR, MI 48180:

Motion of Walters, supported by Eberth, to approve the new peddler permit applicant for ice cream sales as requested by William Gagnon, 6833 Fellrath St., Taylor, MI 48180. Ayes: Berezcz, Eberth, Linko, Taft, and Walters. Nays: Cronin. Absent and excused: Warren. Motion carried.

ALTERNATE BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER APPOINTMENT – JAMES BELL:

Motion of Walters, supported by Taft, to approve the alternate Board of Review Member Appointment of James Bell for a term of two (2) years expiring January 1, 2013, as requested by Assessor Iott. All present voting aye.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – HEALTH CARE RECOMMENDATION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to concur with the recommendation for the Insurance Committee to change the current agent of record, TMR Associates, to Huntington Insurance and allow the new agent from Huntington Insurance to secure final proposals from both Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Priority Health and come back with a recommendation to the Township Board. Ayes: Cronin, Eberth, Linko, and Walters. Nays: Berez and Taft. Absent and Excused: Warren. Motion carried.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PERMIT REQUEST – MAY 29, 2011:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berez, to approve a parade permit for the Royal Canadian Legion Post 92 Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Sunday, May 29, 2011, from Oak Ridge Cemetery to the U.A.W. Hall, 24250 Telegraph Road, beginning at 10:45 a.m. until 12 noon, with the Brownstown police and fire departments lending assistance. All present voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

REQUEST FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT - \$83.98:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve reimbursement for the Fire Department petty cash in the amount of \$83.98, amending the February 7, 2011 request which was erroneous due to an accounting error. All present voting aye.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DPW GENERAL FOREMAN PAUL DEPAULIS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to recognize DPW General Foreman Paul DePaulis for his assistance in the clean-up and restoration of the Township Hall after the flooding that occurred as a result of a broken water line. All present voting aye.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to receive the balance of the Supervisor's Report as submitted which consists of Thank You Letters to the Fire Department, a Thank You Letter from Brownstown Resident, A. Merkerson, and the January and February 2011 DRANO Reports. All present voting aye.

CLERK:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to accept the Clerk's Report as submitted which consists of Disbursements. All present voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$1,200,071.70:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$342,301.92; Fire Protection in the amount of \$178,691.87; Police Operations in the amount of \$216,491.67; Downtown Development in the amount of \$104,230.63; Fire Capital in the amount of \$3,847.85; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$740.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$281.48; Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$9,588.00; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$83,555.04; Water Fund in the amount of \$221,418.77; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$8,301.38; School & County in the amount of \$4,104.00; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$26,519.09, for a total amount of \$1,200,071.70. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Berez, aye; and Linko, aye. Absent and excused: Warren. Motion carried.

Motion of Berez, supported by Taft, to receive the balance of the Treasurer's Report which consists of the February 2011 Investment Report. All present voting aye.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to receive the Community Services Department Report as submitted which consists of the Zoning Enforcement Log of February 2011. All present voting aye.

RECREATION:

BID AWARD – 2011 ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT:

Motion of Berez, supported by Taft, to concur with the recommendation of Recreation Director Maxe in a memo dated March 21, 2011 and approve the bid award for 2011 Athletic Equipment per attached bid tabulation with recommendation to be attached to the meeting minutes. All present voting aye.

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

There was no Public Works report submitted.

The Township Board requested Representative Pat Somerville, who was in attendance at the meeting, to give a brief overview of the revenue sharing budget proposed by Governor Rick Snyder.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:43 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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