

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2011**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, April 18, 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 BEREZC:

PRESENT: Supervisor Linko, Clerk Berezc, and Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Matthews, Fire Chief Drouillard, Economic Development Director DiSanto, DPW Director Gahry, Human Resource Coordinator Hall, Assessor Iott, and Township Attorney Foley.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2011, and the Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2011, as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Warren, supported by Berezc, to approve the Agenda of April 18, 2011, with the addition of Community Services Item #5D1, a resolution to set Public Hearing for Proposed Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for GM Subsystem Manufacturing, LLC. All voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION FOR MTU DETROIT DIESEL, INC.:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Walters, to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. for the proposed Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for MTU Detroit Diesel of Michigan, Inc. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Berezc, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

A representative of MTU Detroit Diesel, Anke Lorscheid, presented a brief overview of the logistics operations of the company.

Motion of Taft, supported by Walters, to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. for the proposed Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for MTU Detroit Diesel of Michigan, Inc. All voting aye.

The Regular Meeting reconvened after the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Form was held at 7:06 p.m. There was no public comment.

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST – SIMPLY ITALIAN EATERY, 20759 GIBRALTAR ROAD, BROWNSTOWN, MI 48183 (tabled 04/04/11):

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to deny the request of Mr. Faraone for a new Tavern License and new Sunday Sales Permit to be located at Simply Italian, 20759 Gibraltar Road, due to the limited number of licenses currently available to the Township. All voting aye.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #229-14; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #229-2009 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve and adopt the 2nd reading of Ordinance #229-14; to amend Ordinance #229 - 2009 of the International Property Maintenance Code, which regulates and governs the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Berecz, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOR A NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR MTU DETROIT DIESEL, INC., 19771 BROWNSTOWN CENTER DR., SUITE 700:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-09 for a new personal property tax exemption application for MTU Detroit Diesel, Inc., 19771 Brownstown Center Dr., Suite 700, which will relieve 100 percent of the personal property tax for a twelve-year period pursuant to Act 328, P.A. 1998. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berecz, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

REAPPOINT DDA COMMISSIONERS – R. VIDUSIC AND J. VARADY:

Motion of Berecz, supported by Walters, to reappoint Commissioners Ralph Vidusic and Jeffrey Varady to the Downtown Development Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term of four (4) years to expire on April 26, 2015. All voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – LETTERS OF INTENT RE: UNIFIED HEALTHCARE PLAN:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Cronin, to approve an HSA (Health Savings Account) through Blue Cross/Blue Shield, placing all of the Township's employees and elected officials, with the exception of the MAP Union, on a ~~unified healthcare plan~~ *the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Flex Blue Plan 3, as submitted*. All voting aye. *Board corrected minutes 05/02/2011.*

REIMBURSE POLICE DEPARTMENT PETTY CASH - \$142.16:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Police Department Petty Cash Report and reimburse in the amount of \$142.16. All voting aye.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the balance of the Supervisor's Report as submitted, which consists of the March 2011 DRANO Report. All voting aye.

CLERK:

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

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$865,129.89:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$184,949.05; Fire Protection in the amount of \$119,720.46; Police Operations in the amount of \$157,245.20; Downtown Development in the amount of \$40,615.48; Police Capital in the amount of \$1,240.00; Road Capital in the amount of \$37.50; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$25,832.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$13,559.62; Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$3,446.00; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$89,711.88; Water Fund in the amount of \$205,558.57; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$9,198.44; School & County in the amount of \$13,957.69; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$58.00, for a total amount of \$865,129.89. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berecz, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR GM SUBSYSTEM MANUFACTURING, LLC:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berez, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-10, a resolution to set the Public Hearing on May 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in accordance with Act 328, P.A. 1998, as amended, pursuant to the application of GM Subsystem Manufacturing, LLC. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berez, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

Motion of Eberth, supported by Linko, to receive the balance of the Community Services Department Report, which consists of the Zoning Enforcement Log of March 2011. All voting aye.

RECREATION:

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

WASTE MANAGEMENT – PERFORMANCE BOND:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, authorizing the Supervisor to sign a “Letter of Understanding and Agreement” with Waste Management (WM) who is our current solid waste collection and hauling contractor stipulating that Waste Management shall continue to provide an annual performance bond of \$100,000 in keeping with the practice of years past. All voting aye.

REQUEST TO APPROVE BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berez, to approve and adopt the Bond Authorizing Resolution #2011-11 for an amount not to exceed \$6,700,000.00 for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the cost of acquiring, installing and constructing certain improvements to the Township’s water distribution system. Roll call vote: Berez, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye, Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m. All voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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