

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2011**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, August 1, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Linko at 7:03 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BEREZCZ:

PRESENT: Supervisor Linko, Clerk Berezcz, and Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, and Taft. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Fire Chief Drouillard, Economic Development Manager DiSanto, DPW Director Gahry, Human Resource/Payroll Coordinator Hall, Township Attorney Robinette, and Township Engineer Woodworth.

ABSENT: Trustee Walters.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011, with the correction of the Downtown Development disbursement to reflect \$263,614.54 and Road Capital to reflect \$29,339.80. Ayes: Linko, Warren, Cronin, Eberth, and Taft. Nays: None. Abstain: Berezcz. Absent: Walters.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve the Agenda of August 1, 2011, tabling Agenda Item #1 – MI-Star Communications Annual Telephone Maintenance - \$4,200.00. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum was held from 7:09 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR SIBLEY ROAD EASEMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve to set the Public Hearing for a new special assessment district for the four houses on the Sibley Road easement to be held on September 6, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. All present voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

APPROVE PUBLICATION NOTICE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to approve the Notice of Publication and schedule Public Hearing for Annual Special Assessment Districts for Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. All present voting aye.

REQUEST TO HIRE ONE (1) WATER LABORER AND ONE (1) SEWER LABORER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve to hire one (1) water laborer and one (1) sewer laborer for the Department of Public Works. All present voting aye.

CLERK:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to accept the Clerk's Report which includes the following: AT&T – Fourth Annual Video Report to the Michigan Public Service Commission and Disbursements. All present voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$1,072,667.61:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$182,123.39; Fire Protection in the amount of \$133,393.67; Police Operations in the amount of \$167,258.03; Capital Projects in the amount of \$289.31; Downtown Development in the amount of \$205,520.67; Fire Capital in the amount of \$6,825.49; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$560.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$12,000.00; Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$6,148.96; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$137,849.57; Water Fund in the amount of \$151,159.66; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$1,192.70; School and County Tax in the amount of \$68,080.83; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$265.33, for a total amount of \$1,072,667.61. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Warren, aye; Berez, aye; Eberth, aye; Cronin, aye; and Linko, aye. Absent: Walters. Motion carried.

APPROVE TWO (2) NEWS-HERALD PUBLICATIONS FOR SUMMER TAX PURPOSES:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Taft, to approve to publish the notices for 2011 Summer Tax Bills and Deferment of Summer Tax Notice in the News-Herald on Sunday, August 7, 2011, and Wednesday, August 10, 2011. All present voting aye.

APPROVE TREASURER’S OFFICE PETTY CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.75:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to approve the Treasurer’s Office petty cash report and reimburse in the amount of \$100.75. All present voting aye.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

DDA – CAMPUS BONDING RESOLUTIONS:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Warren, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-22 authorizing the issuance of bonds for the DDA in the amount of \$7,000,000.00 (seven million dollars). Roll call vote: Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Warren, aye; Berez, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Absent: Walters. Motion carried.

OAKLEAF SUBDIVISION – PAVING AUTHORIZATION:

Motion of Warren, supported by Taft, to concur with the recommendation of Economic Development Manager DiSanto and approve to award paving in Oakleaf Subdivision to Al’s Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$35,800.00 with funds to come from Account #253.020.280 and authorize the Township Attorney to develop a “Hold Harmless” agreement between Oakleaf Subdivision Association and the Charter Township of Brownstown for overseeing the project. All present voting aye.

GM SUBSYSTEMS – REVISED RESOLUTION:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-23 – Amended Resolution Approving a New Personal Property Exemption Application for GM Subsystems Manufacturing, LLC. Roll call vote: Warren, aye; Taft, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Berez, aye; and Linko, aye. Absent: Walters. Motion carried.

DDA – COMMUNITY CENTER PAVILION AWARD:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to concur with the DDA and approve to award the Community Center Pavilion Project to Solé Building Company for an amount not to exceed \$79,800.00 with funds to come from Account #248.729.975.800. All present voting aye.

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to accept the Community Services Department Report which includes the following: Downtown Development Authority – meeting minutes of June 16, 2011; Downtown Development Authority – work session minutes of July 6, 2011; and Zoning Board of Appeals – meeting minutes of June 16, 2011. All present voting aye.

RECREATION:

No Recreation Department Report submitted.

PUBLIC WORKS:

FIRST ANNUAL TOWNSHIP SHRED DAY:

Motion of Warren, supported by Eberth, to approve the recommendation of DPW Director Gahry to host the "First Annual Brownstown Township Shred Day" on October 1, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and approve to have three (3) DPW employees to work at the event. All present voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berecz, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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