

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 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 15, 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 Berez, and Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Matthews, Fire Chief Drouillard, Recreation Director Maxe, DPW Director Gahry, and Township Attorney Robinette.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Warren, supported by Taft, to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2011; the Special Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2011; and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2011, as submitted. Ayes: Berez, Cronin, Eberth, Linko, Taft, and Warren. Nays: None. Abstain: Walters.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Agenda of August 15, 2011, with the removal of Item #1 – MI-Star Communications Annual Telephone Maintenance - \$4,200.00 (tabled 08/01/11). All voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Form was held from 7:10 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 2011 AS PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berez, to approve and adopt the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation, observing November 2011 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, as requested by Kandi Wood of Brownstown, Michigan. All voting aye.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEGG SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REALLOCATION OF FUNDS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve to schedule a Public Hearing on September 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for the Legg Subdivision Special Assessment Reallocation of Funds. All voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

There was no Supervisor's report submitted.

CLERK:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to accept the Clerk's Report as submitted which consists of the following: Comcast correspondence – changes in prices; Comcast correspondence – introducing *Internet Essentials*; Disbursements; and the 2nd Quarter Financial Reports. All voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$1,405,664.64:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$168,105.88; Fire Protection in the amount of \$160,817.54; Police Operations in the amount of

\$214,081.09; Capital Projects in the amount of \$519.56; Downtown Development in the amount of \$104,854.60; Police Capital in the amount of \$9,750.00; Fire Capital in the amount of \$4,889.03; Road Capital in the amount of \$173,205.40; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$600.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$12,297.00; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$152,760.72; Water Fund in the amount of \$400,559.02; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$2,723.14; School & County in the amount of \$290.33, and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$211.33, for a total amount of \$1,405,664.64. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; Warren, aye; Walters, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

There was no Community Services Department report submitted.

RECREATION:

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND HIRE ONE (1) COMMUNITY CENTER ATTENDANT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve to advertise and hire one (1) Community Center Attendant at \$8.00 per hour in a non-union position to fill a vacant position due to retirement, and to accept with regrets the retirement of Helen St. Louis. All voting aye.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to receive the balance of the Recreation Department Report which includes the following: the Community Center Update, 2011 Summer Programs, 2011 Fall Programs, and Senior Programs. All voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

TRENTON ARM SEWER RE-LINING PROJECT:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve the request of Reynolds Inliner for a 24/7 noise ordinance waiver beginning in September 1, 2011 and through the project completion in which they have 200 calendar days to complete for the Trenton Arm Interceptor Rehabilitation Project. All voting aye.

MDOT AGREEMENT – CONTRACT AND RESOLUTION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-24, a Resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the Contract authorizing the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to re-configure and reconstruct US-24/Telegraph Road from West Road to the South Township Border in the Township of Brownstown. A deposit in the amount of \$221,200.00 is to be sent to MDOT along with the contract and resolution. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

2011 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS – DEAN AND JUDY CIRCLE:

Motion of Walters, supported by Berez, to approve the 2011 water main improvements for Dean and Judy Circle in the amount of \$280,466.31, with the funds to come from the 2011 Capital Improvement Bond proceeds that were obtained earlier this year. All voting aye.

PUMP STATION INTERIOR/EXTERIOR COATING:

Motion of Warren, supported by Walters, to approve Advanced Underground to sandblast and recoat three (3) lift stations at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00. All voting aye.

WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Cronin, to approve a four (4%) percent increase to the water/sewer rates effective immediately, raising the total overall water/sewer rates from \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$7.26 per 1,000 gallons. All voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:47 p.m. All voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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