

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, November 7, 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 Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Fire Chief Drouillard, Economic Development Manager DiSanto, DPW Director Gahry, Township Attorney Robinette, and Township Engineer Woodworth.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2011, as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Walters, supported by Taft, to approve the Agenda of November 7, 2011, as submitted. All voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

TOWNSHIP GENERAL BUDGET FOR 2012:

Motion of Walters, supported by Warren, to open the Public Hearing for the 2012 Township General Budget at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berezcz, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Walters, aye. Motion carried.

Public comments received from the following:

J. Sute, 22332 Telegraph Road
L. Vidovic, 27065 Walloon Way
K. Stoltz, 27154 Lily Drive
S. Bowman, 18615 Emit Road
D. Vidovic, 27065 Walloon Way
D. Williams, 23310 Sibley Road
J. McKissack, 26832 Sibley Road

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to close the Public Hearing for the 2012 Township General Budget at 7:46 p.m. All voting aye.

PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR WOODSIDE VILLAGE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Special Assessment District for Woodside Village at 7:47 p.m. Roll call vote: Berezcz, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

Public comments were received from the following:

J. Kinsler, 23982 Thorn Drive
L. B. Willis, 24076 Thorn Drive

Motion of Berez, supported by Taft, to close the Public Hearing for the Proposed Special Assessment District for Woodside Village at 8:00 p.m. All voting aye.

PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR A PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENT LOCATED OFF SIBLEY ROAD:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Special Assessment District for a Private Road Easement located off of Sibley Road at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Linko, aye; and Berez, aye. Motion carried.

Public comments were received from the following:

J. McKissack, 26832 Sibley Road
R. McLaughlin, 26820 Sibley Road

Motion of Berez, supported by Warren, to close the Public Hearing for the Proposed Special Assessment District for a Private Road Easement located off of Sibley Road at 8:07 p.m. All voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum was held from 8:07 p.m. to 8:19 p.m.

1ST READING ORDINANCE #227-13; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #227 – POSSESSION OR USE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance #227-13; to amend Ordinance #227 – concerning the possession or use of controlled substances to reflect the current State of Michigan standards of scheduled controlled substances. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

1ST READING ORDINANCE #115-3; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #115 – PEDDLERS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance #115-3; to amend Ordinance #115, Section 24, “Peddlers and Transient Merchants; Licensing and Regulation”, to revise license issuance procedures and to include civil infraction violations as penalties. Roll call vote: Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 33RD DISTRICT COURT BUDGET FOR JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-31 to approve 33rd Judicial District Court Budget for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Berez, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP GENERAL BUDGET FOR 2012:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve the 2012 Township General Budget as presented. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR WOODSIDE VILLAGE:

Motion of Walters, supported by Warren, to approve to establish a special assessment district for Woodside Village in the amount of \$576.00 per year for the purpose of snow removal, greenbelt maintenance, and common ground maintenance, to be held by the Township, to be released to the Homeowner's Association designated representative and designated vendors. All voting aye.

PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR A PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENT LOCATED OFF SIBLEY ROAD:

Motion of Berez, supported by Taft, to approve to establish a special assessment district for a private road easement located off Sibley Road in the amount of \$360.00 per year for the purpose of road maintenance, repairs and easement maintenance. Roll call vote: Cronin, nay; Eberth, aye; Warren, nay; Berez, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, nay; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR:

REQUEST TO HOLD BROWNSTOWN GOODFELLOWS ANNUAL PAPER DRIVE – NOVEMBER 21-26, 2011:

Motion of Berez, supported by Taft, to approve the request of the Brownstown Goodfellows to hold the Goodfellows Annual Newspaper Drive during the period of November 21-26, 2011. All voting aye.

REQUEST FOR 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR D. HALL, HUMAN RESOURCES:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve the one-year extension of personal service contract for Donna Hall with a salary increase to \$50,000.00 annually, three weeks of vacation, and a title change to Human Resource Manager. Ayes: Linko, Warren, Cronin, and Walters. Nays: Berez, Eberth, and Taft. Motion carried.

CLERK:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to accept the Clerk's Report which includes the following: Copies from the Agenda Packet and Disbursements. All voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$2,140,588.74:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$351,305.07; Fire Protection in the amount of \$302,120.93; Police Operations in the amount of \$389,357.57; Capital Projects in the amount of \$13,818.32; Downtown Development in the amount of \$368,639.87; Fire Capital in the amount of \$2,482.05; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$12,735.00; Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$6,148.96; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$215,116.53; Water Fund in the amount of \$433,721.03; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$11,816.90; School and County in the amount of \$2,064.00; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$31,262.51, for a total amount of \$2,140,588.74. Roll call vote: Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

TEL-SIB BROWNFIELD PLAN - RESOLUTION:

Motion of Walters, supported by Taft, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-32 approving the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for property located at Sibley and Telegraph Roads to be developed by Tel-Sib, LLC, and further recommending approval to all State of Michigan and agencies of such development plan. Roll call vote: Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Warren, aye; Eberth, aye; Berez, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

TERMINATION OF LEASE AND BILL OF SALE – SIBLEY ROAD CELL TOWER:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve the lease termination and bill of sale for the cell tower located at the Sibley Road Fire Station contingent upon a positive structural evaluation. All voting aye.

RECREATION CAMPUS – PLAN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION:

Motion of Berez, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-33 to set a Public Hearing for the Recreation Campus Plan Amendment to be held on December 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to receive the balance of the Community Services Department Report which includes the following: Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of September 15, 2011; Downtown Development Authority work session minutes of October 5, 2011; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting minutes of September 15, 2011; Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes of September 15, 2011; Zoning Enforcement Log – September 2011. All voting aye.

RECREATION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the Recreation Department Report as submitted, which includes the following: Community Center Update, 2011 Fall Programs, Woodland Heights Park Development Grant Payment, and Senior Programs. All voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No Department of Public Works Report submitted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m. All voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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