

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2011**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, December 19, 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 BERECZ:

PRESENT: Supervisor Linko, Clerk Berez, and Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Fire Chief Drouillard, Economic Development Manager DiSanto, Assistant DDA Director Campbell, DPW Director Gahry, Recreation Director Maxe, Township Attorney Robinette, DDA Attorney Young, and Township Engineer Woodworth.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Walters, supported by Warren, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2011, as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve the Agenda of December 19, 2011, with the addendum of Item I - "Consideration of Adoption of DDA Proposed Campus Plan pursuant to Public Act 381 of 1996". All voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED RECREATION CAMPUS PLAN AMENDMENT

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to open the Proposed Recreation Campus Plan Amendment Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye.

Public Comment:

Arthur Siegal, 27777 Franklin, Southfield
Wes Butch, 1425 Keystone, Lansing
Sharon Kress, 20665 Telegraph Rd., Lot 154, Brownstown
Clyde Santure, 20665 Telegraph Rd., Lot 146, Brownstown
Mark Charboneau, 20665 Telegraph Rd., Lot 100, Brownstown
Linda Mallow, 20665 Telegraph Rd., Lot 127, Brownstown
Richard Williams, 20665 Telegraph Rd., Lot 148, Brownstown
Tom Mihalov, 23426 Tumbleweed, Brownstown
Caitlyn Williams, 20665 Telegraph Rd., Lot 148, Brownstown
DDA Attorney, Robert Young, 19130 Parkwood Lane, Brownstown

Motion of Walters, Support by Cronin, to close the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m. All voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum was held from 8:03 p.m. until 8:08 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF DDA PROPOSED CAMPUS PLAN
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 381 OF 1996:**

Motion of Berez, supported by Taft, to adopt the DDA Proposed Campus Plan pursuant to Public Act 381 of 1996. Ayes: Berez, Eberth, Linko, Taft, Walters, and Warren. Nays: Cronin.

Motion carried.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #309; TO CREATE ORDINANCE #309 “FEMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS AND STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE”:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt the 2nd reading of Ordinance #309, Part 239, “FEMA Floodplain Management Provisions and State Construction Code” affirming the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Charter Township of Brownstown, and to adopt FEMA updates for regulated flood hazard areas under the provision of the State Construction Code Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972 as amended. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Berecz, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #173-7; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #173 “ANIMAL CONTROL”:

Motion of Berecz, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt the 2nd reading of Ordinance #173-7; to amend Ordinance #173 “Animal Control”, revising the animal impound policies, fee schedule, and number of allowable animals in the Township. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Berecz, aye; Cronin, aye; Warren, aye; Eberth, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #259-1; TO AMEND ORDINANCE #259 “FIREWOOD AND WOODPILES”:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt the 2nd reading of Ordinance #259-1; to amend Ordinance #259, Section 154 “Firewood and Woodpiles”, to include civil infraction violations as penalties. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berecz, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – WAYNE COUNTY PERMIT APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL PAVEMENT RESTORATION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt Wayne County Permit Application for Annual Pavement Restoration A-12092 and Resolution #2011-43 to include DPW Director Gahry, Assistant DPW Director Julian, and Economic Development Manager DiSanto as authorized positions to apply to the County of Wayne Department of Public Services Engineering Division Permit Office for the necessary permit to work within County road right-of-way or local roads on behalf of the Charter Township of Brownstown. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berecz, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – WAYNE COUNTY PERMIT APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt Wayne County Permit Application for Annual Maintenance A-12037 and Resolution #2011-44 to include DPW Director Gahry, Assistant DPW Director Julian, and Economic Development Manager DiSanto as authorized positions to apply to the County of Wayne Department of Public Services Engineering Division Permit Office for the necessary permit to work within County road right-of-way or local roads on behalf of the Charter Township of Brownstown. Roll call vote: Warren, aye; Eberth aye; Cronin, aye; Taft, aye; Walters, aye; Berecz, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

WAYNE COUNTY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2011-45 Authorizing Execution of Special Events Permit for Wayne County to include DPW Director Gahry, and Clerk Berecz as authorized positions to apply to the County of Wayne Department of Public Services Engineering Division for the necessary permit to work within County road right-of-way or local roads on behalf of the Charter Township of Brownstown. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berecz, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' PAY:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve the Brownstown Township 2012 Commissioners' Pay from December 1, 2010, through November 30, 2011, for the Planning Commission in the amount of \$540.00, with funds to come from Account #101.200.710; Zoning Board of Appeals in the amount of \$790.00, with funds to come from Account #101.410.710; Parks and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$1,620.00, removing the pay for Commissioner A. Wright, with funds to come from Account #101.775.710; and Beautification Commission in the amount of \$1,515.00, with funds to come from 101.802.710. All voting aye.

SOUTHERN WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - \$248.00:

Motion of Walters, supported by Warren, to approve the renewal of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Membership in the amount of \$248.00 for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. All voting aye.

2012 COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the reappointments of Patricia Pfau, Denise Sheldon, Daniel Szymanski, Eva Walters, and Louella Machcinski to the Beautification/Historical Commission for 2-year terms to expire January 1, 2014. All voting aye.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the reappointment of Greg Mahar to the Brownstown Building Authority for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2014. All voting aye.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the reappointment of A. Alan Bober to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term to expire December 21, 2014. All voting aye.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the reappointments of James Bryan and Greg Barbee to the Recreation Commission for 2-year terms to expire January 1, 2014. All voting aye.

ANNUAL REAPPOINTMENTS 2012:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve the 2012 Annual Reappointments with terms expiring December 31, 2012, as follows:

Health Officer – Henry Ford Health Systems Occupational Health Clinic
Township Attorney – Foley & Robinette, P.C.
Township Auditor – Plante & Moran
Township Planner – LSL Planning
Township Engineers – Wade/Trim Associates, Inc.
Official Newspaper – The News Herald
SEMCOG Representative – John Cronin

Election Commissioner – James Taft
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Senior Alliance Representative – Amy Thomas
Beautification Council Representative – Patricia Pfau
Huron Watershed Council – vacant
Library Commissioner – vacant
Zoning Board of Appeals Representative – Clyde Walters
Planning Commission Representative – James Taft

All voting aye.

CAMPUS PROJECT MONUMENT ARCH PROPOSAL:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to deny the DDA approved plan to construct a monument arch at the Historical Museum site on King Road, with the Beautification/Historical Commission to propose a policy to define procedures for nomination, eligibility review and approval process to commemorate township residents who have sacrificed in military service, or who have excelled in public service. All voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL FOR REPAIR OF PTO GENERATOR ENGINE 1852:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve repair of PTO Generator Engine 1852 in the amount of \$7,063.00, with funds to come from the fire department capital account #252.336.832. All voting aye.

2011 TOWING SERVICE CONTRACT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Berez, to concur with the Public Safety Director's request and approve to renew the 2010 towing and storage contract agreement with Martin's Towing, 17180 Dix-Toledo Road, Brownstown, MI 48193, for three (3) years through the end of 2014. All voting aye.

CLERK:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the Clerk's report which consists of Comcast correspondence regarding changes to prices effective February 2012, and Disbursements. All voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS - \$1,428,804.99:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$95,252.86; Fire Protection in the amount of \$204,713.49; Police Operations in the amount of \$254,787.20; Downtown Development in the amount of \$330,419.18; Police Capital in the amount of \$559.60; Fire Capital in the amount of \$4,947.23; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$17,270.00; Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,410.00; Building Authority in the amount of \$300.00; Debt Service in the amount of \$6,148.96; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$116,551.23; Water Fund in the amount of \$315,524.00; and Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$10,336.39, for a total amount of \$1,428,804.99. Roll call vote: Eberth, aye; Taft, aye; Berez, aye; Walters, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to receive the balance of the Treasurer's report, which consists of the October and November 2011 Investment Reports. All voting aye.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

No Community Services Report was submitted.

RECREATION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to accept the Recreation Department report, which consists of Community Center Update, Wayne County Pass Grant, 2011 Winter Programs, and Senior Programs. All voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT - \$162.32:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve to reimburse the Public Works Petty Cash in the amount of \$162.32. All voting aye.

AT&T CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & RELEASE:

Motion of Taft, supported by Walters, to authorize Public Works Director Gahry to sign-off on a confidential settlement agreement and release that was negotiated with AT&T through the Township Attorney for a sanitary sewer problem that was encountered in 2009. Roll call vote: Taft, aye; Eberth, aye; Warren, aye; Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; and Linko, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 8:35 p.m. All voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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