

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF MAY 7, 2012**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, May 7, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Berecz at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to appoint Trustee Eberth as chairperson pro tem. All present voting aye.

ROLL CALL BY CLERK BEREZC:

PRESENT: Clerk Berecz, and Treasurer Warren. Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Fire Chief Drouillard, DPW Director Gahry, and Township Attorney Foley.

ABSENT: Supervisor Linko.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2012, as submitted. Ayes: Berecz, Cronin, Eberth, Warren, and Walters. Nays: None. Abstain: Taft. Absent: Linko. Motion carried.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2012; and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2012, as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Agenda of May 7, 2012, as submitted. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public forum was held from 7:02 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

PEDDLER PERMIT RENEWAL – DENNIS PRIEM – SALE OF ICE CREAM:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the peddler permit renewal for ice cream sales as requested by Dennis Priem, 2170 Boxford, Trenton, MI 48183, contingent upon satisfactory vehicle inspection by the Police Department and payment of permit fees. All present voting aye.

NEW PEDDLER PERMIT – MICHAEL CANADY (KOOLIE’S) – SALE OF ICE CREAM:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to deny the request for a new Peddler Permit for Michael Canady (Koolie’s), 13692 Fellrath, Taylor, MI 48180. Ayes: Cronin. Nays: Berecz, Warren, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Absent: Linko. Motion failed.

Motion of Warren, supported by Taft, to approve the request for a new peddler permit for the sale of ice cream as requested by Michael Canady (Koolie’s), 13692 Fellrath, Taylor, MI 48180, contingent upon satisfactory vehicle inspection by the Police Department. Ayes: Berecz, Warren, Eberth, Taft, and Walters. Nays: Cronin. Absent: Linko. Motion carried.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT POSITION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to table indefinitely the Senior Accountant Position. Ayes: Warren, Cronin, Eberth, and Walters. Nays: Berecz and Taft. Absent: Linko. Motion carried.

COST ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS:

Motion of Warren, supported by Taft, to approve the recommendation of Clerk Berez to approve the costs associated with Election Freedom of Information Requests. All present voting aye.

REAPPOINT DDA/BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS:

a) CRAIG BIELECKI:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve to reappoint Craig Bielecki to the DDA/Brownstown Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire April 26, 2016. All present voting aye.

b) L.B. WILLIS, JR.:

Motion of Berez, supported by Cronin, to approve to reappoint L.B. Willis, Jr. to the DDA/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire April 26, 2016. All present voting aye.

SUPERVISOR:

REQUEST APPROVAL TO HIRE THREE (3) FIREFIGHTERS/MEDICS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve to hire three (3) Firefighters/Medics, Greg Mangan, Chad Behrik, and William Carroll, contingent upon successful completion of a medical physical exam with a start date of May 14, 2012. All present voting aye.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNMARKED VEHICLE FOR POLICE:

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve to purchase an unmarked 2012 Ford Fusion SE police vehicle from Gorno Ford at a cost not to exceed \$17,695.00. All present voting aye.

CLERK:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the Clerk's Report which consists of Disbursements and 4th Quarter 2011 Financial Reports. All present voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$2,322,501.12:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$297,814.03; Fire Protection in the amount of \$245,456.51; Police Operations in the amount of \$376,069.91; Downtown Development in the amount of \$264,469.77; Fire Capital in the amount of \$1,875.00; Road Capital in the amount of \$127,675.62; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$1,460.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$3,356.07; Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$6,148.96; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$200,821.35; Water Fund in the amount of \$728,840.52; Vehicle Maintenance in the amount of \$9,581.13; School and County Tax in the amount of \$26,939.22; and Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$31,993.03, for a total amount of \$2,322,501.12. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Taft, aye; Warren, aye; Berez, aye; Cronin, aye; and Eberth, aye. Absent: Linko. Motion carried.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to receive the balance of the Treasurer's Report which consists of the March 2012 Investment Report. All present voting aye.

RECREATION:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the Recreation Department Report as submitted which includes the following: Community Center Update, 2012 Spring Programs, and Senior Programs. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

REQUEST PERMISSION TO POST FOR POSITION OF DPW ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION, HIRING PERSONNEL PART-TIME DUE TO RETIREMENT OF DPW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JANET SEELEY:

Motion of Warren, supported by Berez, to accept with regrets and gratitude, the retirement of Administrative Assistant Janet Seeley, for thirty-five (35) years of dedicated service, effective June 4, 2012. All present voting aye.

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to table the process of rehiring of the Administrative Assistant position in the Department of Public Works. All present voting aye.

33RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT WORK PROGRAM:

Motion of Berez, supported by Walters, to accept the rules and regulations of the 33rd Judicial District Court Work Program. All present voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Taft, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:53 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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