

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

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, Treasurer Warren and Trustees: Cronin, Eberth, Peters, and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Sclater, Economic Development Manager DiSanto, Public Works Director Gahry, Recreation Director Maxe and Township Attorney Foley.

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Trustee Walters.

MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Peters, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2014; the Special Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2014; and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2014, as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion of Berezcz, supported by Warren, to approve the Agenda of September 2, 2014, with the following changes; 1.) The addition of a Public Hearing for the Special Assessment Districts for the 2014 Winter Tax Roll, 2.) Table of item #1 the 2nd reading of Ordinance #173-8 – Animal Control General Regulations Cruelty and Tethering to the September 15, 2014 meeting and 3.) Removal of item B1, Hire Clerk/Typist for Vacancy in the Clerk's Department. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to open the Public Hearing for the 2014 Annual Special Assessment Districts at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berezcz, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent and excused: Walters. Motion carried.

Public comment received from:

Kevin Stoltz, 27154 Lilly Drive, Spring Gate Subdivision, asked about the raise in the Special Assessment and expressed concern over the decaying fencing around the detention pond in Spring Gate.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Peters, to close the Public Hearing for the 2014 Annual Special Assessment Districts at 7:16 p.m. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Public Forum was held from 7:16 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

U.S. SILICA COMPANY – 2014 ANNUAL BLASTING PERMIT RENEWAL:

Motion of Berezcz, supported by Warren, to approve the Renewal of the U.S. Silica Annual Blasting Permit for a period of 12 months commencing September 2014. All present voting aye.

ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS:

Motion of Cronin supported by Warren, to approve the 2014 Special Assessments as listed below;

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Emit Road – Road Maintenance in the amount of \$3,800; \$100.00 each for thirty-eight (38) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Legg Subdivision Road Maintenance in the amount of \$1,400.00; \$50.00 each for twenty-eight (28) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Sibley Road Maintenance in the amount of \$1,440.00; \$360.00 each for four (4) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Sylvia Avenue Road Maintenance in the amount of \$720.00; \$60.00 each for twelve (12) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Bonk's Bay Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$3,606.65; \$68.05 each for fifty-three (53) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cambridge Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$1,687.30; \$4.70 each for three hundred fifty-nine (359) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cattail Creek Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$2,693.25; \$28.35 each for ninety-five (95) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cedar Ridge Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$3,604.50; \$44.50 each for eighty-one (81) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Clubview Estates Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for one (1) lot.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Crystal Crossing Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$3,440.00; \$17.20 each for two hundred (200) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Fairway Villas Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$4,742.40; three (3) double lots at \$98.80 each, two (2) one and one-half (1½) lots at \$74.10 each, and eighty-seven (87) single lots at \$49.40 each.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Forest Heights Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$1,996.70; \$13.05 each for one hundred fifty-two (152) lots, and \$6.55 each for two (2) one-half (1/2) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Fox Creek Site Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$4,204.20; \$27.30 each for one hundred fifty-four (154) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Heatherwood Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$702.10; \$11.90 each for fifty-nine (59) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Huron Pointe Site Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$3,367.20; \$70.15 each for forty-eight (48) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Kensington Estates Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$1,718.20; \$24.20 each for seventy-one (71) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Meadowbrook Village Subdivision Street Lighting in the

amount of \$1,001.70; \$15.90 each for sixty-three (63) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Oakleaf Site Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$2,829.60; \$52.40 each for fifty-four (54) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Pheasant Run Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$2,803.30; \$82.45 each for thirty-four (34) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Pleasant Street, Street Lighting in the amount of \$591.50; \$22.75 each for twenty-six (26) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Prairie Creek Village Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$5,730.00; \$30.00 each for one hundred ninety-one (191) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Roney Place Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$3,992.80; \$35.65 each for one hundred twelve (112) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Silver Creek Estates Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$4,988.25; \$36.95 each for one hundred thirty-five (135) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Stefano Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$2,480.00; \$62.00 each for forty (40) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Timber Creek Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$2,032.85; \$18.65 each for one hundred nine (109) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Wellington Estates Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$450.50; \$5.30 each for eighty-five (85) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Wheatland Estates Subdivision Street Lighting in the amount of \$4,130.80; \$89.80 each for forty-six (46) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Whispering Woods Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$6,829.50; \$39.25 each for one hundred seventy-four (174) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Woodside Village Condominiums Street Lighting in the amount of \$3,603.60; \$69.30 each for fifty-two (52) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Bonk's Bay Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$1654.66; \$31.22 each for fifty-three (53) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Bryce Commons Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$6,314.00; \$143.50 each for forty-four (44) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cambridge Meadows Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$718.00; \$2.00 each for three hundred fifty-nine (359) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cattail Creek Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$475.00; \$5.00 each for ninety-five (95) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Clubview Estates Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water

Control in the amount of \$1,200.00; \$1,200.00 each for one (1) lot.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Fairway Villas Subdivision (cost split w/Flowers Creek & Sleepy Hollow) Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$460.00; \$5.00 each for ninety-two (92) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Flower's Creek Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$2,000.00; \$5.00 each for four hundred (400) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Forest Heights Condominiums (cost split with Woodland Heights) Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$1,447.60; \$9.40 each for one hundred fifty-four (154) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Kensington Estates Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$387.66; \$5.46 each for seventy-one (71) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Kings Highway Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$1,752.60; \$58.42 each for thirty (30) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Maplewood Creek Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$250.00; \$5.00 each for fifty (50) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Meadowbrook Village Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$315.00; \$5.00 each for sixty-three (63) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Oakwood Estates Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$4,408.82; \$71.11 each for sixty-two (62) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Prairie Creek Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$950.00; \$5.00 each for one hundred ninety (190) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Silver Creek Estates Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$675.00; \$5.00 each for one hundred thirty-five (135) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Sleepy Hollow Subdivision (cost split with Fairway Villa & Flowers Creek) Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$850.00; \$5.00 each for one hundred seventy (170) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Spring Gate Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$2,136.96; \$40.32 each for fifty-three (53) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Stefano Meadows Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$195.00; \$5.00 each for thirty-nine (39) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Timbercreek Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$1,212.08; \$11.12 each for one hundred nine (109) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Wellington Estates Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$12,884.30; \$151.58 each for eighty-five (85) lots

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Wheatland Estates Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm

Water Control in the amount of \$979.80; \$21.30 each for forty-six (46) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Woodcreek Meadows Subdivision Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$566.67; \$14.53 each for thirty-nine (39) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Woodland Heights Subdivision (cost split with Forest Heights) Detention Basin/Storm Water Control in the amount of \$1,770.00; \$5.00 each for three hundred fifty-four (354) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cambridge Meadows Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$9,006.95; \$24.95 each for three hundred sixty-one (361) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Cattail Creek Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$4,403.25; \$46.35 each for ninety-five (95) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Flowers Creek Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$4,500.00; \$11.25 each for four hundred (400) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Kensington Estates Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for sixty-nine (69) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Maplewood Creek Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$1,800.90; \$33.35 each for fifty-four (54) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Meadowbrook Village Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$2,050.75; \$31.55 each for sixty-three (65) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Oakwood Estates Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$6,200.00; \$100.00 each for sixty-two (62) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Prairie Creek Village Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for one hundred ninety (190) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Silver Creek Estates Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for one hundred thirty-five (135) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Sleepy Hollow Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$3,500.20; \$20.35 each for one hundred seventy-two (172) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Spring Gate Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$3,752.40; \$70.80 each for fifty-three (53) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Stefano Meadows Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for forty (40) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Wellington Estates Subdivision (formerly Choudhry Meadows) Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for eighty-five (85) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Woodcreek Meadows Subdivision Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$0.00; \$0.00 each for thirty-nine (39) lots.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Woodside Village Condominiums (includes snow removal) Greenbelt Maintenance in the amount of \$29,952.00; \$576.00 each for fifty-two (52) lots.

Approve the 2014 Police Protection Millage in the amount of \$3,254,730.97.

Approve the 2014 Fire Protection Millage in the amount of \$3,254,730.97.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Delinquent Weed Cutting in the amount of \$3,719.40.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Delinquent Water in the amount of \$11,423.82.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Rubbish Miscellaneous in the amount of \$330.00.

Approve the 2014 Special Assessment for Rubbish Collection/Yard Waste/Curbside Recycling in the amount of \$1,635,024.52; \$177.93 each for nine thousand one hundred eighty nine (9,189) single lots.

Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent and excused: Walters. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-21 FOR RENEWAL OF .61 MILL FOR SHVUA SEWER SYSTEM PLANT EXPANSION BONDS:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Peters, to approve Resolution #2014-21 as submitted for the renewal of the .61 SHVUA sewer systems plant expansion bonds. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent and excused: Walters. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-22 FOR RENEWAL OF 4.5311 MILLS FOR ASSESSED PROPERTY:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve Resolution #2014-22 as submitted for the renewal of 4.5311 mills as follows; a.) General Township Operations - .8705 mill; b.) Police Department Operations - 1.7410 mills; c.) Police Department Capital - .4772 mill; d.) Fire Department Capital - .4772 mill; e.) Road Improvement Capital - .4772 mill; f.) EPA Levy - .4880 mill; for a total of 4.5311 mills. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent and excused: Walters. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-23 – TAXABLE VALUES

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve Resolution #2014-23 as submitted, a tax of 5.1411 mills on the Taxable Value of the Township, said value being \$867,171,762.00 and Industrial Facilities Taxable Value being \$13,297,788.00 for a total tax amounting to \$3,609,692.13. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent and excused: Walters. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR:

EMPLOYEE SEPERATION FOR M. RAGSDALE:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Warren, to accept the agreement for the employee separation of M. Ragsdale effective September 2, 2014 and begin the hiring process. All present voting aye.

RETIREMENT OF FIRE FIGHTER L. MCCRAY:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to accept the retirement of L. McCray effective October 2, 2014, with regrets and begin the hiring process. All present voting aye.

REQUEST APPROVE TO HIRE J. GILLMAN FIRE FIGHTER/MEDIC:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve to hire J. Gillman, Fire Fighter/Medic effective September 8, 2014. All present voting aye.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNMARKED POLICE VEHICLE:

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve the purchase of a new unmarked police vehicle in the amount of \$22,595.00 with funds from drug forfeitures account #265.333.977. All present voting aye.

Motion of Berez, supported by Eberth, to accept the balance of the Supervisor's Report board information which consists of letters of appreciation. All present voting aye.

CLERK:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to accept the Clerk's Report board information which consists of Disbursements. All present voting aye.

TREASURER:

DISBURSEMENTS – \$1,578,762.31:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Eberth, to approve General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$277,372.76; Fire Protection in the amount of \$36,902.27; Police Operations in the amount of \$65,402.86; Capital Projects in the amount of \$111.00; Downtown Development in the amount of \$9,899.83; Road Capital Approval in the amount of \$48,870.00; Drug Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$3,840.00; Community Development Block Grant fund in the amount of \$1,494.00; Debt Service in the amount of \$6,148.96; DDA Township in the amount of \$5,297.68; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$715,287.76; Water Fund in the amount of \$17,479.91; Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$36,627.62; Payroll dated August 15, 2014 (run #90) in the amount of \$353,421.31; Payroll dated August 16, 2014 (run #91-special) in the amount of \$606.35; Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Eberth, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent and excused: Walters. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

RECONSIDERATION OF BROWNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER ADA EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT:

Motion of Warren, supported by Eberth, to approve to award community center ADA exterior improvement contract to Cedroni Associates Inc. in the amount of \$231,900.00. Additionally, a Time & Material contract extension, not-to-exceed \$7,114.00, to be awarded to Johnson Hill-Land Ethics Studio for Construction Administration Services for a total project cost of \$239,014.00. The Township will make payments on the entire project, \$179,014.00 will be reimbursed to the Township from CDBG funds and \$60,000.00 will be paid by the DTE Solar Program. All present voting aye.

22760 WEST ROAD – DOG GROOMING SLU:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Berez, to approve the request for special conditional land use of parcel 70-045-99-0024-004, 22760 West Road for a dog grooming facility. All present voting aye.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – PRIVATE KENNEL:

Motion of Warren, supported by Eberth, to approve to read and file the received Private Kennel Ordinance Amendment. All present voting aye.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT-STORM WATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RED HAWK LANDING:

Motion of Warren, supported by Eberth, approve to set public hearing for the Special Assessment District-Red Hawk Landing for October 6, 2014. All present voting aye.

Motion of Berez, supported by Eberth, to accept the balance of the Community Services Department report which consists of the Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 30, 2014. All present voting aye.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

REVISION OF PARK ORDINANCE – THORN PARK RULES:

Motion of Warren, supported by Berez, to approve the revision of the Brownstown Park Ordinance -Thorn Park Rules as submitted with two corrections; item #3 shall read, 'No tents, canopies, awnings or similar shade structures may be erected in the park without prior written approval of the Parks & Recreation Director.' And item #5 shall read, 'No grills or cooking devices may be brought into the park without prior written approval of the Parks & Recreation Director.' All present voting aye.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Peters, to accept the balance of the Recreation Department report which consists of: 1) Community Center update; 2) 2014 Summer Programs; 3) 2014 Fall Programs; and 4) Senior Programs. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS:

EMPLOYEE UNIFORM CONTRACT- ARROW UNIFORM:

Motion of Eberth, supported by Berez, to approve the 3 years contract renewal with Arrow Uniforms. All present voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion of Cronin, supported by Peters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:43 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk
Charter Township of Brownstown

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