

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2015**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, January 5, 2015.

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, Peters and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Slater, Fire Chief Drouillard, Economic Development Manager DiSanto, DPW Director Gahry and Township Attorney Robinette.

**ABSENT & EXCUSED:** Trustee Eberth.

**MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2014; the Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2014; and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2014, as submitted. All present voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Motion of Berezcz, supported by Warren, to approve the agenda of January 5, 2015 with the addition of item 8a. Liability Insurance and the removal of the closed session following the meeting. All present voting aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM 2015 GRANT YEAR APPLICATION:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Peters, to open the public hearing for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program 2015 Grant Application at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Linko, aye; Peters, aye; Warren, aye; Walters, aye; Berezcz, aye; and Cronin, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR EHS TRUCKING:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to open the public hearing to establish Commercial Rehabilitation District #2 for EHS Trucking at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Berezcz, aye; Walters, aye; Cronin, aye; Warren, aye; Linko, aye; and Peters, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Werley, owner of EHS Trucking, thanked the Board and the Township Officials for working with, and welcoming, he and his company into the Brownstown community.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Public Forum was held at 7:06 p.m. There was no participation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ZONING ORDINANCE 141-57 - APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS TO CREATE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE KENNELS:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Ordinance #141-57 Part V, amending Zoning

Ordinance #141, Part V, “Administrative Provisions”, Article 25 “Definitions”, Section 25.07, “Definitions K – L” to create a distinction between commercial and private kennels and to add a definition of the term “Private Kennel” and to amend Part II “Zoning Districts”, Article 3 “Single Family Residential Districts”, Section 3.02 “Schedule of Uses” to add private kennel to the schedule of uses in table 3.02 and to amend Part II “Zoning Districts”, Article 11, “Use Requirements”, Section 11.02 “Agriculture and Animal Uses” to add private kennels. Roll call vote: Berez, aye; Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; Peters, aye; and Linko, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried

**2015 BANK DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION #2015-01:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Berez, to approve and adopt Resolution #2015-01 Bank Depository Resolution for 2015. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Peters, aye; Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; and Cronin, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2015-02- TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT #2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA 210 OF 2005 PURSUANT & THE REQUEST OF EHS TRUCKING:**

Motion of Berez, supported by Walters, to approve and adopt Resolution #2015-02 –establishing Commercial Rehabilitation District #2 in accordance with PA 210 of 2005, which states, the Charter Township of Brownstown Board of Trustees has the authority to establish “Commercial Rehabilitation Districts” within the Townships jurisdiction at the request of a commercial business enterprise. EHS Trucking has filed a written request with the Clerk of the Township to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District for parcel number 82-70-009-99-0001-000, in the vicinity of 18111 Telegraph Road. Roll call vote: Warren, aye; Cronin, aye; Walters, aye; Peters, aye; Linko, aye; and Berez, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-03 – TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ULTIMATE DENTAL, 19636 ALLEN ROAD, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT:**

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to table this item for further review. All present voting aye.

**RESOLUTION 2015-04- SOUTH HURON VALLEY UTILITY CONSOLIDATED SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Warren, to approve and adopt Resolution #2015-04 – South Huron Valley Utility Consolidated Service Agreement wherein, SHVUA and Local Units agree to the collection, codifying and merging of the 1983 Contract, 1984 Contract, 1990 Contract, August 1998 Agreement, September 1998 Contract, 1999 Agreement, 2004 Contract, and the Rules and Regulations into this new Consolidated Service Agreement, to recognize various customs and practices developed and implemented by the Authority and Local Units over the years. On December 17, 2014 SHVUA passed a resolution in which to approve this Consolidated Service Agreement and requested that the Local Units to adopt the Consolidated Service Agreement by companion resolutions. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Peters, aye; Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; and Cronin, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2015-05-TO APPROVE THE ALLIANCE OF DOWNRIVER WATERSHEDS AMENDED BY-LAWS & COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2015-05 the Alliances of Downriver Watersheds Amended by-Laws & Community Representatives and consistent with the terms therein, the Charter Township of Brownstown Board of Trustees, formally authorizes the Deputy Supervisor to designate a representative and an alternate representative to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds and an additional persons/consultant to represent the Charter Township of Brownstown, if needed, as an additional alternate to assure voting representation. Roll call vote: Peters, aye; Linko, aye; Walters, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; and Cronin, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2014/2015:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve the payment of Townships membership dues to the Downriver Community Conference for 2014/2015. All present voting aye.

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR POLICE & FIRE AND D.R.A.N.O. FOR 2014/2015:**

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve the payment of Downriver Mutual Aid membership dues for both the Police and Fire Departments and the Townships DRANO membership dues for 2014/2015. All present voting aye.

**NICKEL & SAPH, INC. LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE CRARIFICATION:**

Mr. Saph, of Nickel & Saph, Inc., was present to answer any questions the Board may have had relating to the premium increase of the Township Liability policy which is underwritten by Trident, a member of the Argo Group.

**SUPERVISOR:**

**REQUEST TO ADVERTISE TO FILL 3 VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Berez, approval to advertize to fill two (2) of the three vacancies within the DPW. Positions to be advertized are one (1) DPW Laborer and one (1) Master Mechanic. Ayes: Linko, Warren, Peters, Cronin, and Walters. Nays: Berez. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

**REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMBULANCE TO BE REMOUNTED:**

Motion of Warren, supported by Cronin, to approve to waive the bid process for the remount and refurbishing of a second ambulance and award the contract to Emergency Vehicles Plus, the same company that was awarded the contract for the first ambulance remount, in the amount of \$122,934 to be paid from Fire Capital account #252.336.981. All present voting aye.

**RESIGNATION APPROVAL FOR POLICE SUPPORT SPECIALIST NICOLE ROGERS:**

Motion of Berez, supported by Peters, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Police Support Specialist, Nicole Rogers. All present voting aye.

**CLERK:**

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

**TREASURER:**

**DISBURSEMENTS – \$1,163,816.16:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the disbursements as follows: General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$288,570.88; Fire Protection in the amount of \$54,998.95; Police Operations in the amount of \$77,997.72; Downtown Development in the amount of \$29,390.50; Police Capital in the amount of \$2,500.00; Housing Assistance in the amount of \$2,375.00; Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$2,340.00; Debt Services in the amount of \$6,148.96; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$220,669.65; Water Fund in the amount of \$77,092.85; School & County in the amount of \$2,004.00; Retiree Insurance in the amount of \$43,126.48; payroll dated December 17, 2014(run#108) in the amount of \$356,601.17; for a total disbursement of \$1,163,816.16. Roll call vote: Walters, aye; Peters, aye; Linko, aye; Berez, aye; Warren, aye; and Cronin, aye. Absent & excused: Eberth. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT:**

**GENERAL RV/TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY-PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion of Warren, supported by Berez, to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval the rezoning of parcel 70-004-99-0003-701 from I-RT Industrial Research Technology and

parcel 70-004-99-0002-0002 from R-3 Single Family to B-3 General Business. Both parcels are located on the eastside of Racho Road north of Sibley Road. All present voting aye.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the balance of the Community Services report, which consists of, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2015 Grant Year Application, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014 and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2014. All present voting aye.

**RECREATION:**

No report submitted.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

No report submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk  
Charter Township of Brownstown  
SAB/tlb