

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2015**

The Charter Township of Brownstown regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Monday, April 20, 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, Eberth, Peters and Walters. Also in attendance were Public Safety Chief Sclater, Fire Chief Droulliard, Recreation Director Maxe and Township Attorney Robinette.

**ABSENT:** None.

**MINUTE ACCEPTANCE:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2015 as submitted. Ayes: Linko, Cronin, Eberth, and Walters. Nays: None. Abstain: Berezcz, Peters, and Warren. Motion carried.

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Work Session Minutes of April 13, 2015 as submitted. Ayes: Linko, Berezcz, Cronin, Eberth, Peters, and Walters. Nays: None. Abstain: Warren. Motion carried

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to approve the Agenda of April 20, 2015 as submitted. All voting aye.

**PRESENTATION-SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS PROGRAM:**

Ms. Francene Sanak representing Trenton Veterans Memorial Library presented the Board with a packet containing information regarding Summer Reading Program and Michigan Activity Pass Program. These programs will be offered this summer to Brownstown along with Grosse Ile, Trenton and Woodhaven.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Public Forum was held at 7:12. There was no participation.

**RESOLUTION #2015-09 APPROVING JOINING AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING THE MICHIGAN STREET LIGHTING COALITION:**

Motion of Peters, supported by Eberth, to approve joining and financially supporting The Michigan Street Lighting Coalition. DTE Energy has recently filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) proposed revisions to its street lighting rates. A coalition of municipalities has intervened in the established public process for rate changes with the MPSC (Rate Case U-17767). The cost of the intervention is being shared by the members of the Coalition with additional contributions from the Michigan Municipal League's Legal Defense Fund. The Townships anticipated contribution should not exceed \$2,500.00 based on the number of DTE owned streetlights billed to the Township. Roll call vote: Cronin aye; Peters aye; Berezcz aye; Walters aye; Eberth aye; Linko aye; and Warren aye. Motion carried.

**PEDDLER PERMIT RENEWAL – SURENDRA PATEL – SALE OF ICE CREAM:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the Peddler Permit renewal for Surendra Patel, 27541 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock, MI 48134, for the Sale of Ice Cream contingent upon a satisfactory vehicle inspection by the Police Department. All voting aye.

**2015 – COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Berez, to approve the reappointment's of Larry Ferguson and Ralph Vidusic for Downtown Development Authority/ Brownfield Commission's for a (4) four year term to expire in 2019. All voting aye.

**RESIGNATION FROM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS- RICHARD COX:**

Motion of Berez, supported by Peters, to accept with regrets the resignation of Richard Cox who served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Brownstown since 2000. All voting aye.

**SUPERVISOR:**

**RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT P. KOLONICH:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Berez, to accept with regrets the retirement of Police Sergeant Paul J. Kolonich and recognize his 29 years of service to the Township, and to allow Clerk Berez to purchase his badge and gun for him for \$1.00. Additionally, Clerk Berez would like to purchase Titan, Brownstown's K-9 for officer Michael J. Topjian for \$1.00. All voting aye.

**APPROVAL TO FILL VACANT SERGEANT POSITION:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to approve to fill vacant Sergeant Position in the Police Department which has occurred as result of a retirement. This position is budgeted for the fiscal year 2015. All voting aye.

**INTER GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODHAVEN/BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAM COORDINATOR:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Warren, to concur with Township Attorney to create an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Woodhaven/Brownstown School District for a Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.) Coordinator. This position will work in support of the Brownstown Police Department and will be employed by the Woodhaven/Brownstown School District with funds available from the program account #101.020.2962 with a rate of pay set at \$25.00 per hour. All voting aye.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE PART-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY SECRETARY:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve to hire and train a part time Public Safety Secretary at a pay rate of \$23.00 per hour. Funds are budgeted in the 2015 budget under the unfilled Michigan Association of Police (M.A.P.) Police Support Specialist position vacated January 2, 2015. All voting aye.

**BOARD INFORMATION:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the balance of the Supervisors report which consists of correspondence from the Guidance Center thanking the Township for their contribution of \$4,520.00. Funds contributed will offer programs and services to low-income clients whom live within the Township. All voting aye.

**CLERK:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the balance of the Clerk's report which consists of disbursements, and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 Revenue and Expenditure report. All voting aye.

**TREASURER:**

**DISBURSEMENTS – \$664,141.90**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to approve the disbursements as follows: General Fund Disbursements in the amount of \$103,018.45; Fire Protection in the amount of \$23,970.87; Police Operations in the amount of \$38,073.37; Capital Projects in the amount of \$4,409.40; Downtown Development in the amount of \$17,252.24; Fire Capital in the amount of \$2,220.00; Drug Forfeiture in the amount of \$608.90; Building Authority in the amount of \$750.00; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$72,249.45; Water Fund in the amount \$40,874.72; School & County in the amount of \$2,004.00; payroll dated April 8, 2015 (run#122) in the amount of \$358,710.50 for a total disbursement of \$664,141.90. Roll call vote: Berez aye; Eberth aye; Walters aye; Warren aye; Linko aye; Peters aye; and Cronin aye. Motion carried.

Motion of Berez, supported by Peters, to accept the balance of the Treasurer's report which consists of the February & March, 2015 monthly investment reports. All voting aye

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to accept the balance of the Community Services report which consists of Zoning Enforcement Log from March 2015. All voting aye.

**RECREATION:**

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept with great gratitude the donation of \$10,000.00 from Lisa Berez-Davis for a memorial bronze plaque in memory of Steve and Lee Berez to be placed at the fountain area in the Community Center Plaza. Berez abstained. Motion carried.

Motion of Walters, supported by Cronin, to accept the balance of the Recreation Report which consists of Community Center Update, 2015 Spring Programs, and Senior Programs. All voting aye.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

No report submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion of Cronin, supported by Walters, to adjourn the regular Township Board Meeting at 7:25 p.m. All present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Berez, Clerk  
Charter Township of Brownstown  
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