

Board Work Session at 6:45 pm, prior to the regular Board meeting.

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Trustee Grabinski

Present: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hodges

Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Thielbar, DPW Director Sanders, Fire Chief Glotzbach, Commissioner Hughes, and 22 guests.

Meeting was recorded and labeled the August 16, 2021 regular Board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: August 16, 2021

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried**

D. BADGE PINNING CEREMONY – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Thielbar swore Claire Hinton in as a Muskegon Charter Township Police Officer. Ms. Hinton's father presented her with her badge.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN AGENDA ITEM ONLY – None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2021

2. Department of Public Works Committee Minutes – July 2021

3. Police Department – Monthly Report – July 2021

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve the consent agenda. **Motion Carried**

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks - \$190,746.54

It was moved by Trustee Kemp and second by Trustee Ream to approve payment of weekly and bi-weekly bills of \$190,746.54 from the appropriate accounts.

7 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: *continued*

2. Approval of Local Road Project Contract – MCRC

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the local road project contract for DeBaker Street.

7 – Yeas: Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

3. Consideration of Web Site Upgrade

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to use STG for our website upgrade choosing the Platinum Package up to \$6,000.00 and Option B for \$750.00 for managing the website fully for a year.

7 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Commissioner Hughes – She asked Supervisor Hodges if she has heard anything about the Senior Millage. Supervisor Hodges responded by saying she was going to ask Commissioner Hughes the same question. Commissioner Hughes said she would look into it.

2. Trustee Ream – Tony Moulatsiotis, Muskegon County Treasurer, spoke with Trustee Ream about the County Commissioner numbers going from 9 Commissioners down to 7 Commissioners. Trustee Ream asked Commissioner Hughes if she has heard the same. She answered that she has but she would like to see it stay at 9 Commissioners and she would like the township to stay together.

3. David Schofield – 1167 N. Creston – He stated that it has been a blessing since the boat launch has been closed. There are fewer high school kids, homeless people, and people using drugs down Creston since it was closed.

4. Carl Johnson – 1841 N. Sheridan Rd. – He stated that there was a tragic accident at the end of Creston and he believes the road was closed due to a knee jerk reaction. He stated that the MCRC is not considering the sportsmen and women because they shut off access to the river. He stated that this needs to be discussed and it needs to be placed on an agenda. He also has some funding lined up.

5. David Hover – He stated that Creston Street and the ditches are eroding. He stated that you are unable to get the bumps out of the road and that the culverts on both sides have collapsed.

6. Wayne Cowles – He stated that he has been using the boat launch since he was 14 years old. He stated that the only way to access the river is the boat launch at the end of Milliron. He stated that his whole family uses the river year around.

7. Bruce Wilson – He stated that it gets jammed up at the Milliron boat launch and it is inconvenient for him. He stated that the Creston boat launch should be open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *continued*

8. Troy Bitely – He stated that the Creston boat launch should open back up. He believes that Muskegon County should fix the boat launch because that is what we pay taxes for. He also stated that the County needs to widen the road because there is no place to turn around.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Trustee Hughes asked if the idea for the Creston boat launch has to go through the County.
2. Supervisor Hodges stated that Muskegon Township will not be building the boat launch and that it would need to go through the DNR. She stated that if we had the extra funds they would be used to fix the Roberts Rd culverts or to hire more Public Safety. She also stated that State Representative Sabo is aware of this and is trying to set a meeting up with the correct people to speak with.
3. Trustee Ream stated that the Milliron boat launch is getting tougher to use. He stated that there is limited parking and hard to launch there. He stated that it is a shame that the Creston boat launch is shut down.

K. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Trustee Kemp and second by Trustee Grabinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. **Motion Carried**

Reviewed by: _____
Jennifer Hodges, Supervisor

Recorded by: _____
Carrie Westbrook, Clerk