

Board Work Session at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular board meeting.

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Kieft called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

B. INVOCATION: Given by Clerk Oakes

Present: Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Hernandez, Kieft; **Absent – None**
Also present: Staff: Planning/Zoning/Development Director L. Grabinski, Fire Chief Glotzbach, Captain Fethke, Police Chief Sanford and 6 guests. (County Commissioner Susie Hughes)

This meeting was recorded and labeled the February 16, 2016 regular board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - It was moved by Treasurer Wood and supported by Trustee Hernandez to approve the agenda as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA ONLY –

Agenda Item G. 2 – Demolition of 1860 Paul

- 1) Exlee Charles – 960 Roberts – stated that, on behalf of Fontrice Charles, she received a call from her stating that Fontrice did not receive any letters regarding this agenda item. Exlee recommended that the Board give Fontrice an opportunity to respond before the house is demolished.
- 2) Peggy Watkins – 90 Buel Ave – regarding the property – she expressed how it took so much to get what we have, before you tear it down, give us an opportunity to look into this matter.

Supervisor Kieft responded that the he does not believe that she did not get any letters. Our township has been trying to work with several owners of this property over the past 10 years and it has not worked out. The property is condemned and we have a court order to demolish it.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2016
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2016
3. Police Committee Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2016
4. Sewer and Water Committee Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2016
5. Election Commission Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2016
6. Fire Department Monthly Report – January 2016
7. Police Department Monthly Report – January 2016
8. Inspection Department Annual Report – 2015

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and supported by Trustee Kemp to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion Carried**

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F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Trustee Ream asked about the Water Policy issue. He did receive the total amount spent to date. He was concerned about where we are now and where is the money coming from to pay if we lose this case. Supervisor Kieft responded that we have several dates that we either have to be in court or they are deadline dates for filing a document, regarding this matter. (February 29th, March 8th, April 8th and May 12th) We just received the May 12th court date, today to go before the judge for the Summary disposition. Treasurer Wood responded that the money has been allocated as a contingency to cover the potential fees if we lose the case.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks – \$ 214,954.66

It was moved by Trustee Kemp and supported by Trustee Hernandez to approve payment of the weekly and semi-weekly bills of \$ 214,954.66 from the appropriate accounts.

7 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Hernandez, Kieft

0 – Nays

Absent: None

Motion Carried

2. Consideration of Bids for Demolition of 1860 Paul

It was moved by Clerk Oakes and supported by Trustee Hernandez to table action on this item.

3 – Yeas: Ream, Oakes, Hernandez,

4 – Nays: Wood, Kemp, Hughes, Kieft Absent: None **Motion Denied**

It was moved by Treasurer Wood and supported by Trustee Hughes to award the bid for the demolition of 1860 Paul to Press's in the amount of \$4,520.

5 – Yeas: Ream, Wood, Kemp, Hughes, Kieft

2 – Nays: Oakes, Hernandez

Absent: None

Motion Carried

3. Resolution No. 16-07 – Introduction of Ordinance No. 16-02- Amend Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Regulations of Motor Vehicles Prohibited and Declared Nuisances

It was moved by Treasurer Wood and supported by Trustee Kemp to approve Resolution No. 16-07, the introduction of Ordinance No. 16-02.

7 – Yeas: Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Hernandez, Hughes, Ream, Kieft

0 – Nays

Absent: None

Motion Carried

4. Resolution No. 16-09 – Introduction of Ordinance No. 16-03 – Amend Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Regulations of Automobile Towing and Impound Yards

It was moved by Trustee Kemp and supported by Treasurer Wood to approve Resolution No. 16-09 the introduction of Ordinance No. 16-03. This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

6 – Yeas: Wood, Kemp, Hernandez, Hughes, Ream, Kieft

1 – Nay: Oakes

Absent: None

Motion Carried

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G. NEW BUSINESS continued:

5. Consideration of Special Use Permit – SU-16-01 – Blaski Properties – 1437 Holton Rd. – New Trailer Sales and Used Auto Sales

It was moved by Treasurer Wood and supported by Supervisor Kieft to approve Special Use Permit- SU-16-01. This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Treasurer Wood noted that it is contingent on 8 – parking spaces utilized with the space directly in front of the front door open for fire access and submission of a parking and driveway agreement.

7 – Yeas: Kemp, Hernandez, Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kieft
0 – Nays Absent: None **Motion Carried**

6. Consideration of Revision to Verizon Land Lease Agreement

It was moved by Clerk Oakes and supported by Trustee Hughes to approve the revision to the Verizon Land Lease Agreement. It was noted that due to difficulties in obtaining parts to construct the tower, the date of the agreement was changed to begin October 1, 2016.

7 – Yeas: Hernandez, Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Kieft
0 – Nays Absent: None **Motion Carried**

7. Consideration of Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF Fire Fighters Union

It was moved by Treasurer Wood and supported by Clerk Oakes to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF Fire Fighters Union effective January 31, 2016. (Note page 55 Article 31.1 (b) should read ... 1 pair of dress pants instead of one paid. The contract is effective January 31, 2016 due to the new holidays in the contract)

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Susie Hughes - 2425 Safari Lane:
 - a) She will not be at the breakfast at Mr. B's on March 1st nor the MTA meeting on Feb. 29th at Fruitport Township; she will be attending a conference.
 - b) On behalf of County Clerk Waters, Commissioner Hughes has distributed the 2016 County Directory to the Township and will forward an on-line link to the directory
 - c) The Board was provided information regarding the schedule dates, times, locations and agenda of the Recreational Partnership District meetings. Muskegon Charter Township, District 3, meeting will be March 24, 2016 at 7 pm here at Township Hall.
 - d) County jail – all inmates are moved into the new jail. The jail is running smooth. There is some discussion on what to do with the old jail – right now it is used for storage.
- 2) Trustee Kemp – Noted that there is a bill in the house, HB 5169 regarding the property tax exemption for disabled veterans – the language in this bill, will shift the disabled veterans property tax exemption to a state tax credit, i.e. a direct tax credit.
- 3) Treasurer Wood noted that for Muskegon Charter Township, the disabled veteran's property tax exemption has been a loss in taxable value of over \$1.9 million.

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H. PUBLIC COMMENTS continued:

- 4) Sean Mullally – Noted that Rep. Marsha Hovey-Wright would be here tonight but she is in session in Lansing. He is here to announce that he is running for 92nd District State Representative
- 5) Peggy Watkins – Thanked the Township for the Sports and Shorts summer program at Buel Park. Want to invite everyone to the Reeths-Puffer Neighborhood Improvement Association (RNIA) events – April 22, 2016 Annual Dinner, (see Clerk Oakes for tickets) and August 13, 2016 – 28th Family and Friends - Buel Park. Also, was concerned about the loss of the RPNIA deposit of \$150, due to someone vandalizing the baseball field. Can we get it back or a credit on this year's rental? He stated that due to the gate being left open, the Township will not refund the deposit. She stated that over the 30 years that we have used this park we have never had any vandalism. She lives next door to the park and heard no one and saw no tracks at the gate. Therefore, she believes that they entered the park from River Road. Since this incident, is it possible to have someone from the township check the park at the close of our event, about 8:30 pm? Supervisor Kieft stated that he was sure that this could be arranged.
- 6) Thanks to Maria for a great job on updating the Township Website

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Treasure Wood and Supervisor Kieft noted that the Assessing Department had a very good Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) review from the State Tax Commission. There were only two minor corrections. Supervisor Kieft and Trustee Hughes commented about the great job Penny and Neda are doing in the Assessing Department.
- 2) Trustee Kemp will not be at the March 7, 2016 Board meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Treasurer Wood and supported by Trustee Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. **Motion Carried**

Reviewed _____ Recorded by _____
David A. Kieft Jr. Supervisor Clerk - Ann D. Oakes, CMC