

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

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017**

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: DPW Director, Sanders and 6 guests. (County Commissioner S. Hughes, County Administrator Mark Eisenbarth)

Meeting was recorded and labeled the August 21, 2017 regular board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - It was moved by Treasurer Wood and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the agenda with one additional agenda item under H. New Business: DPW Building Expansion for Sanitation Truck. **Motion Carried**

D, YOUTH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY MILLAGE PRESENTATION – ZACHARY ANDERSON

Zachery Anderson was scheduled to present at another municipality tonight. Supervisor Kieft stated, Joshua Colella is here to do the presentation. Joshua provide each Board member informational literature about the millage. He was joined by Tyjuan Thirdgill for the presentation. Joshua thanked the Board, County Commissioner Hughes and County Administrator Eisenbarth for the opportunity to present. He stated, if approved and levied this millage will raise \$6.2 million the first year. There are matching funds available from the State of Michigan that we can apply for, if this millage passes. We believe it will take a multi-program approach to help our youth. All the funds raised from this millage will be specifically used to fund both existing and new programs that have been proven most effective for helping in prevention, treatment, maximizing positive outcomes for youth and are cost effective. Such as summer and after school based programs, placement homes, therapeutic foster care and programs that include family and community. It is so important to provide youth with “hope”, stated Tyjuan. Growing up in Chicago was quite a challenging experience. Youth need to know that they can overcome negative things that occur in their life. This millage will provide a means for Muskegon county youth to be helped without having to be sent to another city/state for services. This will also be a big savings to the county. Treatment outside the county can cost up to \$800 a day/youth, stated Joshua. Youth that have mental health issues are not limited

D. PRESENTATION continued:

to just one area in the County. This millage will provide dollars for these necessary services to be available in our County. Supervisor Kieft stated, he agrees there is a need, in this County, for additional services for people with mental health issues. Joshua asked if anyone had questions. Trustee Hernandez stated, these services were provided by another organization and they are gone. What happen to them and what is going to prevent this from happening to these programs? Joshua did not know what happened to the other organization. This millage, will provide funding to support the programs. We are in the process of evaluating all programs and those that are not effective will be eliminated. Treasurer Wood asked how much is currently in the County's budget for these services. Joshua and County Administrator Eisenbarth stated \$4.8 million. Treasurer Wood asked, how much will be budgeted in the general fund if this millage passes. Administrator Eisenbarth stated none. Trustee Ream questioned the timing of putting this millage on the November ballot. Take into considering that, the Township is trying to pass a road millage and having to pay the assessments from the Drain Commissioner. Administrator Eisenbarth stated, due to the change in the law, we can only put these proposals on the November ballot. During the presentation, Commissioner Hughes provided helpful information to clarify several discussion points regarding the millage. Supervisor Kieft stated, on July 31st, Commissioner Mahoney spoke at the countywide MTA meeting regarding the Youth, Family Community Millage. Supervisor Kieft thanked Joshua and Tyjuan for the presentation.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA ONLY None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2017
2. Fire Department Monthly Report – July 2017

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

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Trustee Ream asked for an update from the meeting of the Water Policy Board. Supervisor Kieft responded that the Board hired a new attorney.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. DPW Building Expansion for Sanitation Truck

It was moved by Treasurer Wood and seconded by Trustee Hernandez to approve the project for the DPW Building Expansion and award the bid to Hughes Builders. This is a recommendation from the DPW Committee.

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H. NEW BUSINESS continued:

1. DPW Building Expansion for Sanitation Truck

Supervisor Kieft noted that this project will be paid from the sanitation fund.

6 – Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Hernandez, Kieft

0 – Nays

1 – Abstain: Hughes

Absent: None

Motion Carried

2, Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks - \$ 132,343.79

It was moved by Trustee Hernandez and second by Trustee Kemp to approve payment of the weekly and semi-weekly bills of \$ 132,343.79 from the appropriate accounts. Treasurer Wood noted that in the check runs is an invoice paid for work being done as part of the SAW grant. Wanted the Board to know that we also have received our 1st payment from the SAW grant that we were awarded.

6 - Yeas: Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Hernandez, Kieft

0 – Nays

1 – Abstain: Hughes

Absent: None

Motion Carried

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Clerk Oakes thanked DPW Director Sanders and his staff for the work they did at Buel Park for the RPNIA Family and Friends event. It looked great and we appreciate all that was done.

2. Trustee Hughes: also commended DPW Director Sanders and his staff for how nice Wesley Park looked for the Dedication Ceremony today.

K. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Treasurer Wood and second by Trustee Kemp to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. **Motion Carried**

Reviewed by _____
David A. Kieft Jr, Supervisor

Recorded by _____
Clerk - Ann D. Oakes, CMC, CMMC