

Board Work Session at 6:15 pm, prior to the regular Board meeting.

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023**

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Treasurer Theile

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

Excused Absent: Kemp

Also Present: Police Chief Thielbar, Fire Chief Glotzbach, DPW Director Smith, Planning/Zoning Administrator Werschem, County Commissioner Nash and 8 guest. Meeting was recorded and labeled the March 6, 2023 regular Board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 6, 2023

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA ONLY

Debra Alderink – 328 S Milliron Rd – wants to speak on agenda items #3 and #8.

#3 She stated that it's sad we don't have a budget for parks and recreation when we have ones for our police department, fire department and DPW. She also stated that our parks are neglected and she believes homeless people are living in them. She said that her children used to play baseball and were in cheerleading at our parks when they were younger and would like to see events like that again.

#8 She is totally against Cannabash being held at Softball World and wants it out of her neighborhood. She stated that traffic was horrible and there was garbage in her yard. Supervisor Hodges read a statement given to her by Debra Alderink from Linda Parker – 270 S. Milliron Rd – She stated that she is against Softball World hosting Cannabash. She stated that the noise and traffic was unacceptable at last year's event.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2023

2. Monthly Reports – Fire Department January 2023

3. Monthly Reports – Police Department February 2023

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the consent agenda. **Motion Carried**

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks \$333,174.92

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Ream to approve payment of weekly and bi-weekly bills of \$333,174.92 from the appropriate accounts.

6 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

2. Consideration of Approval of Demolition at 204 Buel

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Clerk Westbrook to approve the demolition at 204 Buel using Press’s LLC for \$8,520.00.

6 – Yeas: Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 23-10 Approving Funds 2023 for Parks and Recreations Activities

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Clerk Westbrook to approve Resolution No. 23-10 and to make the appropriate budget amendments.

6 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

4. Consideration of Amendment to Resolution No. 21-06

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve amending the legal description for Resolution No. 21-06.

6 – Yeas: Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

5. Consideration of Amendment to Resolution No. 21-13

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Clerk Westbrook to approve amending the legal description for Resolution No. 21-13.

6 – Yeas: Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

6. Consideration to Approve the Hiring of Full Time Police Officer

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Treasurer Theile to approve hiring Aaron McConaughy with a start date of April 2, 2023 and the pay rate set at the 1 year step in the Police Union Contract upon successful completion of the pre-employment physical and background check.

6 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: *continued*

**7. Consideration of Resolution No. 23-08 Adoption of Ordinance No. 23-03
Creation of New General Commercial (GC) Zoning District**

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve Resolution No. 23-08 intro of Ordinance No. 23-03 with the elimination of Section 5, Sec. 58-322, number 5.

6 – Yeas: Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

8. Approval of Request for Temporary Marihuana Event – Cannabash

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Hughes to approve the temporary marihuana event Cannabash.

6 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Nash stated that it was good to be back.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Theile stated that we received formal approval to apply for MI Grants. The Egg Drop event has 96 kids already signed up. She has received 27 applications for the Vendor/Craft Show. Parks and Recreation have gift certificates to Texas Roadhouse for a child that reads 5 books in the month of March for reading month.

Supervisor Hodges stated that the Transportation Committee is working with GVSU and sending surveys out in Muskegon County. Safer Routes to School is working with her to create walking paths on Hall Rd for Orchard View Schools and she sat in on a meeting today to see about setting something up for Reeths-Puffer Elementary, Intermediate and High School. She was also appointed Chairperson for West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

J. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to go into closed session at 7:31pm.

6 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Trustee Grabinski to exit closed session at 8:16pm.

6 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

K. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve an unpaid leave of absent for Officers Flowers effective from the end of his paid time off to August 13, 2023.

6 – Yeas: Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

Motion Carried

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Clerk Westbrook to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.

Reviewed by: _____
Jennifer Hodges, Supervisor

Recorded by: _____
Carrie Westbrook, Clerk