

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.—Watervliet Township Hall

Dan Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Dan Hutchins, Patricia Bambrick, Joe Matthews, Bob Wallace, Tom Scheid, and Joe Stepich.

Board Reports:

- *Minutes:* **Moved** by T Scheid, supported by J Stepich to accept the minutes of the November 21st Regular Board Meeting and November 30th Special Board Meeting as printed. Approved.
- *Treasurer's Report:* **Moved** by P Bambrick, supported by B Wallace to accept the November 30, 2011 treasurer's report as presented. Approved.
- *Bills:* General-\$51,094.53; Payroll-\$14,638.88. **Moved** by J Stepich, supported by J Matthews to accept the payment of bills as presented. Approved.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

- Paw Paw Lake Wastewater Treatment Plan; Fire Board.

Old Business:

- CMAQ update – Alan Smaka: No report.
- Police Contract: **Moved** by J Stepich, supported by B Wallace to approve the Berrien County Sheriff's 2012 contract amount of \$223,543. Aye: Matthews, Wallace, Scheid, Stepich, Bambrick, Hutchins. The possible purchase/budgeting of a new cruiser was discussed.
- Sub-Board/Committee appointments: **Moved** by B Wallace, supported by T Scheid to name Joe Frontczak as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Roy Masters as the alternate. Approved. The appointment satisfies the requirement of having a common member on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Fire Truck: Financing options for the new Watervliet Fire Department pumper/ladder truck will be discussed at a special board meeting in early January.

New Business:

- 2012 Board Meeting Schedule: **Moved** by T Scheid, supported by J Matthews to approve the 2012 board meeting schedule as presented. Approved.
- Watervliet Area Joint Water Supply System Board: **Moved** by B Wallace, supported by J Stepich to abolish the Watervliet Area Joint Water Supply System Board. Approved.
- Sale of Township Property Policy: Tabled.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Investment Plan: J Stepich presented the plant's capital investment plan. A rate increase of 30¢ per 1,000 gallons to support identified equipment needs will go into effect on April 1, 2012.
- Ice Festival: **Moved** by T Scheid, supported by B Wallace to purchase two blocks of ice at \$125 each for an ice sculpture to be displayed at the Township Hall. Approved.

- S.A.D. Committee Recommendations: **Moved** by J Stepich, supported by B Wallace that the Watervliet Charter Township Board approved a one-year contract not to exceed \$130,000 for 2012 to Professional Lake & Land Management for weed management application and a separate one-year contract not to exceed \$15,000 for 2012 to JFNew for related weed management testing and analyses. Aye: J Stepich, T Scheid, B Wallace, J Matthews, P Bambrick, D Hutchins.

Other Business:

- Lift Station Generators: Problems at Lift Station 3 have been resolved. It was noted that the generators are louder than anticipated. Sound baffling options will be explored.

Announcements:

- Next board Meeting: January 16, 2012.
- Township Hall closed December 23 and 26 for Christmas; January 2 for New Years Day.

Adjournment:

- **Moved** by J Matthews, supported by J Stepich to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bambrick, Clerk

Dan Hutchins, Supervisor