

## CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2024, 7 pm  
Crystal Community Center

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor C McCracken at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: C McCracken, P Baker-Marek, N Johnson, S Daily, A Little

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Approval of Agenda and accept the Consent Agenda: Motion by Baker-Marek, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda and the Consent Agenda adding j. MTA Class. Motion carried: ayes-all.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion by Little, seconded by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda with clarification of Bloom, Sluggett charges. Motion carried: ayes-all.

### REPORTS:

- a. Montcalm Co Buzz:
- b. Fire Report: Attached.
- c. DPW: None
- d. Duck Lake Improvement: Next meeting April
- e. Downtown Development Authority: Winterfest
- f. Montcalm Police Report: Report reviewed.
- g. Trustee Report: Presented list of non statutory duties.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Polices:
  1. Video Monitoring
  2. Purchase Policy
- b. Compactor
- c. MI 1 CD
- d. Sewer Department Agri Contract
  1. Disclosure: C McCracken presented a disclosure to the board, no action taken, incomplete disclosure per MCL 317.

### NEW BUSINESS:

## A. Charter Franchise Agreement:

TOWNSHIP BOARD  
CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY  
(Resolution No. 24-004)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Crystal held at the Crystal Township Hall on February 14, 2024 at 7 o'clock., a motion was made to adopt this Resolution by Board Member Baker-Marek and was seconded by Board Member Daily:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING A UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICES LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM MID-AMERICA, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, MANAGED BY CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS RECITALS

The Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, 2006 PA 480, (the "Act"), required the Michigan Public Service Commission to establish a uniform video services local franchise agreement for use by all video service providers in Michigan seeking to provide video services within the boundaries of a governmental unit.

On January 15, 2024, Spectrum Mid-America, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, managed by Charter Communications ("Charter") submitted a uniform video service local franchise agreement to the Township Clerk (the "Uniform Franchise") for approval. The Uniform Franchise was received by the Township on January 17, 2024.

Section 3(3) of the Act requires the Township to approve a uniform franchise agreement within 30 days of receipt by the Township Clerk if the application is deemed complete.

The Uniform Franchise submitted to the Township Clerk by Charter is complete and meets the technical requirements of both the Act and the administrative requirements published by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

RESOLUTION BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Uniform Franchise filed with the Clerk on January 17, 2024 is hereby received and meets the technical requirements of the Act.

Since the Uniform Franchise meets the technical requirements of the Act, and for no other reason, the Uniform Franchise is hereby approved by the Township Board.

The Township Board hereby approves the imposition of a zero percent (0%) franchise fee to be assessed and paid to the Township consistent with the Act and the requirements the Township imposes on other providers.

The Township Board ratifies the Township Supervisor's execution and transmittal of the Uniform Franchise.

The approval and execution of the Uniform Franchise is not to be construed or understood as a waiver of any right of the Township's police powers; rights it may possess under, or authority it may possess under the Act, Michigan Law, the Michigan Constitution, or federal law; or its right to challenge or modify a uniform franchise if the Act in whole or in part is overturned by a court of competent jurisdiction.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are, to the extent of any such conflict, hereby repealed.

This Resolution takes effect immediately.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

## b. Resolution: Eliminate Penalties:

ELIMINATE PENALTIES  
24-005

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE COLLECTION OF PENALTIES ON WINTER TAXES FROM February 15, 2024 through February 29, 2024.

At the regular meeting of the Township of Crystal, Montcalm County, Michigan, held on February 14, 2024. The following resolution was offered by Baker-Marek and seconded by Daily.

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE COLLECTION OF PENALTIES ON CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP WINTER TAXES FROM February 15, 2024 through February 29, 2024.

WHEREAS, The General Property Tax Act P.A. 206 of 1893 (as amended) requires the Treasurer of Crystal Township to collect real and personal property taxes, due by February 14, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crystal Township Board hereby determines that no penalties will be charged on Crystal Township Winter Taxes from February 15, 2024 through February 29, 2024.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

AYE: Daily, Johnson, McCracken, Baker-Marek, Little

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted effective:

## c. Granger Spring Clean-up: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Little to approve contract with Granger for Spring Clean up -April 13 8-12 at Noll Park. Motion carried: ayes-all.

- d. CMS-Server: Request CMS attend next meeting to discuss Server estimate.
- e. Wooded Property-Survey: no action taken
- f. Youth League: Motion by Daily, seconded by Little to approve purchase of 30 yards of stone dust for the fields. Motion carried: ayes-all.
- g. Fire Department: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Daily to approve the purchase of a 2008 Alumitech Ice Hull Air Boat. Motion carried: ayes-Daily, Little, Baker-Marek, Johnson. Nays-McCracken.
- h. Discussion Items:
  - a. Community Center Rental: Motion by Daily, seconded by Johnson to approve purchase of a 4 burner gas stove and repair plugged drains in the building. Motion carried: ayes-all.
  - b. Meeting Notices: All meeting notices posted at the Community Center also sent to S Daily to publish on the Website.
  - c. Attorney: concern of lag time with attorney response
  - d. Insurance: Volunteers, per D Bellinger will be covered with Township Insurance but not Workers Compensation.
  - e. Leaves/Snow: Ask DPW staff to present a plan to the board for Leaf Removal.
  - f. ACH Transactions: Nancy & Pat to contact MTA for appropriate steps for internal controls.
- i. MTA Class: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Daily to approve attendance at "SHOW ME THE MONEY" class on Mondays' MTA Conference in Traverse City for Johnson, Little and Daily. Motion carried: ayes-all.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Little, seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 8:27. Motion carried, ayes-all.