

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ADRIAN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023, AT 7:00 pm

PROPOSED/  
UNAPPROVED  
APPROVED

Supervisor Koehn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken of the Board members present: Jim Malarney, Mike Herr, Steve May, Rob Hosken, Jim Koehn and Ray Thompson. Ben Ruesink was absent.

**Herr moved, supported by May, to approve the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Thompson moved, supported by Malarney, to approve all the reasonable and customary bills and claim audit vouchers paid or presented for payment. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report – None

Public Comment –

Richard Gagnon, 4114 Bent Oak Highway, complained that the trees planted around the new solar farm are less than the 6' minimum height per an ordinance. Supervisor Koehn stated that he was unaware of the height ordinance and would look into it. Mr. Gagnon's phone number is 404-909-3498.

Supervisor's Report – Distributed

The Michigan State Legislature set statewide siting standards for renewable energy facilities. Local units must have a "compatible renewable energy ordinance" that complies with statewide standards such as setbacks, decibel levels and heights.

Reported his conversations with the City of Adrian regarding their taking over control and ownership of the Ballenberger Lift Station and asked for comments from the Board Members.

- Currently, we pay for all maintenance costs of the lift station, which requires cleaning every 90 days.
- Only have 8-9 township customers are on that line
- Charlotte Stephenson Home is the largest customer on the line but pays the City of Adrian.
- None of the Board Members objected to Supervisor Koehn negotiating with the transfer to the city.

Asked if any Board Member objected to him looking at setting up "pickle ball courts" on the recycling cement pads at the back of the parking lot.

- A number of high school students in attendance stated that they all play pickle ball.
- Steve May suggested that he get quotes.

Attorney's Report – None

Board of Reviews – None

Planning Commission Report – None

Fire Department Report – Distributed

Responded to 100 incidents last month.

**The Chair entertained a motion by May, supported by Malarney, approving the hiring of probationary firefighter Michael Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by Herr, approving the EMERGENCY NETWORKING Fire Reporting software purchase in the amount \$4,480.00 with an annual renewal amount of \$2,390.00. Motion passed unanimously.**

Police Department Report – Distributed

The Chair entertained a motion by May, supported by Hosken, approving the AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. 5-YEAR quote to sell and maintain Taser 7 police equipment.

- The tasers would be owned by the Department.
- AXON currently provides and maintains the Department's body cameras and is considered the industry's standard for police gear.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business –

Scott Merilatt will be applying for a grant from the Federal Government to cover the costs of moving the sewer line in conjunction with the rebuilding of the Carson Highway Bridge.

New Business –

The Chair entertained a motion by Malarney, supported by Hosken, approving PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION #23-09. Motion passed unanimously.

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The 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Tom Manges questioned whether the Township had published the public notice which he was assured had happened.

No comments were made from the Board Members

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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The Chair entertained a motion by Malarney, supported by May, approving the L.C.R.C. Estimate # 4780, in the amount of \$4,585.59 of matching funds, for the culvert replacement on Carson Highway, 1,485 feet South of Emery. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment –

Doug McGee questioned if the Public Comment Resolution would also apply to the other Township meeting held in the future? Yes.

Mike Herr was very impressed with the River Raisin Watershed Meeting attended and said that their budget for 2024 will exceed \$900K.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Hosken, Clerk



Jim Koehn, Supervisor