

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ADRIAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL
FEBRUARY 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, Rob Hosken, Jim Koehn and Ben Ruesink. Ray Thompson was absent.

May moved, supported by Malarney, to approve the January 9, 2023 Board Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report – Distributed

Public Comment – None

Township Building Inspector Dave Rincon provided detail regarding the charge for an Electrical Permit for the Blue Elk Solar Project based on a cost per the 71,928 panels to be installed.

- The State of Michigan's inspection Cost is a flat rate of \$6 / panel, for a cost of \$431,818.00
- He is recommending a cost of \$5 / panel which amounts to \$362,500, including other expenses
 - Based on using the BS&A software which is the industry standard.
 - Per the MTA, if the cost too high, there is a good chance we would be sued.
- Other townships in the county are waiting for us to set the standards for their projects.
- Planning Commission's Doug McGee stated the fees would be incorporated into the Master Plan.
- **The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported Ruesink to Charge Blue Elk Solar \$5.00 / solar panel, amounting to \$362,500 cost for the electrical permit.**

Supervisor's Report – Distributed

The closing did take place on the purchase of the Whatley 22 acre parcel last month.

The annual LCRC meeting is scheduled of April 4, 2023 at 10 am at their office.

Attorney's Report – None

Board of Reviews – None

Planning Commission Report – Meeting scheduled

Fire Department Report – Distributed

On 1/28, the Department was dispatched to a house fire at 4761 Heatherway Drive.

- When they arrived fire was coming out the front door and was quickly extinguished.
- The fire was started by a child playing with a lighter
- One firefighter injured her leg when the floor fell through

During last year's annual inspection, the springs on Engine -1 were found to be flat.

Needs heavy duty spring replacement.

The Chair entertained a motion by Herr, supported Ruesink to approve Patriot Fire Service replacing the bad springs with heavy duty springs at a cost of \$4,526.82. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Department Report – Distributed

Police Chief John Elkins explained that the current 40 caliber handguns have lived beyond their recommended time and one of the guns has a broken firing pin.

The State Police and Lenawee County Sheriff Department have switched to the Sig Sauer P320X Compact Pro 9mm.

- 9mm Ammunition is less expensive to purchase
- Less maintenance issues than the 40 caliber
- Sig Sauer's law enforcement distributor, ACME Sports, Inc., provided a quote of \$5,219.00 for six new 9mm pistols with accessories less a trade in value of \$1,375 for 5 of the 40 caliber weapons.
- **The Chair entertained a motion by May, supported Ruesink to approve the purchase of 6 Sig Sauer P320X 9mm handguns per ACME SPORTS, INC's Agency Sig Sauer Pistol Quote dated February 2, 2023 describing the accessories associated with the new weapons in the amount of \$5,219.00 which includes the \$1,375 in trade-ins. Motion passed unanimously**

Chief Elkins recommended the existing rifle purchase program be modified to meet some of the best practices currently in use.

- Identify a standardized patrol rifle that will be the only rifle authorized for purchase.
- Recommended the approved rifle be the Sig Sauer M400 Pro 5.56 with optional barrel equipped with a Sig Sauer Romeo 4T Red Dot Sights with a suppressor and a flashlight and sling equipment package.
- Recommended that our officers pay 25 of the 26 pay periods and that the last payment is made once the officer leaves the department.
 - This would keep the gun as property of the Township until the officer resigns.
 - Makes the Township liable for actions taken using the weapon in the future.
 - Allow Officer Rockette to purchase a new weapon that meets the new standards recommended
 - Officer Meloche was approved to participate in the rifle purchase agreement at a previous Board Meeting.
- **The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported Ruesink to approve the purchase of 2 Sig Sauer M400 Pro Rifles per ACME SPORTS, INC's Agency Sig Sauer Rifle Quote dated February 2, 2023 in the amount of \$2,317.00 per weapon.**
 - **The officer's rifle purchase program will be modified so that the officer pays for 25 pay periods and 26th payment will occur when said officer leave the Department.**
 - **Motion passed unanimously**

To insure the integrity of the Police Department's Property and Evidence Room, Chief Elkins recommended the room be alarmed and have a camera to document authorized entry.

The Chair entertained a motion by Herr, supported Hosken to approve HABITEC SECURITY'S quote of \$4,600.00 dated January 31, 2023 installing a new security hardware for the Evidence Room including an indoor camera to monitor the room's activity. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business –

The ARPA Funds discussion included the following:

- The only purchase funded so far is the Ambulance
- Ben Ruesink mentioned basement remodeling
- Steve May recommended it not be used for sewer funding
- Steve May recommended we use the money for a site plan on the acquired property

Shelter repair on Tipton Hwy and Country Club Park

- Steve May stated the contractor will be starting next week

New Business –

The Chair entertained a motion by Malarney, supported by May creating an electrical permit charge of \$5 per panel to Blue Elk Solar. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by Herr approving the approved Worner's PA-116 request. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair entertained a motion by Malarney, supported by Herr, to go into “closed session” at 8:04 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair entertained a motion by Malarney, supported by Herr, to exit the “closed session” at 8:13 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair entertained a motion by Malarney, supported by Hosken, to transfer Police Chief John Elkin to a salaried position of \$60,328. The motion passed unanimously

The Chair entertained a motion by Herr, supported by Ruesink, to making Fire Chief Tim Bartenslager a full time salaried position at his current salary of \$44,044.88 with the \$7,200 / year medical insurance allowance. The motion passed unanimously

Public Comment – None

Adjourned 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Hosken, Clerk

Jim Koehn, Supervisor

