

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ADRIAN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, AT 7:00 pm**

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.

May moved, supported by Herr, to approve the August 14th, 2023, Board and the August 22nd, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Thompson moved, supported by Herr, 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

Supervisor's Report – None

Having returned from a week's absence, did not have a report.

Attorney's Report – None

Board of Reviews – None

Planning Commission Report – Met

No action was taken at the last meeting.

Fire Department Report – Distributed

Responded to 97 incidents last month.

The Chair entertained a motion by Thompson, supported by Herr, approving the hiring of FF / EMT trained Brock Kuhn. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by May, to purchase of 4 replacement airbags from Macqueen Emergency Equipment replacing the 15-year-old expired bags at a cost of \$6150.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair entertained a motion by Herr, supported by Malarney, approving the Caris Heating and Cooling, Inc. quote dated September 6, 2023, in the amount of \$3,700.00 for a heat pump with cooling in the break room. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Department Report – Distributed

Chief Elkins stated that he will be seeking a grant from MCOLES' \$11,000,000.00 appropriation from the Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to obtain POSITRON Police bikes.

The Chief presented an US Flag / Accommodation wall mount addressed to Adrian Charter Township from the Country, for his support during his deployment at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2022.

Old Business –

Supervisor Koehn met with the L.C.R.C. regarding the proposed Carson Highway Bridge replacement, stating the Township is not in support of spending \$600,000 relocating its sewer lines.

- Recommended they consider spending monies on a new design not effecting the sewer lines.

Regarding future solar farm ordinances, there are bills in front of the State Legislature that would eliminate all local authority.

- Doug McGee investigated, and believes that existing local solar ordinances would not be overwritten.
- Supervisor Koehn stated he would contact our local representatives to voice our disapproval.

Victim Services Unit (VSU) Representative Kay Watts explained that the unit is 16 years old and has been funded in the past by a government grant program that has been discontinued.

- As of June, 17% of the incidents deployed, have happened within Adrian Township. Tim Bartenslager acknowledged their activity.
- Monies raised will go to training, clothing, and supplies. Current, out of pocket expenses are paid by the volunteers.
- Mike Herr inquired about training, and it was explained they are trained through the Michigan Sheriff's Association.
- Steve May asked who calls them out and it is the County Dispatch, but it can be anybody.
- Jim Koehn agreed to send letters of support to the other townships in the County
- **The Chair entertained a motion by May, supported by Herr, approving 25 cents per resident, approximately \$1,500 to help the Victim Services Unit. Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business –

Budget Adjustments: Rob Hosken reminded the members that because of the transfers from the General Fund to both the Fire and Police Funds, adjustments will have to be done before the year end.

- Discussion was deferred until the Budget Hearing later in the month.

Paid Holidays: Jim Koehn explained that he granted June 19th, (JUNETEENTH Federal Holiday) off and suggested that the Board consider adding the day to the existing "holiday list" published in the Township's Employee Manual.

- Discussion was deferred until the Budget Hearing later in the month.

Public Comment –

Steve May asked about trash contracts, if the rates could be lowered if the Township worked with just one firm?

- Hosken stated that currently Stevens is higher than Modern Waste.
- Thompson stated that trucks do not adhere to the weight limits which can cause road damage.


Rob Hosken explained the Early Voting literature passed out, which describes how the County plans to implement it in 2024.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,



 Rob Hosken, Clerk



 Jim Koehn, Supervisor