

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ADRIAN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL  
JUNE 10, AT 7:00 pm

**PROPOSED  
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, Ray Thompson and Ben Ruesink.

**Malarney moved, supported by May, to approve the May 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting 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. Mike Herr asked about Sewer Ck # 3000, with the Howell Lift amount of \$50,392.60 and it was explained that it was paid to the City of Adrian for the monthly Howell Lift Station usage billing. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report – Distributed

Public Comment –

Lenawee County Commissioner Jim Van Doren gave an update on recent County projects:

- No change in County Board's health insurance program for elected officials.
  - Annual allowance in lieu of coverage is \$15,000
  - Current paid family premium for insurance, if chosen, is \$30,000 per year.
- The Board approved a 3% salary increase for all elected officials.
- A New County Finance Officer position has been filled.
- Convicted youths under the age of 18 can no longer be housed in the County Jail. Preparations are being made to transfer them to the County Youth Facility but major expenditures will be required to house them.
- The Judicial Center needs to be replaced as it is in such a condition that it is not worth modernizing.
- The sale of the Tecumseh Products Property was voted to be put on hold for a 4-year period.
- The County Commissioners' Meetings are planned be live streamed in 2025.

Supervisor's Report – None

Attorney's Report – None

Board of Reviews – None

Planning Commission Report – None

Fire Department Report – Distributed

Chief Tim Bartenslager explained that the additional cost to switch to a natural gas replacement generator would be \$6K – \$10K additional cost over the \$18,750.00 price quoted last month.

- The high cost is due to the gas line having to be tunneled under the existing concrete.
- The Department had already purchased a larger propane tank prior to having a problem.
- Adrian Electric Generator recommended staying with the propane powered quote of \$18,750 because of the efficiency savings on the modern unit.
- **The Chair entertained a motion by Herr, supported by Malarney, to accept the Adrian Electric Generator Quote #5605 of \$18,750.00 for installation of 24 KW 100-amp, liquid cooled KOHLER Standby Generator. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Chair entertained a motion by May, supported by Ruesink, to approve the rehiring of firefighter – paramedic Robet Brady as a parttime employee. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Chief explained there is a problem with weekend officer staffing. He feels that going to 12-hour shifts and paying a \$200 weekend duty stipend would incentivize the personnel.

- They would be expected to work one weekend a month.

- This would provide 24-hour coverage at the Department on weekends.
- Although the change would cost an estimated \$48,210.00 annually, headcount has dropped from 32 people to 20 active firefighters requiring more hours expected from the parttime personnel
- **The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by Thompson, to approve the three (3) 12-hour shifts per weekend with the \$200 stipend for the officers' working. The motion passed unanimously.**

Police Department Report –Distributed

Old Business – None

New Business –

L.C.R.C. received a request from the residents of Oakleaf Drive, a private drive, to be paved and taken over by the Township. The current road surface is extremely poor.

- The Road Commission's email dated April 30,2024 stated the cost to bring the road to the County's specifications would cost approximately \$163,842 if the work is completed this year. Next year's projected cost would be \$196,842.
- Supervisor Koehn has met with Road Commission and recommends that the cost be allocated as follows as a starting point in the negotiations:
- Adrian Township would cover the 30% of this year's cost estimate, approximately \$49,152.60
- Lenawee County Land Bank. would cover the 30% of this year's cost, approximately \$49,152.60
- The residents would be responsible for 40% of this year's cost, approximately \$65,537
- A 10-year special assessment could be offered to the residents to help offset the cost of transferring the private access road to a public road and linking the dead-end road to Redwood Circle.
- **Herr moved, supported by Ruesink, that the Township would approve covering the 30% cost of \$49,152.60 and would help finance the residents' 40% cost (\$65,537) of the 2024 price of \$163,842, Per Scott Merillat's emailed dated April 30, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by Herr, to approve RES 24-05, resolving the Township Board does hereby retain Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, PLC as special counsel to coordinate the crossing of Township utilities by Citizens Gas Fuel Company's natural gas pipeline, including coordinating any necessary agreements and representation of the Township in any related condemnation litigation. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Chair entertained a motion by May, supported by Herr, to approve RES 24-07, titled 2024 Poverty Exemption Amendment, that the Township desires to now grant partial poverty exemptions in the discounted amount of 25%, 50% and 75% in addition to the 100% already available. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Chair entertained a motion by Hosken, supported by Ruesink to approve the renewal of the Fire Department Provident Accident & Health Policy Plan 2, 3-year Prepaid Premium of \$16,430.00 which includes the Line of Duty Cancer Initial Diagnosis Benefit Rider. The motion passed unanimously.**

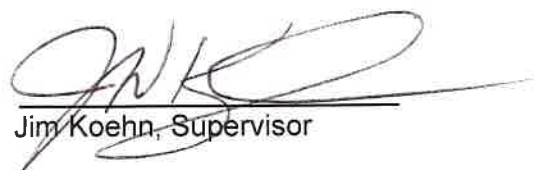
Public Comment – None

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Hosken, Clerk



Jim Koehn, Supervisor