

Board Work Session at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular board meeting.

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2019**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. INVOCATION:** Given by Clerk Oakes

**Present:** Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hernandez

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Staff – Police Chief Wypa, Fire Chief Glotzbach, Planning/Zoning and Community Development Administrator Werschem, Assessor Good, and 5 guests. (92nd District State Representative Terry Sabo, Commissioner Susie Hughes, Central Dispatch Director Shawn Grabinski)

Meeting was recorded and labeled the July 15, 2019 regular Board meeting.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, July 15, 2019:**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA ONLY:**

Agenda Item: G. New Business – 2. Resolution No. 19-27

1. Kal Fowle 428 S. Sheridan - He would like the Board to reconsider the maximum weight of the reptiles. Hard shell reptiles (tortoise) are very heavy. Also, a sentence should be included regarding herbivores as household pets.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2019
2. Quarterly Cash & Investment Report – June 30, 2019
3. Quarterly Revenue & Expenditure Report – June 20, 2019
4. Police Department Monthly Report June 2019

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the consent agenda. **Motion Carried**

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks - \$ 382,994.95**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to approve payment of the weekly and semi-weekly bills of - \$ 382,994.95 from the appropriate accounts.

7 - Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hernandez  
0 – Nays:                      Absent: None                      **Motion Carried**

**2. Resolution No. 19-27: Introduction to Amend Ordinance No. 19-6  
Section 58-64 “Keeping of Animals”**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Clerk Oakes to adopt Resolution No. 19-27, the Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-6. Trustee Grabinski added, that staff is to check with Township legal counsel to see if the Ordinance can require that all monkeys must be spade/neutered and a clause be added to address herbivores as household pets.

6 - Yeas: Ream, Oakes, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hernandez  
1 – Nay: Hughes                      Absent: None                      **Motion Carried**

**3. Approval to purchase two (2) 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility  
Vehicles**

It was moved by Trustee Kemp and second by Treasurer Theile to purchase two 2020 Ford Police Utility vehicle from Borgman Ford for a total cost of \$72,650 and to amend the budget accordingly. This is a Police Committee recommendation.

7 – Yeas: Oakes, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hernandez  
0 – Nays:                      Absent: None                      **Motion Carried**

**4. Approval to Hire Paid On Call Firefighter**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Hughes to hire Joseph Cook to the position of Paid on call Firefighter, pending passing the pre-employment medical evaluation. This is a Fire Committee recommendation.

7 - Yeas: Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Hernandez  
0 – Nays:                      Absent: None                      **Motion Carried**

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Representative Terry Sabo – 92<sup>nd</sup> District: a) Rep. Sabo served on the house Appropriations Committee. The House, Senate and Governor gave readings on the budget and all three differ. Rep. Sabo is paying close attention to revenue sharing. The House has recommended a 3 percent increase for revenue sharing. The Governor is asking for a 45 cents increase to the gasoline tax to improve the roads. He doesn't think this will happen. Supervisor Hernandez

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**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS continued:**

stated the Township had to go out for a millage to fix our roads. She personally believes you have to be willing to spend some money to fix the roads. Although she doesn't think you should take from other entities to get the roads in the State of Michigan done. Rep. Sabo stated, we don't expect to approve the budget until right before October 1, 2019. Trustee Ream asked Rep. Sabo for an update on the Benton Harbor School system. Rep. Sabo stated, there has not been much improvements in the Benton Harbor Schools to meet the conditions of the Governor's agreement. Unlike the Muskegon Heights school system which is making great progress towards meeting the conditions of the Governor's agreement and has also shown financial improvements. At this time there is no resolution to the Benton Harbor School system. The students don't know where they will start high school for this year.

2. Commissioner Susie Hughes, 2425 Safari Lane – a) She emailed the Board a Calendar of events. b) Muskegon County Fair is July 22-27. 3) Resolution No. 19-27: Commissioner Hughes asked the Board to relook at the maximum number of animals. Trustee Ream asked Commissioner Hughes about the County Commissioners voting not to give anyone at the County a pay increase for next year. The County treasurer stated this at the Democratic Party meeting. Commissioner Hughes stated, yes there was an 8-1 vote for no pay increases at the County. The County Treasurer wanted a 30 percent increase for his department only. That was not going to happen.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Clerk Oakes – Anyone interested in working the 2020 Census, minimum requirements, 18 years old and transportation. Job available starting August 2019 – August 2020. Starting pay \$14/hr. For more information, contact the following website. [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. **Motion Carried**

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hernandez, Supervisor Ann D. Oakes, Clerk  
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