

Board Work Session at 6:00 pm, prior to the regular board meeting.

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2020**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hodges 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, Grabinski, Hodges

**Absent excused:** Kemp

**Also present:** Staff – Police Chief Thielbar, DPW Director Sanders and 3 guests.  
(Commissioner Susie Hughes)

Meeting was recorded and labeled the March 16, 2020 regular Board meeting.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** March 16, 2020

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Ream to approve the agenda with the removal of agenda item G. New Business #8. **Motion Carried**

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

Agenda item: G. New Business #5.

1. Tracy Powers – Was unaware of a special work session of the Township Board to discuss language for a resolution for establishing the factors to be considered when considering competing Marijuana applications. She would like to see a copy of the minutes of the special meeting and review the Draft Resolution No. 20-09. Supervisor Hodges provided Ms. Powers a copy of the draft Resolution and stated, before the Board takes action on Agenda item 5, she will allow Ms. Powers time for comments. Clerk Oakes will send Ms. Powers the minutes and Resolution No. 20-09.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2020
2. Police Department Monthly Report – February 2020

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

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks - \$ 185,087.61**

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Treasurer Theile to approve payment of the weekly and semi-weekly bills of, \$ 185,087.61 from the appropriate accounts.

6 - Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

**Motion Carried**

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**G. NEW BUSINESS continued:**

**2. Approval to Hire Seasonal Workers for DPW**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Clerk Oakes to hire, Melvin Wilcox and Richard Kevern to fill the seasonal positions for DPW as detailed in the Board packet.

6 - Yeas: Ream, Oakes, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Hodges

0 – Nays:                      Absent: Kemp                      **Motion Carried**

**3. Resolution No. 20-07 Approval of Grant Funding to the Senior Power of Produce Program**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to adopt Resolution No. 20-07.

6 – Yeas: Oakes, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hodges

0 – Nays:                      Absent: Kemp                      **Motion Carried**

**4. Resolution No. 20-08 Approval of Grant Funding to Orchard View Community Education**

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Ream to adopt Resolution No. 20-08.

6 - Yeas: Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Hodges

0 – Nays:                      Absent: Kemp                      **Motion Carried**

**5. Consideration of Draft Resolution 20-09 to Establish Factors to be Considered when Considering Competing Marihuana Applications**

Supervisor Hodges allowed Tracy Powers public comments: Tracy stated, the Resolution was reasonable, well thought out, valid and well done. Supervisor Hodges said, thank you.

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Grabinski to remove draft and adopt Resolution No.20-09.

6 – Yeas: Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Theile, Hodges

0 – Nays:                      Absent: Kemp                      **Motion Carried**

**6. Approval to Appoint Members to MCT Parks and Recreation Committee**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Hughes to appoint to the MCT Parks and Recreation Committee the following:

Pete Mosher, Peggy Watkins (term expires 12/31/20) and Amie Price, Lynda Trailer, Carrie Westbrook (term expiring 12/31/21), **Motion Carried**

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**G. NEW BUSINESS continued:**

**7. Consideration to Approve Community Egg Drop Event**

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the Community Egg Drop Event as presented and reschedule to a more appropriate date as deemed necessary.

6 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Theile, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

**Motion Carried**

~~**8. Approval to Order Survey Mail Cards from KCI**~~

**9. Consideration of Soft Ball World Transition**

After a lengthy discussion and consideration of what needs to be done, who should be the responsible party (s) to bring Soft Ball World to where the Twp. would like it to be and several questions regarding the information provided; it was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Hughes to table this agenda item and gather more information.

6 – Yeas: Ream, Oakes, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

**Motion Carried**

**10. Consideration of Letter of Understanding with AFSCME Union**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Clerk Oakes to approve the Letter of Understanding between the MCT Board and the AFSCME union.

6 – Yeas: Oakes, Theile, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: Kemp

**Motion Carried**

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Kip Smith, MacArthur – a) He stated he really liked the idea of a Community Egg Drop Event. b) Suggested that the Board members take time to ride the MATS bus and talk to the bus drivers/riders and MCT consider a partnership with MATS with an equal voice on the Board.
2. Commissioner Susie Hughes – 2425 Safari Lane – a) County Commissioners voted to pay their employees that are off during the COVID -19 pandemic. Supervisor Hodges is disappointed with the County, regarding lack of communication. She stated, there are ongoing problems with communication between the County to the Township.
3. Tracy Powers, Agrimed representative - She stated, the company wants to operate a business in the Township.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Supervisor Hodges – a) Twp. Hall is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Police, Fire and Sanitation are still operating. We are addressing all matters as they arise.

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**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS continued:**

2. Trustee Grabinski – a) Thank you to Supervisor Hodges for preparing the Board room to be in compliance with the Governor's/CDC guidelines as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic. b) He is running for reelection to the Board and would like to have you sign his nominating petition after the Board meeting.
3. Clerk Oakes – Workers needed, 2020 Census, Pay \$14-\$16.50/hr., contact: [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs)

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. **Motion Carried**

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