

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

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Trustee Kemp

Present: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hodges

Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Thielbar, DPW Director Sanders, Fire Chief Glotzbach, Deputy Fire Chief Dornbush, Commissioner Hughes, Zoning Administrator Werschem, Rental Inspector Fredericksen, State Representative Sabo and 13 guests.

Meeting was recorded and labeled the August 2, 2021 regular Board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: August 2, 2021

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: None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2021

2. Cash & Investments Report 2nd Quarter April – June 2021

3. Revenue & Expenditure Report 2nd Quarter April – June 2021

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

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks - \$293,114.69

It was moved by Trustee Kemp and second by Trustee Hughes to approve payment of weekly and bi-weekly bills of \$293,114.69 from the appropriate accounts.

7 – Yeas: Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent:

Motion Carried

2. Approval of Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the appointment listed in the packet to this committee. **Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS: *continued*

3. Approval of Sewer System Repairs

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to hire Jackson-Merkey for the repairs of the sewer system in the amount of \$116,935.00 as recommended by the DPW Committee.

7 – Yeas: Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

4. Consideration to Purchase Inspections Vehicle Replacements

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to cancel the agreement to purchase the vehicles from Betten and to purchase two 2021 Ford Rangers from Great Lakes Ford in the amount of \$26,433.60 each.

7 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

5. Consideration of 5 year Contract with Continental Linen Services

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Trustee Ream to enter into a 5 year contract with CLS.

7 – Yeas: Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

6. Approval to Hire Part Time Fire Fighter

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Hughes to hire Brandon TenHove upon successful completion of the pre-employment physical.

7 – Yeas: Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

7. Approval to Hire Full Time Police Officer

It was moved by Trustee Kemp and second by Clerk Westbrook to hire Claire Hinton with a start date of August 23, 2021 and to start her at the step 2 pay rate.

7 – Yeas: Grabinski, Hughes, Ream, Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. John Koval – 4645 Maple Island Rd – He stated his concern for the condition of Softball World. He stated that under the Unfinished Business on the previous Board Meeting minutes it said that a new fence was put up. He stated that no new fence is up. He also stated that he contacted the chair of Amatuer Softball Association to see if Softball World has insurance with them because he thinks they are operating without insurance. He was told Softball World is not insured with ASA.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: *continued*

2. Cameron Poules – 3523 Mac Arthur – He stated he has been playing at Softball World for 30 years and the conditions are going down. He stated that teams are pulling out due to conditions. He stated he believes the owner has been intoxicated and has been threatening players.

3. Matt Woolen – 1664 Lee Ave. – He stated he is having issues with flooding at his house that he has lived at for 7 years. He stated he has spent easily over \$10,000.00 on damages and repairs. He stated that he has called the Drain Commissioner and Muskegon County Road Commission and has been told that they can't fix the road. He also showed the Board members a video showing the flooding.

4. Kaia Swain – 1651 Sycamore Dr. – She stated that she grew up watching her dad play at Softball World. She stated that the fields are never chalked and the benches are falling apart. She stated that she has been sworn at for stating the rules. She stated that she believes people are being over-served and are getting hurt.

5. Commissioner Susie Hughes – Reminded everyone of the Community Breakfast at Mr. B's tomorrow morning at 8:00 am. She stated that it is being reported that there are 16 Covid positive cases stemming from Bike Time. She congratulated the Board on a great job with the Egg Drop. She stated that her little library at the park is doing well. She spoke to Police Chief Thielbar and stated that Prosecutor DJ Hilson has been praising the MTPD.

6. State Representative Terry Sabo – He stated it was his first time at our Board meeting since Covid and it was nice to be back. He stated that the House is on summer break and not in session right now. He stated that they have the budget done for K-12 and that he personally thinks they should have finished the budget before going on break. Supervisor Hodges asked if he had any information on the gravel mining and he stated that he hasn't heard anything. Trustee Hughes asked if he has spoken to Governor Whitmer about the casino for Muskegon County and he stated that he has had two direct conversations with the Governor and has made his stance on the casino very clear.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Supervisor Hodges stated that the Bookmobile for the library will be arriving later this week. She also stated that there will be a grand opening later this month for it in Muskegon Township.

2. Supervisor Hodges stated that Softball World does have liability insurance that is on file with the Clerk's office. She spoke to the residents that were concerned with people being over-served alcohol and informed them that they should contact the police department if they see this happen.

J. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. **Motion Carried**

Reviewed by _____
Jennifer Hodges, Supervisor

Recorded by: _____
Carrie Westbrook, Clerk