

## MINUTES

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
4363 BUNO ROAD  
BRIGHTON, MI 48114**

**JANUARY 25, 2016  
REGULAR WORKSESSION MEETING  
7:00 P.M.  
(810) 229.0560**

Supervisor T. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.  
Present. T. Murphy, Supervisor; A. Bollin, Clerk; M. Slaton, Trustee; C. Doughty, Trustee; P. Michel, Trustee;  
L. Weaire, Trustee  
Absent: D. Hawk, Treasurer

## CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jim Sarna, 8266 Woodland Shore Drive – Distributed August 3, 1999 letter from McNamee, Porter and Seely and provided two additional handouts to Trustee Slaton. Also referenced letter from Attorney Harris on the 200' rule and requiring hook-up; stated he never signed petition favoring sewers nor did Woodland Lake # 4 subdivision – they were forced on it; he wants off the sewer.

Mike Palmer, 10382 East Grand River Ave – Echoes previous comments and stated he has requested inventory map of properties through FOIA and received a response that “no such document exists”. Calling on Board to do six things: freeze all discretionary spending, no further billings of illegal charges, part-time elected officials stop receiving retirement benefits, part-time elected officials be taken off payroll and receive 1099's, stop charging fees for illegal charges and complete an inventory of properties within 200' of the sewer.

Barb Potocki, 8420 Woodland Shore Drive – Provided definition of “Trustee”; neighborhood raised \$30,000. Referenced other recent law suits and challenges; original users have paid their obligations; need a good REU list – there seem to be discrepancies. Objects to users on main transmission line being discounted.

Keith Couch, 2916 Cady Drive – Requested the Board do what they promised and answer the questions from the public.

Cheryl Guard, 8334 Woodland Shore Dr – Allotted 3 minutes to Jim Sarna.

Jim Sarna, 8266 Woodland Shore Drive – Referenced article on recent City of Ferndale lawsuit; referenced properties within the same district for sewer with different rates; and requested a moratorium on collection of debt sewer charges by original users.

## AGENDA

C. Doughty moved and P. Michel seconded **to adopt the agenda as presented.**  
Motion carried.

## 2016-17 BUDGET PLANNING

Manager Vick provided a summary of the previous budget meeting discussions and led page-by-page review and discussion on the proposed revisions to the Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion of proposed changes or clarification on certain pages included: Page 8. Federal Funds – keep information; Page 10. Clarify refinancing and language; Page 11 – Specify Bond schedule (insert bond schedule), revise history section regarding rate review and submission of Quarterly Reports; Page 12 – Revise to equal Sewer Ordinance; Page 13 – Explanation of Chart of Projects may change due to need; Page 14 – annual transfer dependent on review following audit; Page 15 – add grinder pump replacement language; Page 18 – verify “outlined in later sections of this document”; Page 19 – verify resolutions including proceeds from sale of property to Municipal Water Fund; Page 19 and 21 – add future booster station obligations; and Page 22-23 – add brief notation. Discussion continued beginning on Page 25, Roads, following an overview of road criteria, PASER ratings, CIP v. budgeted projects, and funding sources. Proposed revisions based on discussion included Page 31 – add table/GIS and map of road projects done to date and included in budget with brief description of what the

project entailed (i.e. resurfacing, reconstruction, etc.); Pages 32 and 33 – specifically the tables were being removed because these costs are typically included in the annual budget and budget notes – a notation will remain for future election equipment but the tables will be removed. Also discussed the parking lot improvement needed at Fire Station No. 32 (a comment will be added). Further discussion included that the Pathways section will be updated based on previous discussion and the Manager suggested the Pathway Plan be updated to consider adding connectivity to the City of Brighton via Spencer from Old US 23.

Manager Vick provided an update on the sanitary sewer debt discussion and presenting the FAQ's to the public via special meeting including that he is waiting on Livingston County Drain Commissioner summary of timelines and pertinent information and taking into consideration technical elements. Consensus of BTBT is to schedule a special public meeting tentatively for Thursday, March 3, 2016 to present response to the recent FAQ's including a written summary of actions to date and costs to hook up initially v. today.

Manager provided overview of what will be presented/discussed at the next budget regular work session and noted applicable budget deadline dates (public hearing, adoption, publication notices, etc.).

#### REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Review of written communications from Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation 15.268 Sec. 8 (e) specifically Brighton Twp. v. Clearwater

**P. Michel moved and C. Doughty seconded to go into closed executive session for the purpose of reviewing written communications from the attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation 15.268 Sec.8 (e).**

Ayes: L. Weaire, P. Michel, C. Doughty, M. Slaton, A. Bollin, T. Murphy

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 10:00 P.M.

The Board returned to open session at 11:18 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT

L. Weaire moved and P. Michel seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann M. Bollin, CMC, CMMC, Clerk

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Thomas E. Murphy, Supervisor