

MINUTES

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

MARCH 6, 2017
REGULAR BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
7:00 P.M.
(810) 229.0560

Supervisor P. Michel called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: P. Michel, Supervisor; A. Bollin, Clerk; R. Drouillard, Treasurer; M. Slaton, Trustee; S. Theis, Trustee; L. Weaire, Trustee

Absent: S. Combs, Trustee

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bill Outlaw, Eagle Ravines – Referenced email sent by Eagle Ravines Homeowner's Association last week regarding the condition of their subdivision roads; spoke with Livingston County Road Commission and they directed him to contact the Township first; Kenicott Trail is deteriorating; what do they need to do to move towards fixing the road?

Mike Palmer, East Grand River – Objects to administrative policy for Call to the Public; distributed three handouts/memos regarding: interpretation of public funds and sewer fund expenditures, comments at prior meeting and REU's for sewer v. water. Eliminate pension for part-time elected officials; eliminate funding for SELCRA; no increases for elected officials; interest on loans.

Jim Sarna, Woodland Shore Drive – Don't kick the can down the road; 2004 adoption of Admin Policy #807; Admin Policy regarding 48 hour response – where did the \$3,000 figure come from that was proposed last summer; repeated request; original district was forced on sewer.

William Lawson, Shenandoah Ridge – New resident; supports funding for the Hartland Senior Center.

Bob Potocki, Woodland Shore Drive – Lawyers are overhead; bond payment due – you don't have right to spend the money; Woodland Lake Bridge – fix the bridge before spending money on other things.

Dennis Shoner, Woodland Shore Drive – Allotted 3 minutes to Mike Palmer.

Mike Palmer, East Grand River – Echoes Bob Potocki's statements; people at public hearing objected to sewer rate increase 100%; it's a retaliatory issue; \$38 million lawsuit pending; subject matter of memos dated March 6, 2017 should be included in the minutes.

Beth Monte, Villa Drive – Revenue sharing has been cut at the state level; requested BTBT pass resolution to forward to the State to fund revenue sharing before cutting taxes.

AGENDA

A. Bollin moved and R. Drouillard seconded **to approve the agenda as presented upon adding Item G.1.a. Hartland Senior Center – Presentation.**

Motion carried.

BILLS

R. Drouillard moved and L. Weaire seconded **to approve the March 6, 2017 bills as presented.**

Motion carried.

HARTLAND SENIOR CENTER – FUNDING PRESENTATION, KIM LADD

Kim Ladd, Hartland Senior Center, distributed handout and provided an overview of the Center's purpose, activities and funding including financial participation by neighboring communities serviced by the Center.

The presentation summarized their participant tracking system; most used and needed programs; Brighton Township residents' participation; average participant's age; transportation program; projected increase in older adults; and other participating governmental units (Hartland, Oceola, Deerfield and Tyrone Townships). Hartland Senior Center is requesting \$7,000 from Brighton Township.

PROPOSED 2017-18 BUDGET (FEBRUARY 28, 2017 UPDATE)

Manager Vick summarized his March 6, 2017 memo and reviewed the changes to the proposed budget dated February 28, 2017 based on the discussions to date for the FY' 2017-18 budget cycle and cited several items that money has been budgeted for but the actual request will be presented to the Board for approval prior to spending any money or entering into a contract (i.e. Economic Development Council of Livingston County/SPARK agreement, car purchase). Also noted that SELCRA had submitted some updated numbers and they are updating their Recreation Plan.

Manager distributed handout listing proposed road projects previously discussed with updated financial information based on a meeting on March 6, 2017 with the LCRC. Discussion included LCRC's ability to complete the projects in Summer 2017, further review of data on Old US 23 (Hilton South toward Spencer), clarification that the projects do not include reconstruction, cost estimates and project scope, projects are extending existing road life, state of road funding throughout State of Michigan, and Mike Craine, LCRC Managing Director, has been invited to the April 3, 2017 Regular Work Session to discuss road funding, project participation.

Sewer Fund adjusted based on the new rate approved by BTBT at the February 23, 2017 Regular Work Budget Session. Manager distributed memo on SAW Grant. Discussion continued regarding Capital Improvement Plan and Asset Management Plan, grinder pump inventory, review of various outstanding loans for water and sewer, obligations under the LCWA Master Operating Agreement and future amendment to the MOA.

Manager continued review of proposed budget including background information and forthcoming update on Clearwater/Sunset property and ongoing arbitration; Parks expenditures including SELCRA noting any actual expenditure would be presented for approval – this is a place holder and Board will be reviewing participation numbers under a separate agenda item. Discussion ensued on economic development financial support and whether SPARK had assisted with the Simply Fresh building, Clore's, H & R or other abandoned buildings; and Small Business Development Center is no longer operating under the same model. Manager provided background and reasoning on how proposed discretionary wage increases have been allocated with continued discussion including comments on General Fund Expenditures (101), the discretionary increase to include an updated budget note about compensation study update; refining comments regarding the 2.9%; and MERS funding target continues to be 100% funded.

Manager continued with an outline of proposed projects under the Fire Department (336) including the wood trim, remaining two furnaces and exterior parking lot. WWTP and MSP parking lot to be looked at for seal coating; Future Road Improvements (792) to include updated note about two (2) projects (Jacoby/Stobart) discussed at the February 23, 2017 Regular Work Budget Session are now considered to be one project; Legislative Expenditure (101), and request for specific dues amounts. Discussion ensued on allocating monies for Hartland Senior Center, Park & Ride lights, and the Joint Development Agreement with Clearwater.

The Board recessed at 9:35 P.M. for ten minutes.

SELCRA PARTICIPATION FIGURES 2015 AND 2016 / SELCRA DRAFT VISION

Jason Spiller, SELCRA Director, was present to review figures, present draft vision, answer any questions from the BTBT and provide an overview of the programs offered including the expanded brochure coming out. SELCRA's vision is to direct their focus on community events, Livingston Therapeutic, and Enrichment classes. Discussion included facilities, use of Pleasant Valley Church for events, working with Legacy, adult

programming, determining when to drop a program, how to track participants, impact on community, Articles of Incorporation, and participation figures. Discussion included use of Pleasant Valley Church and assurance that all zoning ordinances and conditions of special land use permit or site plan will be met. Manager Vick summarized the financial side of SELCRA and Brighton Township clarifying the current year shortfall and requested funding for SELCRA's current fiscal year budget shortfall in addition to monies paid based on per participant numbers to date and in anticipation of a revision to the Articles of Incorporation. Discussion included need to monitor and review during this transitional period; placing a sunset date on the proposed revised funding structure; concerns over obligating a straight percentage for funding with no cap or clear vision agreed to by the member municipalities as a whole; and desire to update Articles of Incorporation by end of June 2017. Consensus of the BTBT is to pay for the shortfall, move forward with revising the Articles of Incorporation which would include setting a ceiling amount for the next two (2) years while SELCRA transitions to see how it can be successful.

REVIEW OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND PA 152 ACTION

Manager Vick presented an update on health insurance stating any increase in the premium would result in a reduction on the Health Savings Account side. Discussion included affirmation that the Manager and Clerk will review health insurance plans and options/changes as in previous budget years and that the expenditure would not exceed what has been previously targeted.

S. Theis moved and L. Weaire seconded **to exempt the Charter Township of Brighton from the requirements of The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.**

Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bob Potocki, Woodland Shore Drive – Advocated for good roads; there is no citizens input and no voter approval on the budget expenditures; construction costs are far in excess of market price; refund taxpayers money so they can fix their own roads. Overpriced roads; need cost cutting measures.

ADJOURNMENT

L. Weaire moved and R. Drouillard seconded **to adjourn.** Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Bollin, CMC, CMMC, Clerk

Patrick Michel, Supervisor