

PARK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2011

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER
Supervisor George Jacob called to order the regular meeting of the Park Township Board held on July 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office.

Present were Supervisor George Jacob, Clerk Skip Keeter, Treasurer Jan Steggerda, Trustees Doug Dreyer, Bob Ellis, Jerry Hunsburger and Mile Toscano, Attorney Dan Martin, and Manager Jerry Felix.

ART 2. INVOCATION

ART 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ART 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions to or Deletions from Agenda)
Jacob would like to move we delete item number 10 in the agenda.

ART 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
a) Approval of minutes June 9, 2011
b) Financial Report
c) Building / Zoning Administrator's Report
d) Payment of Bills

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Ellis to approve the consent agenda. (7-0)

ART 6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
Chief Gamby reported on the status of the Fire Department.

ART 7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (2 MINUTES PER PERSON)
Jacob opened the public comment period.

Senator Arlan Meekhof addressed the board regarding Pure Michigan, the budget process and the status of the state legislature.

3 people spoke at the public comment period.

Jacob closed the public comment period.

ART 8. PUBLIC HEARING: STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
Felix explained the assessment.

Jacob opened the public hearing.

Against: Asking to be exempt or against the assessment
Doug Schaedler, Dean Kramer, Patricia Grasbow, Drew Johnston, Ralph Hensley

For: A more comprehensive plan or proposed plan

MarK Cistaro, Carol Keusel, Sally Pollock, Joel Welch

Justin Campbell asked if a better type of lighting is being considered.

Jacob closed the public hearing.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION TABLED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hunsburger to assess a street light tax per parcel of \$22.50 with exceptions as recommended by the manager.

The board discussed the motion of the proposed lighting district. The board discussed the cost being spread over the township per residence not per parcel.

Martin stated spreading the assessment throughout the township would be a tax and need to go before the voters.

The board asked the Manager to revisit the benefit throughout the township excluding the main thoroughfares which benefit everyone and accept that cost to the general fund. The remainder would be assessed to those who benefit.

ART 9.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Noise Ordinance

Felix explained the revisions to the ordinance.

Sgt. Converse commented on his approval of the ordinance due to the specific nature of the conditions.

The new language will give the Township attorney some clear parameters for prosecution purposes.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Dreyer and supported by Toscano to adopt the proposed amendment to the noise control ordinance, Section 22-102. (7-0)

b) Fire Initial Response Agreement

Felix introduced the agreement with approval of Chief Gamby.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Steggerda and supported by Hunsburger to approve the four "Fire Department Initial response Agreements". (7-0)

c) Award Bid for Bike Path Repairs, Phase 2

Felix explained the bid process and the bid received.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Dreyer and supported by Toscano to award the bid for Phase 2 of Bike Path repairs to Tulip City Asphalt for the cost of \$299,791. (7-0)

d) Award a Contract for Architectural Work

Felix explained the work to be done to some of the township buildings for ADA compliance and other structural work.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Toscano and supported by Hunsburger to award a contract for architectural services to Mr. Thomas Lowing as per his proposal. (7-0)

~~ART 10. SUPERVISOR/BOARD APPOINTMENTS~~

ART 11. PUBLIC COMMENT
Jacob opened the public comment period.

1 person spoke at the public comment period.

Jacob closed the public comment period.

ART 12. MANAGER REPORT
The manger updated the board on the happenings in the Manager's Office.

ART 13. BOARD COMMENTS/AGENCY REPORTS

a) Policy Review Committee
Toscano updated the board on the progress of the committee.

b) Planning Commission Review Committee
Ellis stated the committee did not formally meet but did complete research regarding the topic. Ellis asked to have this item on the agenda next month.

Board members commented on the month's events and other issues.

ART 14. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER PERSONNEL ISSUES

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Dreyer to move into closed session to consider the disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer/employee, who has requested a closed hearing. (7-0)

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Keeter to move out of closed session. (7-0)

ART 15. ADJOURN

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Keeter to adjourn at 9:11 pm (7-0).