

Board Work Session at 6:15 pm, prior to the regular Board meeting.

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021**

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief Thielbar, Deputy Fire Chief Dornbush, Commissioner Hughes and 3 guests.

Meeting was recorded and labeled the May 17, 2021 regular Board meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 17, 2021

It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Grabinski 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 – May 3, 2021

2. Monthly Police Stat Sheet – April 2021

3. Evidence Statistics Police Department – January 2021 – March 2021

4. Monthly Totals by Incident – Police Jan 2021 – April 2021

5. Fire Committee Minutes – May 10, 2021

6. Department of Public Works Committee Minutes – May 11, 2021

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

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Grabinski asked if there was any information on the purchase of the two trucks for the Inspections Department. Supervisor Hodges stated that both trucks have been secured.

Trustee Grabinski asked if there was any new information from Wesco. Supervisor Hodges stated that it will be on the agenda for the June 7, 2021 board meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks - \$492,559.53

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to approve payment of weekly and bi-weekly bills of \$492,559.53 from the appropriate accounts.

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

0 – Nays:

Absent: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: *continued*

2. Consideration of Installation of Outdoor Wireless Internet at MADL

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the request to install outdoor wireless internet at the Muskegon Township MADL location.

Motion Carried

3. Approval to Hire Paid On Call Fire Fighter – Station 2

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Trustee Hughes to approve the hiring of Justin Keech for the position of paid on call fire fighter starting on May 18, 2021.

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

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

4. Consideration to Increase Amount for Mini Pumper

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Kemp to approve the change in price by a total cost of \$9,397.00.

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

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

5. Approval to Purchase New Ford Explorer – Fire Department

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the purchase from Signature Ford for the price of \$44,396.00.

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

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

6. Approval to Purchase New Ford SUV – Police Department

It was approved by Trustee Kemp and second by Trustee Hughes to approve the purchase for Signature Ford for the price not to exceed \$44,000.00

5 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Kemp, Grabinski, Hughes

2 – Nays: Ream, Hodges Absent: None **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Susie Hughes – The County is still meeting remotely. She stated that the County Commissioners did pass the ban on COVID passports by a vote of 5-4.

Jake Grabinski – A plea to the board to take care of its first responders. Two MTFD fire fighters have tested positive since the March deadline to file for workers compensation. He stated that he believes they should be covered and should not have to use their sick time.

Brad Walters – Echoed Jake Grabinski's statement about taking care of their first responders. He stated they are usually first on the scene and are going into these houses without blinking an eye. They just want to know that they will be taken care of.

Trustee Kemp – Wants to put something out to see if there is any interest in Pickleball. There is a paved court at Evanston Gardens Park and it is a great game.

Trustee Grabinski – Stated there is movement at the state to reinstate workers compensation payments to first responders. He is concerned with not only full time fire fighters but with paid on call also. Stated that we need to protect our people.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

J. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Trustee Hughes and second by Trustee Grabinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. **Motion Carried**

Reviewed by _____
Jennifer Hodges, Supervisor

Recorded by: _____
Carrie Westbrook, Clerk