

REGULAR MEETING
RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3266 Gady Road
Adrian, MI 49221
January 14, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Supervisor Dale Witt.

2. **WELCOME, PLEDGE, INVOCATION:** Pledge and moment of silence.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: James Palmer, Deb Brousseau, Russ Mead, Tom Hawkins, Kami Johnson, Marge McDermott and Dale Witt.

Members Absent: None

Others present: Attorney David Lacasse

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

MTA Website - Palmer noted that the MTA website had an article by Catherine Mullhaupt regarding the marijuana issue.

MTA Conference - The MTA conference is April 2nd thru April 4th in Grand Rapids.

LCRC – Annual meeting with LCRC is Monday, January 21st, at 9:00 a.m. at their facility.

Revenue Sharing – State revenue sharing received was \$119,326.00.

Board Meeting – Witt requested that a second board meeting for January will be held on the 28th.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was shared by Norm Nash.

6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Police Report – Officer Sam Spicer has resigned effective January 14, 2019.

Fire Report – Chief Hannah is requesting the approval to hire additional personnel, John Koropcsak.

APPROVAL PAYMENT OF BILLS

Accounts Payable: \$22,597.95

Payroll: \$31,262.24

Total Payables & Payroll: \$53,860.19

Motion Johnson, support Palmer to approve consent agenda as presented. M/C all.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion made by Brousseau, supported by Hawkins to approve the agenda as written. M/C all.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 2019 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines

Motion Palmer, support Brousseau to keep the Township's poverty guidelines at 15% above the Federal guidelines. M/C all.

9.2 Resolution #2019 – 011419 Township Meeting Dates

Motion Hawkins, support Johnson to approve Resolution # 2019 – 011419.

Roll Call: Hawkins - Yes, Mead – Yes, Brousseau – Yes, Palmer – Yes, Johnson – Yes, McDermott – Yes, Witt – Yes. Resolution passed.

9.3 Ordinance # 2019 – 100 Consumers Energy Electric Franchise

Discussion on the first read for the Consumer Energy Electric Franchise Ordinance. This is a thirty (30) year franchise and is a renewal for the current franchise that will be expiring on March 15, 2019.

Motion Brousseau, support Johnson to approve Ordinance # 2019 – 100 for the Consumers Energy Franchise. M/C all.

9.4 Land Split - Mapstone

A consent motion offered by Witt to table this agenda item because we did not receive all information in time for the meeting. No objections were noted. Item tabled until a later date.

9.5 Wage Structure Recommendations

For 2019, revised wage structures were presented for the following Departments: Police, Deputy Treasurer, and Raisin Works. For the Police Department, Chief's position increases to \$65,000 per year, Officer wages increase by \$1.00 per hour for all categories, and the Clerk's position (part-time) wage increases by \$1.00 per hour. For the Deputy Treasurer position (32 hours per week), the wage increases by \$2.00 per hour. For the Raisin Works full time position, the wage increases by \$1.00 per hour. All recommended wage increases are within the appropriations for 2019 Budget. Further recommendation is that these wage increases are retroactive back to January 1st of this year.

Motion Hawkins support Brousseau to accept the changes to the wage structure for the Police Department, Deputy Treasurer, and Raisin Works as presented retroactive to January 1, 2019. M/C all.

10. CLOSED SESSION MCL 15.268(h) – Confidential Opinion from the Township's Attorney

Motion Witt, support Hawkins to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to review and discuss the confidential opinion from the Township's attorney.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Hawkins, Brousseau, Mead, Palmer, Johnson, McDermott, Witt
Nays – None

Moved into closed session at 6:50 p.m.
No votes on matters discussed in closed session occurred.
Without objection, Witt moved to return to open session at 7:28 p.m.

After returning to open session, the Township Attorney recommended that the Board reaffirm their support for the employee manual dated October 1, 2018. Discussion followed.

Motion Witt, support Hawkins to adhere to current township policy dated October 1, 2018. M/C all.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no upcoming events currently.

12. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion Hawkins support Johnson to adjourn the meeting. M/C all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dale Witt, Supervisor

Marge McDermott, Clerk