

MINUTES

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

MAY 18, 2009
 REGULAR MEETING
 7:00 P.M.
 (810) 229.0560

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

Present: T. Murphy, Supervisor; A. Bollin, Clerk; L. Theis, Treasurer; C. Doughty, Trustee; J. Kovitz, Trustee; J. Rogers, Trustee; M. Slaton, Trustee

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

CONSENT AGENDA

A Bollin moved and L. Theis seconded to **approve the consent agenda amending the agenda by adding Item F.3 (a), ADOPTION OF SEWER RATES and removing Item G.2 (c), Monthly Treasurer's Report – May 2009.**

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – Sewer Rate Adjustment

The manager presented an overview regarding the status for future bond payments and options the board is considering in maintaining a solvent sewer fund.

The public hearing opened at 7:17 P.M.

Doug Taylor, 3319 Oak Knoll – Would like the board to table action on the increase in sewer rates and urged the board to consider a series of meetings

Perry Yaver, 3490 Oak Knoll – Expand district and tell people they must hook up

Stan Lawrence, 3373 Oak Knoll Drive – Current users have done their fair share

Charles Moran, 5482 Ted Fox Drive – Congratulated the board for a job well done in reducing costs

John P. Arthur, 1846 Olympia Dr – All residents of Brighton township need to help in paying down the bond. Additional increase in sewer rates will be a hardship

Claudia Capos, 3319 Oak Knoll – Urged the board to find alternatives to fund the sewer system; stimulus package and more users

The public hearing closed at 7:42 P.M.

QUARTERLY SANITARY SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT – Fourth Quarter (FY' 2008-09)
 Ken Palka, Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka presented the report. The report was accepted by the board.

BUDGET AMENDMENT # 1 – FY' 2009-2010

J. Rogers moved and A. Bollin seconded to adopt **Resolution No. 09-015, Budget Amendment # 1, FY' 2009-2010.**

Ayes: Kovitz, Doughty, Slaton, Theis, Bollin, Rogers, Murphy
Motion carried.

SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

J. Rogers moved and A. Bollin moved to **accept the recommendation of the auditor and increase the capital charge \$10.00 per quarter per REU and increase the O & M charge \$1.00 per quarter per REU, effective July 1, 2009.**

Ayes: Theis, Bollin, Rogers, Murphy
Nays: Slaton, Kovitz, Doughty
Motion carried.

ASHLEY LAND DEVELOPMENT – Approval of Letter of Credit

J. Kovitz moved and C. Doughty moved to **approve the agreement between the Charter Township of Brighton and Ashley Land Development Co. Inc allowing them to post an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit for \$150,000 in lieu of a surety bond and authorize the clerk and supervisor to sign the agreement.**

Ayes: Rogers, Bollin, Theis, Doughty, Slaton, Kovitz, Murphy
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

J. Kovitz moved and A. Bollin seconded to **approve the contract with the Economic Development Council of Livingston County for an amount not to exceed \$1000 and direct the manager to interface with the director to develop a working relationship and authorize the clerk and supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the township.**

Ayes: Bollin
Nays: Rogers, Theis, Slaton, Doughty, Kovitz, Murphy
Motion failed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

COMMITTEE LIAISONS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Planning Commission Minutes – March 9, 2009
Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – February 25, 2009
Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – March 25, 2009
Brighton Area Fire Authority Minutes – December 29, 2008
Brighton Area Fire Authority Minutes – January 8, 2009
Brighton Area Fire Authority Minutes – February 12, 2009
Brighton Area Fire Authority Minutes – February 26, 2009
Brighton Area Fire Authority Minutes – March 12, 2009
Brighton Area Fire Authority Minutes – March 20, 2009

J. Harris – Lasting Impressions agreement ready for acceptance by the board.

J. Rogers moved and A. Bollin seconded to **accept the recommendation of the attorney and approve the agreement between Brighton Township and Lasting Impressions and authorize the clerk and supervisor to sign the agreement.**

Ayes: Kovitz, Doughty, Slaton, Theis, Bollin, Rogers, Murphy
Motion carried.

J. Kovitz – Planning Commission Report

C. Doughty – SELCRA Report

M. Slaton – ZBA Report

L. Theis – BAFA Report

J. Rogers – BAFA Report

T. Murphy – Praised the board and planning commission's May 11, 2009 joint meeting and encouraged frequent meetings to be scheduled on PC's workshop meetings nights. Connectech's Incubator Program is doing a fantastic job.

MANAGER

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Perry Yaver, 3490 Oak Knoll - What is the current tap-in fee? It is the township's responsibility to pay for the oversized main.

Doug Taylor, 3319 Oak Knoll – Has accepted the fact the sewer fund has a deficit and does not dispute the O & M increase

Frank Grapentien, 3148 Hideway Beach – The planning commission should be composed of some members who reside in the sewer district.

Paula Lawrence, 3373 Oak Knoll Drive– Who is going to be responsible for the debt? The board should consider all comments made by the public.

John Arthur, 2765 Hacker Road – There appears to be a lack of communication and the users need more of a voice regarding the sewer system.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Rogers moved and J. Kovitz seconded to **adjourn**. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Bollin, Clerk

Thomas E. Murphy, Supervisor