TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
CONFERENCE ROOM 3-2
4:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Margaret Birch, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Karen Joliat, Trustee
Steven Thomas, Trustee
Arthur Frasca, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

OTHERS PRESENT
Jason Herr
David George
Phil Karmo

Supervisor Wall called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

A discussion opened about Marijuana and the impact it could possibly have on Waterford Township. We have opted out of Recreational Marijuana, and may (or may not) do a Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Supervisor Wall said there are several groups who have contacted the Township about doing a referendum, and provided us a copy of the petition sheet that the group may use to obtain signatures.

Clerk Markee brought up the SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) provided by Chief Underwood. A few months ago Clerk Markee also provided the SAM information with more detail than what Chief Underwood sent. This information has statistics from states that legalized marijuana several years ago such as Colorado. Trustee Bartolotta said who knows where these statistics come from or what group is behind the statistics. Clerk Markee said the people that make up SAM are Professors from universities including Harvard, and professional people including many doctors.

The Trustees agreed to have a special work session to come with ordinances marked up from Orion Township and Southfield. We will review these markups and then present them to Attorney Dovre for review. This will be for Medical Marijuana only. (Clerk Markee has sent these two ordinances to the Trustees on 2/24/2020.)

Supervisor Wall mentioned that HB5229 for the Regional Transportation, there does not seem to be a set plan or a set millage amount.

Supervisor Wall informed that the School District is asking for $40,000 from the Township, and Trustee Joliat would like a detailed listing of the services this amount would be used towards before issuing the check.

Clerk Markee said the counters are extremely busy due to the Single Source Trash Hauler and the employees would like the Trustees to come in and help with the counter. Waterford Township has many seniors that are signing up for the 5% discount, along with the veterans. Supervisor Wall said, his assistant Shelly, cannot work on anything else due to the single source hauler. She returned one day to find 283 voice messages.

Supervisor Wall informed us the amount being paid to SEMCOG $3,929.00 that 1/3 of this amount will come from the General Fund. Clerk Markee provided answers from SEMCOG about this fee after receiving the answers from Mr. Spence who is with SEMCOG, and she contacted DPW. DPW said they use SEMCOG data numerous times for many different projects. All agreed SEMCOG provides data and information for us.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Kim Markee, Clerk

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Gary Wall, Supervisor