

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

2840 Fisher Avenue

Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Thomas Zoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced the members of the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Present: Thomas K. Zoner, Supervisor
Sandra Abrams, Clerk
Susan Gross, Treasurer
Debra Kirkwood, Trustee
Rick Sovel, Trustee
Robert Long, Trustee
Daniel Munro, Trustee

Item 1: Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Abrams, Second by Gross to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2: Public Hearings

A. 2007 Millage Public Hearing

The public hearing on the 2007 Millage was opened by Supervisor Zoner
Supervisor Zoner reviewed the Resolution of Levy for the various millages that were presented for approval

As there was no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed.

B. Approval of the Millage Rates for 2006

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Operating Millage for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Library Millage for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, second by Abrams to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Additional Sheriff Deputies Millage for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Gross, second by Kirkwood, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Staff All 4 Fire stations and Purchase Equipment for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, second by Gross to approve the charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Retain Police Services for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, second by Kirkwood, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Additional Police Services Millage for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, second by Abrams, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Public Library Services Millage for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Gross, second by Sovel to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Park Improvements and Creation and Acquisition of Open Space Millage for the 2006 Tax Year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Above Resolutions attached)

MOTION by Abrams, second by Kirkwood, to approve for submittal to the County, Form L-4029, Millage Request Report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. 2007 Budget Public Hearing

1. Township Budget
2. Downtown Development Authority Budget

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing for the 2007 Commerce Township Budget including the Downtown Development Authority Budget.

Following discussion the public hearing was closed by Supervisor Zoner

D. Approval of the Budget

MOTION by Abrams, second by Gross to approve the Charter Township of Commerce 2007 Budget which includes the Downtown Development Authority Budget

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Munro, Sovel, Zoner

Nays: Long

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

E. Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Program

The Public Hearing for the community Development Block Grant Program was opened by Supervisor Zoner.

Discussion of the proposed budget and presentations by Haven and St. Vincent DePaul.

Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Zoner

F. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant funds 2007-2008

MOTION by Munro, second by Kirkwood to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Funds 2007-2008.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Long, Munro, Sovel, Zoner
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3: Contracts and Agreements

- A. City of Detroit Water Service Agreement

MOTION by Abrams, second by Gross to approve the City of Detroit Water Service Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 4: Other Matters to Come Before the Board

- A. Class C Liquor License Request

Request for Class C Liquor License was presented to the Board of Trustees. Following discussion the Township Board re-affirmed the moratorium on the issuance of Class C Liquor Licenses. Applicant will be notified that applications for Class C Liquor Licenses are not being accepted.

- B. Twin Suns Lake Subdivision – Hunting Area

Residents from the Twin Suns Lake Subdivision approached the Board requesting an area of the Township be closed to hunting due to the proximity of the residential area. Supervisor Zoner will investigate the process for closing an area to hunting through the DNR and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, bringing back the findings to the residents and the Township Board.

- C. Mr. Herb Feinstein will fill the vacated seat on the Downtown Development Authority.
- D. A special Meeting will be scheduled for December 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. for Discussion with the Paid on Call Firefighters.
- E. Rick Sovel requests information on Michigan Association of Planners information that was distributed.

MOTION by Long to limit all non union new hire employees to salary only.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT

MOTION by Long, second by Sovel, to cease hiring new or replacement employees for Township Hall and Richardson Center.

Motion and support withdrawn

MOTION by Munro, second by Long that all proposed new hires and replacement new hires are brought to the Township Board for approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

MOTION by Munro, second by Kirkwood to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 .m.

Sandra Abrams, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce