

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

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

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
Robert Long, Trustee
Daniel Munro, Trustee
Rick Sovel, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney
Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney
Jay James, Giffels-Webster Engineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to approve the Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 13, 2007, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS:

None

PETITIONS:

Reed Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District

MOTION by Gross, supported by Abrams, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of The Charter Township of Commerce, Tentatively Declaring Its Intention to Establish a Special Assessment District to be known as Reed Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. Resolution Attached.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 1:3-13 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 2:3-13 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Suess, Library Director, introduced two new employees to the Commerce Community Library: Elizabeth Norton, Reference Librarian for Youth Services and Marika Zemke, Reference Librarian for Adult Services.

ITEM 3:3-13 PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Amendment

Emily England, Director of Senior Services/ Parks and Recreation, gave a review of the Master Plan Amendment.

Supervisor Zoner opened the Public Hearing.

No one present had any comments or objections.

Supervisor Zoner closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Gross, supported by Abrams, to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4:3-13 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. Douglas Lanni, Downtown Development Authority

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Abrams, to approve the re-appointment of Douglas Lanni to the Downtown Development Authority, for a four-year term expiring March 31, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Barbara Rosman, Zoning Board of Appeals

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Gross, to approve the re-appointment of Barbara Rosman to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5:3-13 CONTRACTS AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS

A. Fire Dispatch Service Agreement 2007-2012

MOTION by Gross, supported by Sovel, to approve the 2007-2012 Fire Dispatch Service Agreement between the County of Oakland and the Charter Township of Commerce and to authorize the appropriate signatures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6:3-13 INTRODUCTIONS

A. Cemetery Ordinance, to be known as Ordinance 101-07-00.

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to Introduce the Charter Township of Commerce Cemetery Ordinance, to be known as Ordinance No. 100-07-00, and to publish and post in the manner prescribed by law and bring back for Adoption at the next regular scheduled Township Board of Trustees Meeting.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION by Long, supported by Sovel, to amend the previous motion to add the removal of Section 8 from the proposed Cemetery Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to Introduce the Charter Township of Commerce Cemetery Ordinance, to be known as Ordinance No. 100-07-00, and to publish and post in the manner prescribed by law and bring back for Adoption at the next regular scheduled Township Board of Trustees Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 7:3-13 ADOPTIONS

A. An Amendment to the Charter Township of Commerce Zoning Ordinance No. 55, to amend Section 1800 to provide for municipal buildings as principal permitted uses, to be known as Ordinance No. 55-07-195.

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Kirkwood, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of Commerce Zoning Ordinance No. 55, to be known as Ordinance No. 55-07-195 and to publish and post according to law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. An Amendment to the Charter Township of Commerce Zoning Ordinance No. 55, to add Article XVIII.VI, to provide for a Hospital Facilities District, to be known as Ordinance No. 55-07-196.

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Sovel, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of Commerce Zoning Ordinance No. 55, to be known as Ordinance No. 55-07-196 and to publish and post according to law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTIONS (cont'd)

C. An Amendment to Ordinance No. 76, the Freedom of Information Ordinance to be known as Ordinance No. 76-07-01.

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Sovel, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of Commerce Freedom of Information Ordinance No. 76, to be known as Ordinance No. 76-07-01 and to publish and post according to law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. An Amendment to the Township Fee Ordinance No. 79, to be known as Ordinance No. 79-07-29.

MOTION by Gross, supported by Sovel, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of Commerce Fee Ordinance No. 79, to be known as Ordinance No. 79-07-29 and to publish and post according to law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. An Amendment to Ordinance No. 57, Appearance Ticket Ordinance, to be known as Ordinance No. 57-07-06.

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Gross, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of Commerce Appearance Ticket Ordinance No. 57, to be known as Ordinance No. 57-07-06 and to publish and post according to law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Soil Erosion Ordinance, to be known as Ordinance No. 88-07-00.

MOTION by Kirkwood, supported by Abrams, to Adopt the Charter Township of Commerce Soil Erosion Ordinance, to be known as Ordinance No. 88-07-00, and to publish and post according to law.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 8:3-13 SITE CONDOMINIUMS AND PLATS

None

ITEM 9:3-13 CONSENT AGENDA

- A. McDowell & Associates- Revised Phase I Environmental Assessment Proposal**
- B. Consent Judgment- Recreational Pathway Project Approval**
- C. Budget Amendment**

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION cont'd:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 10:3-13 PURCHASES

A. Library Furniture

MOTION by Munro, supported by Kirkwood, to approve the purchase of library furniture from Office Furniture Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$3,100.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 11:3-13 OLD BUSINESS

A. Mower Trailer Purchase (Tabled)

MOTION by Munro, supported by Sovel, to remove Mower Trailer Purchase from the table.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Munro, supported by Abrams, to approve the purchase of a Mower Trailer from John's Trailer Sales, in an amount not to exceed \$2,990.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12:3-13 NEW BUSINESS

A. Commerce Spirit Newsletter

Rick Sovel, Trustee, gave a review.

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Munro, to amend the Township Budget to include the expenditure of the Commerce Spirit Newsletter in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Abrams, Munro, Sovel, Gross, Zoner

NAYS: Kirkwood, Long

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Abrams, to amend the Township Budget to include the expenditure of \$7,000.00 for the creation and distribution of a 2008 Township Calendar, using advertisements to defray the cost.

NEW BUSINESS MOTION cont'd

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Sovel, Abrams, Munro, Gross, Zoner

NAYS: Long, Kirkwood

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. St. Patrick's Day Banner Request

MOTION by Munro, supported by Abrams, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Commerce Authorizing Application for Banner Permit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. The Library Network Membership

MOTION by Munro, supported by Kirkwood, to approve the Library Network Membership.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Library Position- Processing Page

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to approve the Library Position of Processing Page and the Library Board's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. MNRTF Development Grant- Dodge V, Phase 2

MOTION by Munro, supported by Kirkwood, to approve the request to apply for the MNRTF Development Grant for the purpose of funding Phase Two of the approved Dodge Park Master Plan concept. Resolution attached.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 13:3-13 EXECUTIVE SESSION (out of order)

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Purchase of Property.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Entered into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.
Returned from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Sovel, to Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Entered into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.
Returned from Executive Session at 9:47 p.m.

ITEM 14:3-13 ORDERS- See Hard Copy

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to approve the Orders with add-ons.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 15:3-13 OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None

ITEM 16:3-13 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Abrams, supported by Gross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sandra Abrams, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce