

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
2840 FISHER
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, MI 48390
Tuesday October 28, 2008 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Zoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: **TOWNSHIP BOARD**
 Thomas K. Zoner, Supervisor
 Sandra S. Abrams, Clerk
 Susan Gross, Treasurer
 Robert J. Long, Trustee
 Deb Kirkwood, Trustee
 Daniel P. Munro, Trustee
 Rick Sovel, Trustee
 Rob Long

Absent: None

PRESENTATION: Tax Abatements presented by Dan Hunter of Oakland County Planning and Dave Curtis of Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Addition of Introduction of Amendment to Zoning Ordinance; Discussion of Sewer Plant.

MOTION by Abrams, second by Gross to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Request by Peter Unick for a copy of the proposed Budget

ITEM 3: BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams to approve the appointment of Dave Spencer to the Planning Commission as recommended by the Township Supervisor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 4: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BOND AUTHORIZING TO REFINANCE
DDA EL DORADO GOLF COURSE LAND CONTRACT**

MOTION by Gross, second by Kirkwood, to approve the Resolution Requesting Issuance of Township Tax Increment Bonds, Pledging Tax Increment Revenues as Security therefore, (El Dorado Golf course property project)

MOTION by Zoner, second by Sovel to table.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Zoner

NAYS: Munro, Sovel, Gross, Kirkwood, Abrams, Long,

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILED

ROLL CALL ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION

AYES: Abrams, Gross, Kirkwood, Zoner

NAYS: Long, Munro, Sovel

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF WWTP EXPANSION BOND ISSUE

(Added under approval of agenda)

MOTION by Zoner, second by Gross, to Authorize Tom Traciak, Commerce Township Financial Advisor, to proceed with the process for the sale of bonds in the manner described during discussion at this meeting and to proceed with the Request for Proposals for same.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5: 2008 BOARD CERTIFICATION OF SPECIALS

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams to place the delinquent Commerce Twp multi-year and single-year special assessments, the delinquent Oakland County Drains and Lake Levels Special Assessment Districts, and the delinquent Oakland County Road and Well House Special Assessment Districts on the 2008 Winter Tax Roll for collection.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing for the approval of the CDBG, and gave a brief explanation of CDBG and its purpose and usage in Commerce Township.

Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing.

ITEM 7: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

MOTION by Abrams, second by Sovel, to approve the Community Development Block Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 8: PUBLIC HEARING 2009 MILLAGE

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing for the 2009 Millage Rates and gave a brief description of same.

As there was no public comment, Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF 2008 MILLAGE RATES

MOTION by Munro, second by Gross to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Operating Millage for the 2008 Tax year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Library Millage for the 2008 Tax Year.

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 2008 Tax Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, second by Gross, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Staff all 4 Fire Stations and Purchase Equipment for the 2008 Tax Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Retain Police Services for the 2008 Tax Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, second by Abrams to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Additional Police Service Millage for the 2008 Tax Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Gross, second by Sovel, to approve the Charter Township of commerce Resolution of Levy for Public Library Service Millage for the 2008 Tax Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Munro, second by Abrams, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Park Improvements and Creation and Acquisition of Open Space Millage for the 2008 Tax Year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 10: PUBLIC HEARING 2009 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Supervisor Zoner opened the Public Hearing and gave a brief description of same and received comments from the public.

Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing.

ITEM 11: APPROVAL OF THE 2009 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

MOTION by Abrams, second by Gross to approve the Charter Township of Commerce 2009 Township Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Long

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 12: OLD BUSINESS

Charitable Gaming License – Tabled from 10-14-08

MOTION by Abrams, second by Sovel, to remove from the table.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion with applicant, Sal Ferra.

MOTION by Zoner, second by Abrams, to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses as required by MCL.432.103(9))

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: Long

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 13: NEW BUSINESS

A. Library Sign

MOTION by Munro, second by Kirkwood, to approve the Library sign and award the bid to Moore's in an amount not to exceed \$853.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Retirement Health Care Benefits

MOTION by Munro, second by Sovel to change/reduce the health care retirement benefits for management to:

15 years of service, age 55 – 50% of the premium and 50% of the deductible for the employee only to be paid by the Township until the age of 65 years.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Munro, Sovel, Long, Kirkwood, Zoner

NAYS: Gross, Abrams

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Munro, second by Sovel to negotiate the change/reduction of retirement health care benefits for AFSCME and IAFF Unions as follows:

AFSCME - 10 years, age 55 – 25% up to age 65, employee only

IAFF – same as current contract with the deductible paid at the same percentage rate as the premium.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Munro, Sovel, Long, Kirkwood, Zoner

NAYS: Gross, Abrams

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. INTRODUCTION Z-08-06 Proposed Text Amendment – Portable Signs

MOTION Kirkwood, second by Abrams, to approve for Introduction and publish and post in the manner prescribed by law Text Amendment Z-08-06.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

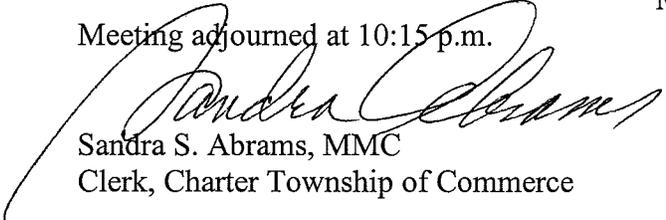
ITEM 14: OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Discussion of AFSCME Negotiations process.

MOTION by Abrams, second by Gross to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.


Sandra S. Abrams, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce