

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

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

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

Also Present: Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney  
Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney  
Loren Crandell, Giffels-Webster Engineers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Abrams, supported by Sovel, to approve the Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2008 as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Patrick Dohany - representing "Rebuilding Together Oakland County". He presented a plaque thanking Dan Kolbe for the work he and other volunteers did on a residential home located on Cardinal Street

Fire Chief Joe Schornack was present to introduce a new full time firefighter, Adam Easterbrook.

Supervisor Thomas Zoner introduced David Wolkinson who is running for State Representative.

**PETITIONS:**

None

**ITEM 1:7-8 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Abrams, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 2:7-8 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ITEM 3:7-8 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ITEM 4:7-8 BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

None

**ITEM 5:7-8 CONTRACT AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS**

**A. Cemetery Contract**

Sandra Abrams recommends approval.

**MOTION** by Abrams, supported by Zoner, to approve the Contract for Cemetery Maintenance Sexton and Bookkeeping Services as presented and authorize the appropriate signatures.

Discussion – Sovel – commented on the increases.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 6:7-8 INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**ITEM 7:7-8 ADOPTIONS**

- A. An Amendment to Ordinance 79, the Charter Township of Commerce Fee Ordinance to be known as No. 79-08-35. Water Rates and Charges**

**MOTION** by Munro, supported by Sovel, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 79, Fee Ordinance to be known as Ordinance No. 79-08-35 and publish and post in the manner prescribed by law.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- B. An Amendment to Ordinance 79, the Charter Township of Commerce Fee Ordinance to be known as No. 79-08-36. Qualified Voter File**

**MOTION** by Abrams, supported by Munro, to Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 79, Fee Ordinance to be known as Ordinance No. 79-08-36 and publish and post in the manner prescribed by law.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 8:7-8 SITE CONDOMINIUMS AND PLATS**

None

**ITEM 9:7-8 CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**ITEM 10:7-8 PURCHASES**

None

**ITEM 11:7-8 OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Library Construction Approval – Tabled from 6-10-08**  
This will remain on the table.

- B. RCOC Letter**  
Supervisor Thomas Zoner recommends approval.

**MOTION** by Abrams, supported by Gross, to approve the 2008 Road Preservation Overlays to \$203,000.00 (an increase of \$13,000.00 from Tri-Party Program Funds).

**ITEM 11:7-8 OLD BUSINESS**

**RCOC Letter (Motion continued)**

Discussion: Long would like Tri-Party Funds to go towards projects recommended by Commerce Township instead of the Road Commission for Oakland County recommendations.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:** Long

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ITEM 12:7-8 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Fire Week Banner Permit**

**MOTION** by Gross, supported by Sovel, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Commerce Authorizing Application for Banner Permit. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. Library Governance Roles and Responsibilities**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Gross, to approve the Library Governance Rules and Responsibilities. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**C. Bond Authorizing Resolution**

Tom Traciak, Township Financial Advisor, was present along with Bowden Brown, Dykema Gossett PLLC.

**MOTION** by Gross, supported by Abrams, to approve the \$22,500,000.00 Charter Township of Commerce Bond Authorizing Resolution 2008 Downtown Development Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) Martin Parkway Project.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gross, Abrams, Kirkwood, Zoner

**NAYS:** Long, Sovel, Munro

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Risk Management Audit Proposal**

Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney recommends the Township retain Kenneth Hale as a consultant to proceed with the risk management review.

**Risk Management Audit Proposal (continued)**

**MOTION** by Munro, supported by Abrams, to authorize the Township Attorney to retain Kenneth Hale, an attorney and risk management professional to proceed with a comprehensive risk management review.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**E. Municipal Separate Storm Water System Permit Renewal.**

Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney gave a review.

**MOTION** by Abrams, supported by Kirkwood, to authorize the Township Attorney to file a contested case petition with the MDEQ contesting the terms of the new MS4 Watershed General Permit no later than July 21, 2008; file an application for Certificate of Coverage under the new permit, with request for monitoring alternatives, as provided for in the permit; if (when) the MDEQ refused to approve the alternatives, then contest that decision as well.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**F. Library New Hires**

Eric Suess, Library Director, was present.

Gross recommends this go before the Library Advisory Board for discussion.

**MOTION** by Gross, supported by Long, to Table Library New Hires.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Emily was present to give an update on Dodge V Park and Maple Glen Park. Commerce Little League would like to build a concession stand at Maple Glen Park. The Parks and Recreation Committee gave approval to allow a concession stand subject to the Township Board of Trustees approval. Drawings were submitted to Jeff Bowdell. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Township Board of Trustees Meeting.

**ITEM 14:7-8 ORDERS**

**MOTION** by Gross, supported by Abrams, to approve the orders and add ons.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 15:7-8 OTHER MATTERS**

Sovel – asked for an update on the bike path. Supervisor Thomas Zoner gave an update.

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**ITEM 15:7-8 OTHER MATTERS (continued)**

Sovel – would like additional insurance coverage for Dodge V improvements.

Munro – asked for an update on the property at Carroll Lake and South Commerce Roads. Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney gave an update.

**ITEM 13:7-8 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ITEM 16:7-8 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Abrams, supported by Kirkwood, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



Sandra Abrams, MMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce