

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
2840 FISHER  
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, MI 48390  
Tuesday September 23, 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  
Robert J. Long, Trustee  
Deb Kirkwood, Trustee  
Daniel P. Munro, Trustee  
Susan Gross, Treasurer  
Rick Sovel, Trustee

**Absent:**       None

**Item 1: Presentation by Republic Waste Services, Inc.**

A presentation was made by Republic Waste Services relative to a request for fuel surcharge of \$0.57/unit for 2009 until the termination of the contract, June, 2009. Should the contract again be awarded to Republic Waste Services, the fuel surcharge would extend to the end of 2009 unless otherwise noted in the contract.

No action taken

**Item 2: Purchases**

Discussion of the purchase of a snow plow attachment for the Township Maintenance vehicle. Several quotes and several types of snow blade attachments were discussed. It will be discussed further after receipt of snow plow bids for the various facilities in the Township have been received.

No action taken

**Item: 3: New Business**

- A. Job Description – Discussion of the job description presented. No action taken.
- B. Attorney Letter – Fee Structure – Discussion of the fee structure submitted by the Township Attorney, Adkison, Need, et al.; Discussion of the format of the bills submitted by the attorney and presentation of the attorney bills to the Township Board; No action taken.
- C. RCOC Easement – S. commerce & Commerce Roads - \$7,313.00

**MOTION** by Abrams, second by Kirkwood, to approve the easement at 115 Commerce Road, Commerce Township, part of 17-10-427-005, to the RCOC for the appraisal

amount of \$7,313.00 and authorize the appropriate signatures.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:** Long, Sovel, Munro

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

D. Budget – Budget discussion on various items and departments. No action taken

Other Matters: - Township Attorney Phil Adkison addressed the Board with DDA Director Wynn Berry, DDA Attorney Thomas Rauch relative to DDA Land Contract holdings. Also present, Thomas Traciak, Robert Shimmin, Bowden Brown.

**MOTION** by Zoner, second by Gross to advise DDA Director that the township Board, if asked by the DDA board, would favorably consider the issuance of Township LTGO bonds in an amount sufficient to retire the land contract currently held by citizens Bank. This determination is not binding and depends on the terms of a negotiated extension of the land contract and acceptable bond terms and is intended to give reasonable negotiation direction to the DDA's representatives.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Abrams, Kirkwood, Gross, Zone Long, Sovel

**NAYS:** Munro

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Abrams, second by Kirkwood to adjourn.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

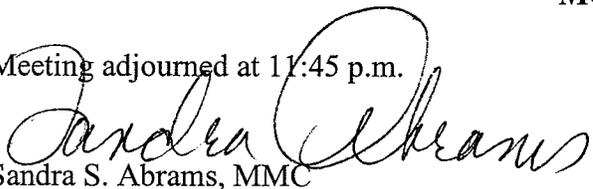
**AYES:** Abrams, Kirkwood, Long, Sovel, Munro

**NAYS:** Zoner, Gross

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
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2840 FISHER  
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Tuesday September 30, 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  
                  Robert J. Long, Trustee  
                  Deb Kirkwood, Trustee  
                  Daniel P. Munro, Trustee  
                  Susan Gross, Treasurer  
                  Rick Sovel, Trustee  
                  Rob Long (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

**Absent:**       None

It was decided to begin the budget discussions with the Fire and Sheriff Department Budgets. Discussion of the requests made by Fire Chief Schornack and Lt. Clay Jansson were present to discuss their budget requests.

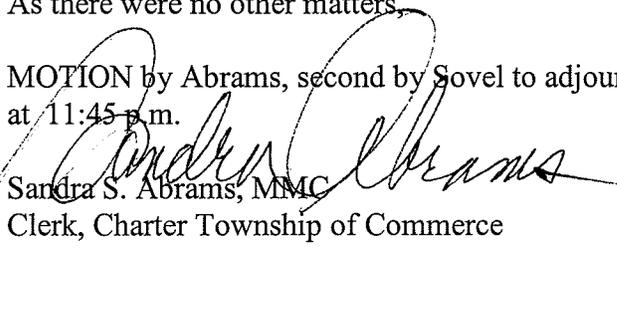
Rob Long arrived 7:10 p.m.

Further Discussion of the following:

- New insurance program and cost savings it affords via the budget.
- Gasb requirements as they relate to the Building Department and the Sewer and Water Department;
- Supervisor's Department
- Assessing Department and Oakland County Equalization services;
- Attorney expenses by Department and for General Fund
- Clerk's Department - Not filling the position vacated in 2008; utilizing employee from the Building Department for busy times;
- Township Hall maintenance after moving to the new Township Hall;
- Planning Consultant and Planning Department;
- Election Rolodex for voter registration cards for the new building – capital outlay;
- Fund Balances;
- Building Department Budget Worksheet;
- Possible budget cuts in the areas of capital outlay, salaries and staffing.

As there were no other matters,

MOTION by Abrams, second by Sovel to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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