

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
TOWNSHIP BOARD QUARTERLY MEETING
2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, MI 48390
Tuesday October 26, 2010, 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 Abrams, Clerk
Susan Gross, Treasurer
Daniel P. Munro, Trustee
Rick Sovel, Trustee
Robert Long, Trustee
Debra N. Kirkwood, Trustee

Prior to the Special Assessment District Public Hearings, Philip Adkison Township Attorney gave a brief presentation explaining the SAD process and the process used for the establishment of the Township Fire and Township Police Special Assessment Districts for the benefit of the Township Board and Public present.

Item 1: Public Hearing Township Fire Protection SAD

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing. Questions from the public were answered. There was no official objection to the Fire Protection SAD. Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing.

Item 2: Resolution Confirming Township Fire Protection 2011 Special Assessment Roll.

MOTION by Gross, second by Kirkwood, to approve the Resolution Confirming Township fire Protection 2011 special Assessment Roll. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3: Public Hearing Township Police Protection SAD

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing. Questions from the public were answered. There were two official objections to the Police Protection SAD:

Police SAD Objections

Cynthia K Magda
3925 Cheryl Drive
Commerce Twp., MI 48382
Property ID 63-E-17-16-180-007

Objection to Police SAD:
My address is 3874 Cheryl Dr.
Commerce 48382
(The above objections were received by the Clerk via e-mail and put into the record)

Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing.

Item 4: Resolution confirming Township Police Protection 2011 special Assessment Roll

MOTION by Sovel, second by Abrams, to approve the Resolution Confirming Township Police Protection 2011 special Assessment Roll. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 5: Public Hearing 2011 Township Budget

Supervisor Zoner opened the Public Hearing.

Resident Peter Unick requested a copy of the budget and asked questions in several areas. Several other residents who did not identify themselves asked questions with regard to the proposed 2011 budget.

Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing.

Item 6: Approval of the 2011 Township Budget

MOTION by Abrams, second by Munro, to approve the 2011 Charter Township of Commerce Budget with revision to Planning Department expenditures as presented. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7: Public Hearing 2011 Millage Rates

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing of the 2011 Millage Rates

A. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Operating Millage for the 2010 tax year.

MOTION by Abrams, second by Munro, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Operating Millage for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Library Millage for the 2010 Tax Year.

MOTION by Sovel, second by Munro, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy of Library Millage for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution to Levy for Public library Service Millage for the 2010 Tax Year.

MOTION by Sovel, second by Munro, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution to Levy for Public Library Service Millage for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Staff All 4 Fire Stations and Purchase Equipment for the 2010 Tax Year.

MOTION by Kirkwood, second by Sovel, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Staff All 4 Fire Stations and Purchase Equipment for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Additional Police Service Millage for the 2010 Tax Year

MOTION by Sovel, second by Kirkwood, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Additional Police Service Millage for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Retain Police

Services for the 2010 Tax Year.

MOTION by Kirkwood, second by Sovel, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy to Retain Police Services for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution to Levy for Additional Sheriff Deputies Millage for the 2010 Tax Year.

MOTION by Sovel, second by Munro, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Additional Sheriff Deputies Millage for the 2010 Tax Year (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Park Improvements and Creation and Acquisition of Open Space Millage for the 2010 Tax Year.

MOTION by Sovel, second by Munro, to approve the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution of Levy for Park Improvements and Creation and Acquisition of Open Space Millage for the 2010 Tax Year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 9: Approval of Single Year and Delinquent Multi Year Special Assessment Districts to be Levied on the 2010 Winter Tax Roll

MOTION by Gross, second by Abrams, to approve the single Year and Delinquent Multi Year special Assessment districts to be levied on the 2010 tax year. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 10: Public Hearing for community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Supervisor Zoner opened the public hearing for CDBG.

No public comment was received

Supervisor Zoner closed the public hearing

Item 11: Resolution for the Community Development Block Grant
MOTION by Abrams, second by Gross, to approve the Resolution for the community Development Block Grant. (Attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 12: 2011 Downtown Development Authority Budget

Discussion of the proposed 2011 DDA Budget with suggestions for items to be brought back to the November regular Board Meeting.

MOTION by Long, second by Munro, to table the 2011 proposed DDA Budget.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 13: IAFF Local 2154 Letter of Understanding

MOTION by Sovel, second by Munro, to approve the Letter of Understanding with the IAFF Local 2154.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 14: New Business

a. Township Policy

MOTION by Munro, second by Sovel, to approve a Township policy that prohibits animals in Township owned buildings with the exclusion of service animals, and signage for same will be procured in an amount not to exceed \$100.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 15: Other Matters to Come before the Board

Elected Officials Retirement Benefits

Discussion of the current and proposed Retirement Health Insurance Policy for full time Elected Officials.

MOTION by Long, second by Kirkwood to deny the proposed Retirement Health Insurance Policy for Elected officials

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Long, Kirkwood, Sovel

NAYS: Abrams, Zoner, Gross, Munro

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Munro, second by Zoner to approve the proposed Retirement Health Insurance Policy for full time Elected Officials to include: 100% Township paid Health Insurance coverage for a full time elected official, at age 60 or above, with 20 years of service, until the age of 65.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Abrams, Zoner, Gross, Munro

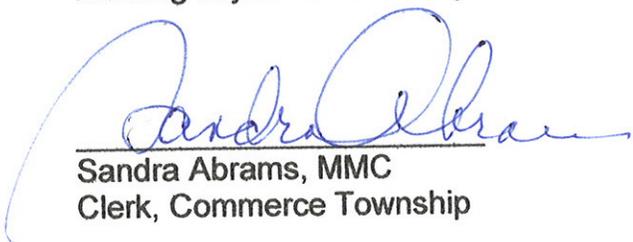
NAYS: Long, Kirkwood, Sovel

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Item 16: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gross second by Abrams to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Sandra Abrams, MMC
Clerk, Commerce Township