

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
DISCUSSION SESSION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday April 27, 2010, 7:00 *p.m.*  
2009 Township Drive  
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.

**Township Board**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Thomas K. Zoner, Supervisor  
Sandra Abrams, Clerk  
Susan Gross, Treasurer  
Debra Kirkwood, Trustee  
Rick Sovel, Trustee  
Robert Long, Trustee  
Absent: Daniel Munro, Trustee

**Also Present:**

Phil Adkison, Township Attorney  
Kathleen Cassidy, Township Planner

Item 1: Presentation by Michigan Department of Transportation regarding a Proposed M-5 Non-Motorized Path, Commerce Township.

A discussion by the Board followed the MDOT Presentation that included the following points of information:

- The Michigan Department of Transportation wishes to construct a non-motorized path within the right-of way of M-5 from 14 Mile road to the COE Railroad right-of-way in Commerce Township, and;
- The proposed non-motorized path will serve to connect other trails within Oakland and Wayne Counties, and;
- The non-motorized facility will be constructed in three phases within Commerce township, and;
- The Federal Highway Administration and MDOT require a maintenance agreement for the use of federal funds for the construction of non-motorized facilities, and;
- The proposed non-motorized facility will provide enhanced recreational opportunities within Commerce Township.

**MOTION** by Abrams, second by Sovel, to acknowledge that Commerce Township may enter into separate maintenance agreement(s) with MDOT for each phase of the proposed non-motorized path within Commerce Township.

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The agreement(s) may be executed between MDOT and Commerce Township prior to the award of the construction contracts.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Item 2: Interim DDA Director**

MOTION by Abrams, second by Zoner to approve the Downtown Development Authority's appointment of, and contract for, Kathleen Jackson, as the DDA Director, as recommended to the Township Board by the Downtown Development Authority.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**NAYS:** Kirkwood

**ABSENT:** Munro

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 3: Millage Discussion**

Discussion of several options for Public Safety Millages for Fire and Police were discussed including renewal of current millages, and the creation of a township wide Special Assessment District for the purpose of funding Police and Fire services

Township Attorney was directed to provide for the Board review at the next regular Township Board Meeting to be held on May 11, 2010, language to be placed on the August 3, 2010 ballot, for a township wide Special Assessment District to fund Police and Fire Services. Two separate ballot questions will be placed on the August 3, 2010 ballot, one for Fire services and one for Police services.

**Item 4: Other Matters**

MOTION by Kirkwood, second by Sovel, to authorize the Township Supervisor to proceed with the water damage repair at the Township Library at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

**MOTION CARRIED**

As there were no other matters,

**MOTION** by Abrams, second by Sovel to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

  
Sandra Abrams, MMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce