

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, MI 48390
Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 7:30 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Zoner called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Thomas Zoner, Supervisor
Melissa Creech, Clerk
Molly Phillips, Treasurer
John Hindo, Trustee
Rob Long, Trustee

Absent: Bob Berkheiser, Trustee
Rick Sovel, Trustee

Also Present: Dave Campbell, Township Planning Director
Mark Stacey, DDA Director
Larry Haber, Planning Commission Chairmen
Brian Winkler, Planning Commission Member

Dave Campbell began by explaining to all present the reason for the morning meeting. The Bridge Committee needs to meet with MDOT regarding the selected bridge design. Due to time constraints and schedules the only time available was later the same afternoon. If the Board chose a design that would require MDOT to change the structure of their original proposed design they need to know this as soon as possible.

Bradley Touchstone had prepared four different concepts to present to the Board based on information he received from the Bridge Committee in regards to what the Township is looking to achieve with the design.

Mr. Touchstone went through each concept and explained costs and how it would impact the structure MDOT is providing. Option A was a triple truss design, option B a double truss, option C single truss with a wave look fencing and option D was a curved girder design.

The Board discussed the different design options and what they liked about each one. Also discussed was different wording to be placed on the bridge. Trustee Long suggested something that would make a statement and that represents Commerce Township. Mr. Touchstone and Dave Campbell agreed that MDOT has specific guidelines as to what wording can be placed on the bridge. They will discuss this at the meeting later.

Supervisor Zoner gave others present a chance to give their input or ask questions.

The Board agreed they liked option D with the curved girder and would like to see the wave fencing design from option C incorporated.

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Long, to approve design option D with the wave feature from option C and to discuss wording options on the bridge with MDOT.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Zoner, supported by Creech, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Melissa Creech, CMMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce