

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 15, 2016
2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390**

CALL TO ORDER: Thomas K. Zoner, Supervisor, 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
Melissa Creech, Clerk
Molly Phillips, Treasurer
Robert Berkheiser, Trustee
John Hindo, Trustee
Rick Sovel, Trustee

Absent: Robert Long, Trustee

Also Present: Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney
Jason Mayer, Giffels Webster Engineers
Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Hindo, to approve the October 4, 2016 Special Township Board of Trustees Meeting minutes, the October 11, 2016 Regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting minutes, and the October 25, 2016 Quarterly Township Board of Trustees Meeting minutes, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Haven

No one was present to represent Haven.

B. Partners in Architecture – Richardson Center Remodel

Michael Malone, Fred Meinberg and Andy Sowinski, Partners in Architecture, were present and gave an update on the addition and renovations project for the Richardson Senior Center.

Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney read and presented a Resolution to Supervisor Zoner thanking him for his 42 years of dedicated service to Commerce Township.

PRESENTATIONS (Supervisor Zoner continued)

Supervisor Zoner thanked the residents and employees of Commerce Township for their support.

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Creech, to approve the Resolution honoring Tom Zoner for 42 years of dedicated service to Commerce Township and its residents.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PETITIONS:

None

ITEM 1:11-15 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Hindo, to approve the November 15, 2016 Agenda with the addition of **Touchstone Architecture Contract Extension** under Item 13. J New Business

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 2:11-15 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Klint Kesto, Michigan State Representative of District 39 congratulated Supervisor Zoner on his retirement and thanked him for his service to Commerce Township. Mr. Kesto was re-elected as Michigan State Representative of District 39 and looks forward to working with Commerce Township. He thanked the Township Board for their hard work.

Jim Jones 585 East Grand Traverse advised the Board that his neighbor, along with other people are dumping debris on Township property. He would like the Township to correct this problem. Supervisor Zoner told him that the Township is aware of the problem and it will be addressed.

Raphael Chirolla, Oakland County Water Resource Commission was present to explain the water rate increase and answer questions. He gave a history of the GLWA rates for the past 3 years. He also stated the water tank will be cost effective and save the Township money in the long run.

ITEM 3:11-15 PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Community Development Block Grant 2017

Supervisor Zoner opened the Public Hearing.

No one present had any questions or comments.

Supervisor Zoner closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Phillips, to adopt the Charter Township of Commerce Resolution approving the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application Adopted on November 15, 2016 in the amount of \$71,832.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 3:11-15 PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)

B. Establishment Roll – Special Projects No. 40

Supervisor Zoner opened the Public Hearing.
No one present had any questions or comments.
Supervisor Zoner closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Berkheiser, to approve the Resolution of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce Determining to Undertake an Improvement Project and to Establish and Maintain a Special Assessment District to pay costs associated therewith and approving the plans and estimates of costs therefore, Special Projects No. 40, in the amount of \$81,077.85.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4:11-15 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. James Czarnecki, Planning Commission 3 Year Term expiring 12-31-2019

James Czarnecki was present.

MOTION by Hindo, supported by Berkheiser, to approve the re-appointment of James Czarnecki to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term to expire December 31, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. Arlene DiPaola, Board of Review, 2 Year Term expiring 12-31-2018**
- C. Robert McGee, Board of Review, 2 Year Term expiring 12-31-2018**
- D. Barbara McNutt, Board of Review, 2 Year Term expiring 12-31-2018**
- E. Larry Pawlovich, Board of Review, 2 Year Term expiring 12-31-2018**
- F. Barbara Rosman, Board of Review, 2 Year Term expiring 12-31-2018**
- G. Pat Rusnell, Board of Review, 2 Year Term expiring 12-31-2018**
- H. Michelle McNutt-Memelli – Alternate, Board of Review, 2 yr. Term expir 12-31-2018**

Berkheiser asked if there is a conflict if two members of a Board or Commission are family members.

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Berkheiser, to approve the re-appointment of Arlene DiPaola, Robert McGee, Barbara McNutt, Larry Pawlovich, Barbara Rosman and Pat Rusnell to the Board of Review for a 2 year term to expire December 31, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Berkheiser, to Table the appointment of Michelle McNutt-Memelli to the Board of Review.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5:11-15 CONTRACT AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS

A. Engineering Consultant Agreement – Giffels Webster

MOTION by Hindo, supported by Phillips, to approve the extension of the Engineering Consulting Agreement with Giffels Webster for one year.

ITEM 5:11-15 CONTRACT AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS (Giffels Webster Motion continued)

MOTION by Hindo, supported by Phillips to Amend the Motion to a 2 year extension until 12-31-2018 at the same rates. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. KER Engineering Inc.

Jay James, President of KER Engineering Inc. explained the agreement and expressed his interest to continue working with Commerce Township.

MOTION by Berkheiser, supported by Sovel, to extend the current contract with KER Engineering Inc. to 3-31-2017. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Oakland County Sheriff's Office 2017-2018 Law Enforcement Services Agreement

MOTION by Hindo, supported by Sovel, to approve the Oakland County Sheriff's Office 2017-2018 Law Enforcement Services Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6:11-15 INTRODUCTIONS

None

ITEM 7:11-15 ADOPTIONS

None

ITEM 8:11-15 SITE CONDOMINIUMS AND PLATS

None

ITEM 9:11-15 CONSENT AGENDA

None

ITEM 10:11-15 PURCHASES

A. Self-Checkout System - Library

Connie Ozinga, Library Director was present to request approval of the Self-Checkout System for the Township Library.

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Creech, to approve the purchase of two self-checkout systems from Envisionware (Quote US-38104 dated 10/24/2016) for \$12,827.96, funds to come from 933.000 Computer Services.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 11:11-15 OLD BUSINESS

A. 2017 Township Budget

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Zoner, to approve the 2017 Township Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Phillips, Zoner, Creech, Hindo, Berkheiser, Sovel

NAYS:

ABSENT: Long

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Approval of Single Year Special Assessments for 2016 Tax Roll – tabled 10-25-2016

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Phillips, to remove Approval of Single Year Special Assessments for 2016 Tax Roll from the Table. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Sovel, to Approve Single Year Special Assessments for 2016 Tax Roll. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. UFS Water Rate Study

MOTION by Zoner, supported by Phillips, to change the Fee Ordinance and direct the Township Attorney to draft an amendment to the Fee Ordinance for the UFS Water Rate Study.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Zoner, Phillips, Hindo, Berkheiser, Creech

NAYS: Sovel

ABSENT: Long

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 12:11-15 NEW BUSINESS

A. Partners in Architecture – Richardson Center Remodel

MOTION by Berkheiser, supported by Phillips, to approve the architectural design for the Richardson Senior Center, as presented by Partners in Architecture.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Conditional Rezoning – K & S Fuel Ventures, Clark Gas Station

Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney recommends the Board Table B, F, and G to allow him an opportunity to investigate issues that came to his attention.

MOTION by Berkheiser, supported by Phillips, to Table B. Conditional Rezoning – K&S Fuel Ventures, Clark Gas Station, F. Review Standards for Off Premises Alcohol Retailers and G. Discussion on Gas Stations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 12:11-15 NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Tax Penalty Waiver Request – Truesdell

Christopher Truesdell was present to request the penalty fee of \$400 be waived. He purchased two lots at an auction and failed to file paperwork. He did not know he had to file a property transfer affidavit because the county never told him that when he purchased the property from them.

MOTION by Zoner, supported by Phillips, to approve the waiver of penalty fee in the amount of \$200.00 total, bringing each penalty to \$100.00 for parcels EW-17-27-329-00 and EW-17-27-329-008, Christopher Truesdell.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Zoner, Phillips, Sovel, Hindo, Creech

NAYS: Berkheiser

ABSENT: Long

MOTION CARRIED

D. Hardship Tax Exemption Ordinance Amendment

Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney explained the Ordinance Amendment. He stated there is no legal requirement to change the Ordinance. He will contact the County to see if there have been problems and report his findings back to the Board.
No action taken.

E. Tri Party Funds

Supervisor Zoner submitted two projects to the Board.

MOTION by Berkheiser, supported by Creech, to approve the Tri-Party Funds, Farr St. from N. Commerce Rd. to 150 feet East (Pave Gravel) and Oakley Park Rd. at Newton (right turn lane), as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Review Standards for Off Premises Alcohol Retailers

Tabled

G. Discussion on Gas Stations

Tabled

H. Oak Wilt – Maple Glen Park

Emily England, Senior Director advised the Board of trees that are dying from Oak Wilt at Maple Glen Park and explained the process to stop the spread of the disease.

MOTION by Berkheiser, supported by Sovel, to approve up to \$20,000.00 from the amended budget to stop the spread of the Oak Wilt in Maple Glen Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12:11-15 NEW BUSINESS (continued)

I. First Amended and Restated Conditional Rezoning Agreement – McInnis
Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney, explained the Agreement and recommends the Township consider entering into the attached First Amended & Restated Conditional Rezoning Agreement which restates the CRA.

MOTION by Hindo, supported by Berkheiser, to approve the First Amended & Restated Conditional Rezoning Agreement between the Charter Township of Commerce and Patrick McInnis and authorize the appropriate signatures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Touchstone Architecture Contract Extension

Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney received concurrence from MDOT to move the deadline date.

MOTION by Phillips, supported by Sovel to change the deadline date from 11-30-2016 to 2-24-2017 for the Touchstone Architecture Contract Extension.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 13:11-15 ORDERS AND ADD-ONS

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Creech, to approve the Orders and Add-ons.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 14:11-15 OTHER MATTERS

Berkheiser -

- Should we extend the pathways for access to the library? Supervisor Zoner said he would wait until next year and take the funds out of the Library and Parks and Recreation Funds.
- Would like to receive updates from the Township Attorney on marijuana laws so the Township can stay on top of the Ordinance.

Zoner –

- Advised the Board this is the last Township Board of Trustees Meeting he will be attending as Township Supervisor. He would like permission to resign from all Boards/Commissions that he serves on.

MOTION by Zoner, supported by Sovel, to accept Tom Zoner's resignation from the Library Advisory Board, Trailway Management Council, DDA, and WOCCA effective November 15, 2016.

Discussion: Phillip Adkison, Township Attorney recommends appointing a member of the Township Board to sit on the Trailway Management Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 14:11-15 OTHER MATTERS (continued)

MOTION by Zoner, supported by Sovel, to appoint Dave Scott to represent Commerce Township on the Trailway Management Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sovel –

- The Fire Chief is retiring on 12-2-2016. We should begin interviewing for the Fire Chief position. Supervisor is in agreement with Sovel.

MOTION by Sovel supported by Berkheiser, to direct the Township Clerk to advertise for a Fire Chief and begin the interview process.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 15:11-15 CLOSED SESSION

ITEM 16:11-15 ADJOURNMENT

As there were no other matters to come before the Board.

MOTION by Zoner supported by Sovel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Melissa Creech, Clerk
Charter Township of Commerce

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2017
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION
ADOPTED ON: November 15, 2016**

WHEREAS, Oakland County is preparing an Annual Action Plan to meet application requirement for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and other Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs, and;

WHEREAS, OAKLAND County has requested CDBG-eligible projects from participating communities for inclusion in the Action Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Commerce has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing as follows:

Township Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 pm.

No comments related to CDBG were heard.

Township Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 7:54 pm.

On November 15, 2016 for the purpose of received public comments regarding the proposed use of 2016 Program Year Community Development Block Grant funds in the approximate amount of \$71,832 and;

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Commerce found that the following projects meet the federal objectives of the CDBG program and are prioritized by the Community as high priority need.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
730137	Battered and Abused Spouses	\$ 10,000
732185	Youth Services	\$ 10,000
730898	Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 51,832

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at a special meeting of the Charter Township of Commerce Board held on November 15, 2016 at the Commerce Township Hall, 2009 Township Dr., Commerce Township, Michigan 48390, the Board approved the Program Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application in the approximate amount of \$71.832 and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute all documents which result from this application to Oakland County.

Motion by: Sovel Supported by: Phillips

AYES: Sovel, Phillips, Hindo, Creech, Berkheiser, Zoner


NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT: Long

MOTION CARRIED

I, Melissa Creech, the duly elected Clerk of The Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Commerce at a meeting held on November 15, 2016 at which time a quorum was present.


Melissa Creech, Clerk
Charter Township of Commerce

**MOTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce, County of Oakland, Michigan, held on the 15th day of November, 2016, in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Thomas Zoner, John Hindo, Molly Phillips, Melissa Creech, Rick Sovel, Robert Berkheiser

ABSENT: Robert Long

The following motion was offered by Thomas Zoner and supported by Molly Phillips.

MOTION:

- A. The \$200 penalty for failure to file a property transfer affidavit for Parcel No. 17-27-329-007 is reduced to \$100.
- B. The \$200 penalty for failure to file a property transfer affidavit for Parcel No. 17-27-329-008 is reduced to \$100.

AYES: Thomas Zoner, John Hindo, Molly Phillips, Melissa Creech, Rick Sovel


NAYS: Robert Berkheiser

ABSENT: Robert Long

MOTION PASSED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned duly qualified Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce at a meeting held on the 15th day of November, 2016.


MELISSA CREECH, Clerk
Charter Township of Commerce
Dated: November 17, 2016

Christopher Truesdell
118 Woodland Dr
South Lyon, MI 48178

October 30th 2016

ATTN: Melissa Creech and/or Christine Dennis

On August 18th 2015 I purchased property, parcel EW- 17-27-329-007 and EW-17-27-329-008, from the Oakland County Land Sale.

I have now received 2016 tax statement, which includes a penalty fee totaling \$400 for failure to file Property Transfer Affidavit.

I am requesting to be on the agenda for the November Commerce Township board meeting with regard to having this penalty fee waived.

Failure to file Transfer of Property Affidavit

Reasons for exemption:

- Ignorance

When filing the paperwork, and paying 2015 taxes (at the time of purchase) I had been to Oakland County Treasurer's Office, Commerce Township Treasurer, and Village of Wolverine Lake Treasurer. No one at any time within any of these offices mentioned that I would need to file a Property Transfer Affidavit.

- Absurdity

Essentially I'm being fined for failure to formally inform the county that they sold me the property, from their own tax sale.

- Excessiveness of fees

After an extensive battle to have the taxes adjusted to more fairly represent the market value of the property, (down to less than \$100 per lot) this fine totals more than 2 years of taxes.

- Poverty

I've made less than 20k for the last 5 years.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE DETERMINING TO
UNDERTAKE AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
AND TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
DISTRICT TO PAY COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND APPROVING
THE PLANS AND ESTIMATES OF COSTS THEREFOR**
Special Projects No. 40

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce, County of Oakland, Michigan, held on the 15th day of November, 2016 in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Thomas Zoner, John Hindo, Molly Phillips, Melissa Creech, Rick Sovel, Robert Berkheiser

ABSENT: Robert Long

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Rick Sovel and supported by Robert Berkheiser.

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to finance capital and other miscellaneous charges related to the connection to the public sewer system, and has tentatively designated a Special Assessment District against which costs of the improvement are to be assessed, and;

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce held a public hearing on the 15th day of November, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the improvements and the Special Assessment District to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce determines that the petitions filed in connection with the proposed Special Assessment District are valid and in compliance with the requirements of Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended.
2. In accordance with the provisions of Michigan Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended, and Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce hereby determines that financing capital and other miscellaneous charges related to the connection to the public sewer system is reasonable, necessary and in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Charter Township of Commerce and shall be done.

3. The Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce hereby approves the plans, specifications and estimates of costs in the sum of Eighty-One Thousand, Seventy-Seven and 85/100 (\$81,077.85) Dollars. The aggregate of all such costs will be spread against the Special Assessment District hereby established.
4. The Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce hereby establishes a Special Assessment District for the purpose set forth in paragraph two (2) hereof and names the Special Assessment District "*Special Projects No. 40.*" It includes the property described in Exhibit A attached hereto.
5. The term of the Special Assessment District shall end on February 28, 2027, or at such time as the Township Board may deem prudent.
6. The Special Assessment District shall reimburse the Township Improvement Revolving Fund for all money advanced for the project together with outstanding interest thereon.
7. The Township Supervisor is hereby directed, in accordance with Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, to make a Special Assessment Roll in which shall be entered and described all of the parcels of land to be assessed, with the names of the respective owners thereof, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land, which amount shall be the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the Special Assessment District as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the Special Assessment District.
8. When the Township Supervisor completes the Special Assessment Roll, he shall affix thereto his certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this resolution of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce that in making the Special Assessment Roll he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this resolution and to the statutes of this state.
9. The Township Supervisor shall file the Special Assessment Roll, with his certificate attached thereto, with the Township Clerk, who shall then present the same to the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce.
10. The hearing on the Special Assessment Roll shall be held on the 13th day of December, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 2009 Township Drive, Commerce Township, Michigan 48390. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the hearing as required by law.
11. In order to appeal the amount of any special assessment, affected owners or parties with an interest must protest the proposed assessment. This may be done by appearing in person at the hearing, having an agent appear at the hearing on behalf of an owner or party in interest

or by filing a protest by the hearing date, by letter addressed to the Township Clerk at the above address. An owner or party having an interest in the real property affected by the special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment is protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll.

12. The names and addresses of those persons present at the Public Hearing who protested the assessment, if any, will be identified in the minutes of the Public Hearing.

AYES: Thomas Zoner, John Hindo, Molly Phillips, Melissa Creech, Rick Sovel, Robert Berkheiser

NAYS: None


ABSENT: Robert Long

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned duly qualified Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Commerce, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Commerce at a meeting held on the 15th day of November, 2016.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE



MELISSA CREECH, Clerk
Dated: November 17, 2016

EXHIBIT A

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17-12-451-008

17-11-411-020

17-22-256-004

17-01-151-047

17-16-203-026

17-11-428-004

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner, Commerce Township Supervisor, will retire on November 20, 2016, after years of outstanding service to The Charter Township of Commerce since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner began his career with Commerce Township as a member of the Civil Service Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner was elected to the position of Commerce Township Trustee in 1986, was appointed as Township Clerk in 1987 and elected in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner was elected Township Supervisor on November 5, 1996 and re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner served with several organizations including the Downtown Development Authority, the Museum Cultural Committee, Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association, Michigan Association of Clerks, Federal Funding Committee, Oakland County Association of Township Supervisors, Library Advisory Board and the Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom Trailway Management Council; and

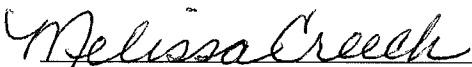
WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner has shown dedication working closely with organizations including SEMCOG, Road Commission for Oakland County, Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Oakland County Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Zoner has been instrumental in so many projects and programs; constructing new fire stations, a new Township Hall and a new Township Library; regional trailways including a new pedestrian bridge over M-5, and the preservation of acres of park land, while always keeping in mind the overall quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Tom has served his fellow residents with compassion, understanding and a willingness to help and volunteer, he has earned respect of his colleagues with his knowledge and leadership, and will be missed by all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commerce Township Board of Trustees, do hereby extend to Thomas Zoner our sincere and grateful appreciation for his 42 years of dedicated services to The Charter Township of Commerce, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him and his family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Commerce Board of Trustees this 15th day of November 2016.



Melissa Creech, CMMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Commerce