

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
Public Meeting Room A
Delta Township Administration Building
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing MI 48917

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher, Clerk Janice Vedder, Treasurer Howard Pizzo, Trustees Jan Cunningham, Barb Poma, Jeff Hicks, and Cara Spagnuolo.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Manager Richard Watkins, Planning Director Mark Graham, Engineering Director Dennis Williams, Township Assessor Ted Droste, and Executive Secretary Kathy Ernst.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Grand Ledge Girls Gymnastics Team

a. 2009 Division I State Gymnastics Championship – March 13, 2009

Supervisor Fletcher recognized Coach Duane Haring and the 2009 Grand Ledge High School Girls Gymnastics Team on winning the Division I State Gymnastics title on March 13, 2009. This was the second year in a row that Grand Ledge won the State title. The gymnastics team set a record, scoring 150.825, which surpassed the previous State record of 150.125 set in 2004. Duane Haring, also a Delta Township Firefighter, was recently named Dream Team Coach of the Year by the Lansing State Journal which was the second year in a row. Team members include:

Jessica Anthony
Meghan Ashcraft – Dream Team Honorable Mention
Maddie Burman – Dream Team

Alexis Byington – Dream Team gymnast of the Year
McKyleigh Geddert
Meaghan McWhorter – Dream Team
Alexis Miller
Autumn Mulder – Dream Team All-Area
Emily Peltier
Kelsey Pierce – Dream Team
Samantha Wightman – Dream Team honorable Mention
Christine Wilson – Dream Team

b. Stanley Wegrzyn Retirement

The Township Board and the citizens of Delta Township would like to take the opportunity to recognize Stan and thank him for his many years of dedication, contribution, and loyal service to the citizens of Delta Township. Mr. Fletcher said Stan had been employed as the Delta Township Utility Director from October, 1970 to April, 2009.

Supervisor Fletcher announced Delta Township won the 2009 Tri-County Waste Reduction Award for Greener Delta. He congratulated Clerk Vedder on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the award and the very successful Greener Delta Days held on April 18th. He also stated that planning had started for the 2010 Greener Delta Days.

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

MOTION BY HICKS, SECONDED BY POMA, THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VII. COMMUNICATIONS – None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – None

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY PIZZO, SECONDED BY VEDDER, THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO,
 SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, TRUSTEE HICKS, TRUSTEE
 POMA, CLERK VEDDER, AND TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

3. Minutes – April 6, 2009 Regular Meeting

MOTION BY PIZZO, SECONDED BY VEDDER, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

4. Bills and Financial Transactions

MOTION BY PIZZO, SECONDED BY VEDDER, THAT THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$831,667.68 BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – None

XIII. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER SECTION V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA - None

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XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7. St. Gerard’s Amusement/Entertainment Permit and Noise Ordinance Waiver.

Supervisor Fletcher said the Township was in receipt of an application from St. Gerard’s Church for an Amusement & Entertainment permit for Saturday, May 2, 2009. He noted that the church had also applied for a special permit to waive the requirements of the Township’s Noise Ordinance.

MOTION BY POMA, SECONDED BY VEDDER, THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD GRANT AN AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE TO ST. GERARD’S CHURCH TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL FESTIVAL. GRANT A WAIVER FROM THE NOISE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW

UP TO 105 DB BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 P.M. AND 11:30 P.M. FOR THE SPRING FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009, AND FURTHER, THAT THE NOISE ORDINANCE WAIVER IS GRANTED WITH THE INTENT AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EVENT WILL BE MONITORED AGAINST THE STATED DECIBEL LEVELS AUTHORIZED BY THIS WAIVER, AND BOTH PERMITS ARE GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS:

- 1) THAT ALL OTHER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS BE ADHERED TO.
- 2) THAT THE FIRE MARSHALL AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR WILL PERFORM INSPECTIONS IF REQUIRED AFTER FESTIVAL SET UP.
- 3) FURTHER, THAT THE FEE FOR THE AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE HAS BEEN WAIVED. THE NOISE ORDINANCE PERMIT FEE SET BY ORDINANCE IS \$50.00 AND SHALL BE PAID PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF PERMIT.
- 4) THE APPLICANT OF THE FESTIVAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS STATED IN SECTION 3-108 OF THE AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE.
- 5) THE APPLICANT OF THE FESTIVAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTAINING ALL PARKING FOR THE FESTIVAL WITHIN THE CHURCH PROPERTY.
- 6) THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE FESTIVAL SHALL BE SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009, FROM 7:00 P.M. THRU 1:00 P.M.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

8. Proposed Rate Increases for Water and Sanitary Sewer Service.

MOTION BY SPAGNUOLO, SECONDED BY POMA, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE A RATE INCREASE OF 2.5% FOR WATER AND 1% FOR SANITARY SEWER TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2009.

Trustee Hicks said the Utility and Environmental Committee had reviewed the request to increase rates extensively in light of today's economy. However, he noted that the decision to increase rates was necessary in order to meet the Township's rising operating costs.

Treasurer Pizzo stated that the rate increases were necessary in order for the Township's water and sanitary sewer funds to remain self-supporting. He indicated that the rate increases had been thoroughly researched and that the rates had been kept as low as possible recognizing the current economic conditions.

ROLL CALL VOTE. 7-0.

9. Set Special Meeting for Review of the Township's Strategic Plan.

MOTION BY SPAGNUOLO, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA SET A SPECIAL MEETING FOR MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING, REVISING, AND AMENDING THE DELTA TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN AND FURTHER, THAT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE MEETING.

TRUSTEE POMA MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE TIME OF 6:00 P.M. BE ADDED TO THE MOTION.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

10. Referral of 7050 Building, LLC Rezoning Request.

MOTION BY HICKS, SECONDED BY CUNNINGHAM, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA REFER THE 7050 BUILDING, LLC REZONING REQUEST, DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 4-09-3, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBMITTING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

11. Creyts Road Project.

Supervisor Fletcher indicated that over the past several months, there had been several discussions and meetings regarding the proposed pathways on both sides of Creyts Road from Saginaw Highway to Willow Highway and then along Webster Road to Old River Trail. Initially, the grant application had requested 10 foot wide paths on both sides of the road and the plans had been altered to provide for a 10 foot wide path on the west side of the road and a five foot wide path on the east side of the road. There was considerable citizen concerns expressed regarding the 10 foot paths and issues were raised regarding snow removal, parking, and removal of trees and landscaping. The proposal being offered now was for the installation of two, one-way paths which would be six foot in width on both sides of Creyts Road and Webster Road to Old River Trail.

Jim Webster, 1115 N. Creyts Road, stated he would have preferred if the Township had prepared a report for each property owner as to how the sidewalk would impact their property. The Township still had the opportunity to provide such a report to the property owners.

Supervisor Fletcher said Township staff would meet with each property owner affected by the sidewalk project and listen to their concerns.

Manager Watkins acknowledged that the Township would not be able to make every property owner 100% happy, but the Township would attempt to work with the property owners as much as possible. Manager Watkins said it was difficult for the Township's Engineering Department to meet with the people and respond to specific questions when the design of the pathway had not been finalized. Manager Watkins said he wanted to respond to a comment that five foot pathways had been installed in the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo areas. He said staff had researched this issue and discovered the five foot pathways were extensions of the roadway and installed adjacent to the roadway and were not separate pathways as was anticipated for Creyts Road.

At this time, it didn't appear the sidewalk would be built in 2009 and would most likely be built in 2010. However, if the various issues could be resolved, there was a chance construction could start in 2009.

Supervisor Fletcher stated the Township Board had listened to the citizens and felt the proposed six foot pathways was a good compromise between all parties. He noted that the Township would provide snowplowing for the six foot pathways.

Jon Fancher, 2117 Webster Road, said he had never heard of a one-way sidewalk before. He asked the Township Board how they were going to enforce a one-way sidewalk. Mr. Fancher felt the one-way proposal was unreasonable. His concern was this would necessitate children having to cross Creyts Road in order to be going the correct way on a one-way sidewalk.

The Township is required to sign the proposed pathway as a one-way. Casual usage on the pathway would not be affected by the one-way pattern.

Pat Harrington, 1709 Marcy Road, voiced concerns regarding the six foot pathways now being recommended rather than the original 10 foot wide paths. Mr. Harrington felt the paths should be considered for transportation purposes and that the Township's Non-Motorized Plan was being compromised.

Robin Flanders, 2324 Webster Road, said she was happy that children in the area would finally have a safe route to Delta Mills Park. Ms. Flanders said she was concerned about losing a row of trees on her property and she complimented the Board for listening to the residents regarding this matter.

Annette Sollner, 6344 Blue Stone Drive, said she was concerned that the process regarding the pathway had dragged on for several months. Ms. Sollner felt it was a misnomer to refer to greener Delta Township when trees

were being removed and replaced with a concrete path. Ms. Sollner requested the Township provide each property owner with a letter that promised to meet with the residents.

The Township's Engineering Department will meet with each property owner prior to commencing construction of the pathway.

Tami Mullett, 2020 Webster Road, thanked the Township Board for bringing this project to completion. Ms. Mullett noted that she recently walked from her house to the Kroger store along Creyts Road across front yards and that it was a treacherous route.

MOTION BY VEDDER, SECONDED BY SPAGNUOLO,

WHEREAS, DELTA TOWNSHIP BELIEVES CREATING SAFE PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO WALK AND BICYCLE IS CRUCIAL TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ITS RESIDENTS, AND

WHEREAS, DELTA TOWNSHIP HAS ADOPTED BOTH A SIDEWALK PLAN AND A NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR FUNCTIONAL SYSTEMS OF WALKS AND PATHS WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS AND ALONG COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, AND

WHEREAS, ACCOMMODATION HAS BEEN MADE TO ACCOMMODATE RESIDENTS REQUESTS FOR LESS THAN THE ORIGINALLY PLANNED 10' X 10' PATHS WITH 10' SETBACK FROM CURB, AND

WHEREAS, BY ALTERING THE PROJECT TO 6' X 6' PATHS WITH 9' SETBACK FROM CURB CMAQ GRANT FUNDS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT, AND

WHEREAS, TOWNSHIP STAFF WILL WORK DILIGENTLY WITH RESIDENTS TO LESSEN THE IMPACTS OF THIS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED CREYTS ROAD PATHWAY PROJECT THAT WILL INCLUDE A 6' ONE WAY SHARED USE PATH ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF CREYTS ROAD FROM SAGINAW HIGHWAY TO WILLOW HIGHWAY AND EAST AND WEST SIDE OF WEBSTER ROAD FROM WILLOW HIGHWAY TO OLD RIVER TRAIL.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO,
 SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, TRUSTEE HICKS, TRUSTEE
 POMA, CLERK VEDDER, AND TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

XV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

12. Township Board Meeting Minutes - Discussion

(Request from the March 16, 2009, regular meeting to discuss content of the board meeting minutes)

Supervisor Fletcher indicated that this item had been placed on the Board agenda for discussion.

Trustee Hicks expressed concerns regarding examples of both Township and cities and the Board should be cautious when drawing analogies between the two. Trustee Hicks noted that possibly the Township shouldn't focus on minutes prepared by city councils such as the City of Lansing.

Clerk Vedder indicated that in the classes she took to receive her Certified Municipal Clerk certification, that Board minutes should be a record of the actions of the Board. The Clerk confirmed this with the Michigan Township Association Attorney, John Lohrstorfer, regarding the preparation of minutes. The Clerk referred to the Delhi Township minutes which were included in the Board's packet as an example and cautioned the Board from including opinions in the minutes.

Trustee Hicks said there was a possibility that legal issues might arise by the preparation of the minutes and possibly it was necessary for the Township to seek a legal opinion other than the opinion of the MTA attorneys.

Clerk Vedder said she did not want to paraphrase Trustees' comments because it was very important for the person transcribing the minutes to remain neutral and not favor one trustee or one issue over another.

Trustee Poma noted that it was obvious that there would be instances when the minutes had to be corrected and asked if the preparation of the minutes had always been an issue in the past.

Trustee Cunningham said the Board could determine how much detail they want in the minutes. If the Board felt that verbatim minutes were necessary, the issue could be resolved by the hiring of a stenographer, but she acknowledged that this would be expensive.

Supervisor Fletcher asked that Trustees come to a consensus as to how detailed they wanted the minutes. He felt there was the possibility for middle ground in the preparation of minutes and he did not want to put the Township Clerk in a difficult position when preparing minutes.

Treasurer Pizzo said he preferred having specifics included in the resolutions when they were passed by the Board and that he had asked to have something specifically placed in the minutes that he had prepared prior to the Board meeting and then read into the record.

Trustee Spagnuolo said she was concerned about the creation of what she referred to as bare bone minutes.

Trustee Hicks suggested referring the issue of the preparation of minutes to the Township's Administrative Committee to seek a middle ground compromise.

Clerk Vedder said she could support obtaining an attorney's opinion and that she had no objection to having the issue of the preparation of the minutes sent to the Administrative Committee for a recommendation.

Mr. Watkins offered the opinion that the preparation of minutes was more of an art than a science.

Pat Harrington, 1709 Marcy Road, said he was concerned when reviewing a recent version of the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes in that they had referred to opposition to the Creyts Road pathway, but there was no indication in the minutes of support for the pathway.

It was the general consensus of the Board that the preparation of minutes should be transmitted to the Administrative Committee for further review and recommendation.

13. Mt. Hope Church Request to Discuss Proposed PILOT Project

Reverend John Elieff, minister at Mt. Hope Church, introduced his team which included Mike Kessler, of People Vest, Amy Mazure of C2AE Engineering, and Rick Pennings of the Loomis Law Firm. Reverend Elieff said Mt. Hope Church presently had approximately 5,000+ members and referred to their proposed project as Hope for the Generations. He said Mt. Hope Church now had a 60

acre campus and their plans were to target every age group in the church with a program. Reverend Elieff said the church had been working with Mr. Graham in the Planning Department for the past year regarding preparations of their site plans for the proposed residential development and they had also contacted Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Grand Ledge Schools, who had voiced his support for the project.

Amy Mazure of C2AE Engineering gave a brief overview of the master plan for the proposed residential development envisioned by Mt. Hope Church. She noted that they had done a preliminary site analysis in which they focused on the soils, hydrology and wetlands, vegetation, slope, easements, and the Jurisdictional Regulatory Agency Coordination. The site plan contained the proposed 67 dwelling unit apartment building consisting of three stories that had been prepared on the eastern portion of the site.

Reverend Elieff indicated that the site plan consisted of three components, the first being the congregate senior living facility, the second being Anna's House which would be benevolent housing for widows, and the third being Calebs Condominiums which would be ranch style condominiums for independent living. Reverend Elieff said the condominiums would be oriented towards seniors 55 years and older. It was their intent to provide quality affordable housing for senior citizens.

Lola Morgan, 443 Kimberly, Dimondale, said she lived in a 35 year old mobile home that needed a lot of maintenance. She said due to the increase in costs, she had to find someplace else to live and she would like to live in the proposed Mt. Hope Church facility.

Marie Elieff indicated that she and her husband, Gordon, had raised eight children in Delta Township. Ms. Elieff stated that she and her husband were on a fixed income. Ms. Elieff said they were both in their 80's and her husband had health issues. The proposed residential development could add years to their lives.

Mary Ann Sanders indicated she had family members who helped support her and the proposed development would be a blessing for her family.

Mike Kessler, President of People Vest, was serving as a consultant to Mt. Hope Church. Mr. Kessler said the proposed affordable senior housing was a unique non-profit situation. He indicated that Mt. Hope Church was paying approximately \$20,000 in taxes on the 17 acres of office zoned land that they had purchased several years ago. Mr. Kessler stated the proposed development would result in more tax revenues flowing to Delta Township. The proposed residential development would be available to the public as well as Mt. Hope Church members. Mr. Kessler preceded going into some detail

on the incomes that would qualify to reside in the proposed development. At the present time, only three of the units were proposed to be offered at market rates. He noted that while the PILOT project was requested for the senior apartment building, they were proposing a municipal services agreement be offered which would also provide additional monies to the Township.

Mr. Kessler stated the proposed condominium project would be expected to be taxed at the normal tax rate. He mentioned the job creation would result from construction jobs and service jobs as a result of the residential development. It would be necessary for them to rezone the 17 acre office parcel to several residential zoning districts in order to develop the property as per the proposed site plan. Representatives of Mt. Hope Church had met twice with adjacent property owners to obtain their input regarding the project. He stressed Mt. Hope Church wanted to be good neighbors and was working on a favorable consensus from the neighbors.

Mr. Kessler said it could be questioned why someone would support this affordable senior housing project now and he referred to three reasons. The first being the state of Michigan's budget, the second being the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act monies that were available now, and thirdly, he indicated acting now would benefit Delta Township residents. He indicated that the national average for the cost of assisted living was approximately \$2,300 a month and that the cost for nursing home care was approximately \$4,500 a month. Mt. Hope Church needed two things from the Township, the first being a change in the existing ordinance which prohibited tax abatements for residential projects, and secondly, the church would need the Township Board to approve of a PILOT for the proposed senior housing building.

Mr. Pennings, Attorney with Loomis Law Firm, said he had spent 30 years with the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA). He provided information to the Township Board entitled "Understanding PILOT" prepared by MSHDA council. Mr. Pennings said a majority of his presentation was included on Page 7 of the handout. He provided the Board with a draft PILOT ordinance. He said a PILOT would replace real estate taxes on the proposed senior apartment building. The Federal Government provided low income housing tax credits, financial assistance provided by the State of Michigan and the request for a PILOT from Delta Township. Mr. Pennings stated Delta Township was rather unique in that they had passed an ordinance that opted the Township out from participating in PILOTS. Mt. Hope Church request for a PILOT was unique in that there was a non-profit sponsor, being the church. The project would be coupled with the health care provided by Gilead and the proposed pilot would only pertain to a senior citizen project. The church was proposing a 4% rate for the PILOT which would be split among the various taxing jurisdictions. The church was also proposing a municipal services agreement to the Township which would cover such items

as fire, police, and ambulance services. Mr. Pennings noted that investors would be involved with limited partnerships and investors would obtain tax credits against their income taxes.

Trustee Cunningham questioned who would benefit from the tax credits.

Mr. Pennings said the residents of the facility would benefit from the tax credits. The MSHDA financing would run for 35 years and that there would be a development peak fee provided for the project.

Trustee Cunningham inquired as to how Mr. Kessler would be paid.

Mr. Pennings said Mr. Kessler would be paid from the development fee.

Trustee Cunningham stated that even though the word “non-profit” had been used frequently, there were entities involved in this project that would be making money. She indicated that tax credits were very valuable. The former Township Board had decided to opt out of tax abatements for residential projects. If one PILOT was issued, there would be requests for more PILOTS. The church could seek zoning approvals absent a pilot.

Mr. Pennings said while this was correct, the question from Mt. Hope Church would be could they provide rents low enough to provide affordable housing for seniors without the pilot?

Mr. Kessler noted that the development fee, which was being proposed, had been reduced by 50% and Delta Township would benefit a great deal if they partnered with Mt. Hope Church regarding the proposed senior citizen project. Mr. Kessler noted the monies that would result from the PILOT were given as an enhancement and that the State must give incitements for non-profits to be involved in affordable housing, otherwise, only the private sector would provide such housing.

Supervisor Fletcher inquired as to whether the other Board members were interested in pursuing or discussing the PILOT issue.

Trustee Poma said she was interested in the project and would like further discussion.

Trustee Cunningham said staff had done their research regarding PILOTS as recently as January of 2006. She didn't know if there were changes in the past couple of years and she did not want Township staff to reinvent the wheel. She noted that the information she had been provided with had been prepared by Ken Lane of the Manager's office working with Mark Graham.

Trustee Cunningham felt Mt. Hope Church was a great asset to the community; however, she did not support PILOTS.

Mr. Kessler noted that the Township had given tax abatements to others in the past such as General Motors.

Supervisor Fletcher indicated that the general consensus was that staff should review the information previously prepared on PILOTS, update it as necessary, and transmit the information to the Township Board.

14. Proposed Ethics Policy Discussion

Supervisor Fletcher indicated a draft ethics policy had been provided to the Board and staff. He stated there was a lot of detail that would be reviewed at a later date, but he did mention that the policy would include annual ethics training for employees.

XVI. BOARD MEMBER, MANAGER, AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTESS

- 15. Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries Commission – February 5, 2009 minutes**
- 16. Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries Commission – March 5, 2009 minutes**
- 17. Budget/Finance Committee – February 10, 2009 minutes**
- 18. Budget/Finance Committee – February 10, 2009 minutes**
- 19. Administrative/Personnel Committee – Draft of April 1, 2009 minutes**

Manager Watkins stated at the April 16th Transportation Committee meeting, the Committee had recommended the hiring of a traffic engineer to prepare a traffic study for the proposed Michigan Avenue Extension which should be completed in six weeks.

Treasurer Pizzo reminded the Board Grand Ledge Schools would be seeking a special education millage on May 5th which would provide approximately an additional one million dollars to the Grand Ledge Schools special education programs.

Supervisor Fletcher indicated the Township would be participating in Mayor Exchange Day with the City of Grand Ledge. He said on May 20th, he would be going to Grand Ledge to spend a day and on June 2nd; the Grand Ledge Mayor would be coming to Delta Township.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS *(maximum five minutes)*—

Mr. Kessler from Mt. Hope Church invited the Board to a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 26th for renovations to the Mt. Hope Church.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THE MEETING ADJOURN AT 9:15 P.M.

CLERK VEDDER SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 7 TO 0.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA

JANICE VEDDER, TOWNSHIP CLERK

KENNETH FLETCHER, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR