

**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, JANUARY 4, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Ken Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Poma

Others Present: Manager Richard Watkins, Senior Planner Gary Bozek,  
Township Engineer Denny Williams, Code Enforcement Officer  
Kelly Figueiredo, Township Assessor Brian Thelen, Fire Chief  
Vic Hilbert, Dawn O'Brien Fire Inspector, Lt. Jeff Warder, and  
Manager's Assistant Jenny Wohlfert.

CLERK VEDDER MOVED THAT TRUSTEE POMA BE EXCUSED FROM THE  
JANUARY 4, 2010 MEETING.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – None.**

**V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA**

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED WITH  
THE REMOVAL OF ITEM #5, AMENDMENTS TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE ON  
PRIVATE WELLS UNDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION**

**1. Request to Establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District**

a. Public Hearing

There was no public comment.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED.

CLERK VEDDER SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

b. Board Resolution

CLERK VEDDER MOVED THAT:

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO PA 210 OF 2005, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH “COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICTS” WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA AT REQUEST OF A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; AND

WHEREAS, AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY HAS FILED A WRITTEN REQUEST WITH THE CLERK OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR AN AREA IN THE VICINITY OF CREYTS ROAD AND MT. HOPE HIGHWAY LOCATED IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA DETERMINED THAT THE DISTRICT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 2(B) AND 3 OF PA 210 OF 2005; AND

WHEREAS, WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE COUNTY AND ALL OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3(3) OF PA 210 OF 2005; AND

WHEREAS, ON JANUARY 4, 2010, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD AND ALL RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA WERE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD THEREON; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DEEMS IT TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA TO ESTABLISH THE COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT AS PROPOSED;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL(S) OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA, EATON COUNTY, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, TO WIT:

*A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, DELTA TOWNSHIP, EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, DELTA TOWNSHIP, EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89°37'24" WEST 405.12 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 ; THENCE NORTH 00°22'36" WEST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°37'24" WEST 217.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°22'36" EAST 200.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 89°37'24" WEST 1689.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION TO A POINT WHICH IS 336.0 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE NORTH 00°09'45" WEST 50.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89°37'24" WEST 271.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°18'40" WEST 37.67 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS 33.0 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89°37'24" WEST 33.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°09'45" WEST 1249.76 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 23; THENCE NORTH 89°42'50" EAST 60.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°09'45" WEST 382.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF HIGHWAY I-496 (LIMITED ACCESS) AND IT'S RAMP; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE THE FOLLOWING SIX COURSES: NORTH 44°50'15" EAST 169.71 FEET; NORTH 89°50'15" EAST 212.00 FEET; NORTH 68°00'00" EAST 270.00 FEET; NORTH 33°11'39" EAST 514.08 FEET; NORTH 50°00'00" EAST 371.95 FEET; NORTH 79°26'22" EAST 274.76 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST QUARTER LINE OF SECTION 23; THENCE NORTH 89°48'45" EAST 1166.21 FEET ALONG SAID 1/4 LINE TO THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 00°10'20" EAST 2630.97 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH QUARTER LINE OF SECTION 23 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL CONTAINS 141.63 ACRES. PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.*

BE AND HERE IS ESTABLISHED AS A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PA 210 OF 2005 TO BE

KNOWN AS AUTO-OWNERS COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION  
DISTRICT NO.1.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION  
PASSED 6-0.

**2. Request to Establish an Eligible district Pursuant to P.A. 328 of 1998, as amended**

a. Public Hearing

There was no public comment.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE  
CLOSED.

CLERK VEDDER SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

b. Board Resolution

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THAT:

WHEREAS, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA HAS RECEIVED A  
REQUEST FROM AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY TO  
DESIGNATE AND ESTABLISH AN “ELIGIBLE DISTRICT” PURSUANT TO  
ACT 328 OF 1998, AS AMENDED, FOR THE AUTO-OWNERS  
INSURANCE COMPANY PROJECT IN THE VICINITY OF CREYTS ROAD  
AND MT. HOPE HIGHWAY LOCATED IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
DELTA HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; AND

WHEREAS, THE APPLICANT REPRESENTS THAT IT CONSTITUTES AN  
“ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER” AS DEFINED IN ACT 328 OF 1998, AS  
AMENDED, AND THEREFORE THE PROPERTY QUALIFIES AS AN  
ELIGIBLE DISTRICT UNDER ACT 328 OF 1998, AS AMENDED; AND

WHEREAS, WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY CERTIFIED MAIL  
AS REQUIRED BY OF PA 328 OF 1998, AS AMENDED TO THE  
TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR AND ALL AFFECTED TAXING JURISDICTIONS;  
AND

WHEREAS, ON JANUARY 4, 2010, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD AND  
ALL RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
DELTA WERE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD  
THEREON; AND

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BE AND HERE IS ESTABLISHED AS AN ELIGIBLE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PA 328 OF 1998 TO BE KNOWN AS AUTO-OWNERS ACT 328 ELIGIBLE DISTRICT."

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**3. Request to Approve an Application for Personal Property Tax Abatement**

a. Public Hearing

There was no public comment.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED.

CLERK VEDDER SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

b. Board Resolution

CLERK VEDDER MOVED THAT:

WHEREAS, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A “ELIGIBLE LOCAL ASSESSING DISTRICT” UNDER PA 328 OF 1998 SECTION 7(E)(IX), AS AMENDED; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA ESTABLISHED A AUTO-OWNERS ACT 328 ELIGIBLE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 4, 2010 AS REQUIRED UNDER PA 328 OF 1998 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2010; AND

WHEREAS, THE APPLICANT AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY MEETS THE DEFINITION OF AN “ELIGIBLE BUSINESS” AS DEFINED BY PA 328 OF 1998 SECTION 7(H) AND IS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN OFFICE OPERATIONS AT THE LOCATION OF 6101 ANACAPRI BLVD., DELTA TOWNSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY WAS NOT PLACED IN THE FACILITY WITHIN THE QUALIFIED DISTRICT PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE EXEMPTION BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA; AND

WHEREAS, THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE EXEMPT UNDER PA 328 OF 1998 CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH THE AGGREGATE TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT AND CURRENTLY IN FORCE UNDER PA 328 OF 1998, SHALL NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF SUBSTANTIALLY IMPEDING THE OPERATION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA OR IMPAIRING THE FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS OF AN AFFECTED TAXING UNIT; AND

WHEREAS, THE APPLICANT AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY IS NOT DELINQUENT ON ANY TAXES RELATED TO THE FACILITY, INCLUDING TAXES OWED ON EXISTING PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE EXEMPTION OF NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY SHALL HAVE THE EFFECT OF PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 800 FULL-TIME JOBS FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA.

BE AND HEREBY IS GRANTED A NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY, PLACED IN THE FACILITY AFTER THIS RESOLUTION, LOCATED IN AUTO-OWNERS ACT 328 ELIGIBLE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF **15 YEARS, AFTER COMPLETION**, BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND ENDING **DECEMBER 30, 2029**, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PA 328 OF 1998, AS AMENDED.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

4. **Memo from the Clerk's Office** – As per the Appointment Policy, the Clerk's Office is forwarding, to the Township Board, a listing of all commission/board members who have terms that expire during 2010.

Supervisor Fletcher acknowledged receipt of a December 1, 2009 memo from the Clerk's Office and he noted that committee appointments would be acted upon at future Board meetings.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Pat Harrington, 1709 Marcy, said he had lived in the Township since 1969 and he wanted to thank the Township for the services that were provided to its citizens. He noted that in June of 2008, he had lost over 70 trees during a storm and would have been overwhelmed if the Township had not assisted the residents in their cleanup efforts by providing a drop off point at the former Player's Club golf course. Mr. Harrington also thanked Treasurer Pizzo for attending a Tri-County Regional Planning Commission meeting on long-range non-motorized transportation. He noted that one of the things that came out of that meeting was the fact that there was not much coordination among the local communities in regards to a long range plan. Mr. Harrington indicated that several people who had attended the

meeting were organizing a group in an effort to coordinate a long-range non-motorized plan for the entire region.

Mr. Harrington noted that he became active with the Safe Routes to School movement after Jasmine Miles was killed while walking to school. Mr. Harrington noted that he would like to see the Township provide more information and updates to its non-motorized transportation plan on its web sites so that the community could become more involved. Mr. Harrington noted that he would like to be placed on the Township's list of volunteers who would clear snow from the sidewalks within the school zones where students walked to school. He complimented the Township's face book, as well as the Township's magazine. Mr. Harrington noted that he was familiar with the Township's recycling center's acceptance of bicycles for the kids repair program and would like to mention that there was another organization called Share a Bike that repaired used bikes for folks in need within the Tri-County area.

#### **IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**5. Amendments to Utilities Ordinance – Private Wells** – The Planning Department recommends the Township Board introduce amendments to Sections 18.26.2, 18-26.2a, and 18-26.3 of the Delta Township Utilities Ordinance as they pertain to the issuance of licenses for private wells.

This item was removed from the agenda.

#### **X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES – None**

#### **XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE POMA

MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

**6. Bills & Financial Transactions**

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED TO APPROVE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,548,476.97

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION - None**

**XIII. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER SECTION V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA**

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**XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- 9. Special Land Use Permit Extension** – The Planning Department recommends the Township Board grant a one (1) year extension for the SLU permit granted in Case No. 3-08-2 to Summit Community Bank.

Mr. Bozek said the original SLU permit was due to expire in April of this year. He noted that SLU permits were good for two years and that the Zoning Ordinance allowed for a single extension of one year. He noted that the applicant was requesting a one year extension.

Trustee Hicks inquired as to whether there were any criteria that needed to be satisfied for the extension itself.

Mr. Bozek noted that if the development did not occur within the one year extension, no further extensions could be granted and the applicant would have to repeat the SLU permit process.

Trustee Hicks inquired about the likelihood that the development would commence.

John Peckham, Martin Property Development on behalf of Summit Community Bank, said it was the bank's intent to develop the project as soon as possible. He said given the economic environment at the present time, the bank felt it was prudent to delay development. He noted that the bank had purchased the property which was a significant investment and that the bank intended to develop the property. However, Mr. Peckham indicated that he could not provide the Board with a specific time line.

Treasurer Pizzo inquired as to whether the installation of an additional lane along Saginaw Highway in conjunction with the I-96 interchange improvements would infringe upon the banks property in any way.

Mr. Peckham said no in that existing right-of-way would be used for the improvements and that access to the bank facility would be off of Canal Road.

Trustee Hicks questioned whether there were specific criteria other than the reasonable likelihood that the applicant needed to establish.

Mr. Bozek said no and that the criteria for the original permit itself would remain in effect.

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA GRANT A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION TO THE SLU PERMIT GRANTED IN CASE NO. 3-08-2 TO SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 18.4.0(D)(2) OF THE DELTA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE. FURTHER, THE SLU PERMIT WILL EXPIRE ON APRIL 7, 2011, AND AS PER THE STANDARDS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, NO ADDITIONAL TIME EXRTENSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT AFTER THIS DATE.

Trustee Cunningham said she wanted to disclose the fact that she was a shareholder in the bank. However, she did not feel there was any pecuniary gain whether the Board approved the extension or not.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

10. **Special Land use Permit – Gene Eding, Home Occupation** – The Planning Commission recommends the Township Board approve the request for a SLU permit for a home occupation on the premises located at 868 Thomas L. Parkway East.

Supervisor Fletcher asked if there was anyone who would like to speak on this matter.

There was no one.

Mr. Bozek said the applicant in this case, Gene Eding, submitted an application for a home occupation for a hair salon to be operated out of the residence. He noted that Mr. Eding was a renter and that the owner of the property was Debra Hill. Mr. Bozek indicated that the Zoning Ordinance did not distinguish between owner occupied or renters with regards to home occupations other than the operation are within a single family residence. He noted that the business would occupy approximately 132 square feet of the

basement and that the applicant was proposing four clients per day between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. which was under the threshold of 10 trips allowed under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Bozek indicated that the Zoning Ordinance contained specific criteria in regards to home occupations which Mr. Eding had complied with and therefore, both staff and the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the home occupation.

Treasurer Pizzo indicated that he was uncomfortable with the request due to the fact that the neighborhood experienced traffic problems and that there were a number of residents in attendance at the Planning Commission meeting who had expressed concerns about the home occupation being located in their neighborhood.

Clerk Vedder agreed with Treasurer Pizzo and that in addition to the traffic problems in the area, there were no sidewalks. Ms. Vedder noted that she had always been of the opinion that home occupations that involved a hair salon or a barber were very intrusive on a neighborhood and that they competed with the businesses that were paying for commercial footage and commercial rates on water and sewer. Ms. Vedder said for those reasons, she was opposed to the home occupation.

Trustee Cunningham said due to the fact that the home occupation would be operated in the basement of the home, she questioned whether proper ingress and egress existed.

Mr. Bozek said he was not aware of the situation regarding ingress and egress in the home.

Trustee Cunningham noted that she was surprised that this was not addressed given the fatality the Township had experienced last year during a fire where someone was trapped in the basement. She was concerned that a business would be operating in the basement and during the day when students would be arriving home from school given the fact that there were no sidewalks in the neighborhood. She was concerned with the added traffic being generated in the neighborhood until 7:00 p.m. and felt these concerns fell within the criteria that should be reviewed when considering special land use permits.

Trustee Spagnuolo said in addition to the traffic problems in the area, there were storm drainage issues.

Gene Eding, 868 Thomas L. Parkway, said there were four windows in the basement. Mr. Eding said he didn't sell any products and that he was not open to the public. He noted that his clients were mostly friends and family, but due to the fact that he was getting out of the hair industry, he still had a few

clients who wanted him to cut their hair. Mr. Eding said he would not operate like a full-time salon and that he would be the only employee.

Supervisor Fletcher questioned whether the basement windows were all egress windows.

Mr. Eding said they were not egress windows.

Trustee Hicks questioned whether egress windows were required for any type of habitable space in a basement.

Mr. Bozek said the Building Department didn't specifically address the issue of egress windows, but he noted that the hair salon was discovered during the Township's rental inspection.

No action was taken on this matter.

- 11. Proposed 2010 Sidewalk Project List, 2011-2014 Sidewalk Project List, and 2010 Update of the Delta Township Sidewalk Plan** – The Planning Department recommends the Township Board approve the 2010 Sidewalk Project List, 2011-2014 Sidewalk Project List, and the 2010 Update of the Delta Township Sidewalk Plan.

Mr. Bozek said the Board was in receipt of a memo dated December 22, 2009 from the Transportation Committee which provided a list of current and future sidewalk projects, as well as updates to the Township's Sidewalk Plan. Mr. Bozek proceeded to review those sidewalk projects that would fill in gaps within the existing sidewalk network, and future projects that had been recommended in the Sidewalk Plan. He noted that the Plan itself was a review of the original 1986 Plan and the 2002 updated Plan which included the status of the completed segments of sidewalks and a description of those sidewalk projects that still needed to be built.

Bret Slocum, 304 Harvest Lane, indicated that his house was located at the corner of Harvest and Otis. Mr. Slocum noted that he served on the Waverly School Board and was very familiar with the Walkable Communities efforts and he was very much in favor of sidewalks. However, Mr. Slocum indicated that the way his house was situated on his lot, and the location of his fence and a row of trees, the installation of a sidewalk along his side property line would place the sidewalk extremely close to his master bedroom.

Mr. Williams said the Township had considered installing a sidewalk along the south side of Otis through this stretch of Mr. Slocum's neighborhood, but he didn't feel there would be sufficient room between the trees located on Mr. Slocum's property and the road to provide a safe distance from the curb. Mr.

Williams noted that at this time, the Township was only looking at potential routes for sidewalks and that this area would be looked at again.

Trustee Hicks questioned whether the Township had looked at the other side of Otis.

Mr. Williams said the north side of Otis could be considered, but the conditions on that side of the road were no better. Mr. Williams referred to a map that illustrated existing sidewalks and the fact that there was a portion of sidewalk that already existed on the south side of Otis which was one of the reasons why the Township had considered the south side rather than the north side of Otis.

Using an aerial photo, Mr. Bozek illustrated Mr. Slocum's property and found that there was 22.3 feet from the curb to the property line. He noted that if the sidewalk was placed at the 10 foot setback, there would be seven feet between the sidewalk and Mr. Slocum's property line. Mr. Williams noted that he originally proposed that the sidewalk would stay south of the trees, but even along that route, there would be one tree that would have to be removed.

Mr. Slocum felt the route nearest to the road would be much better and that his main concern was the proximity of the sidewalk to his house. He felt the reason why the Township wanted to move the sidewalk closer to the fence was to prevent the removal of mature trees along his side property line which provided him a buffer.

Mr. Williams said he preferred to stay south of the trees, but there was one tree that would have to be removed. He noted that once the sidewalk got past this location, the sidewalk could move closer to the street. His goal was always to save as many trees as possible.

Trustee Hicks inquired about the route of the sidewalk once it was past Mr. Slocum's house.

Mr. Williams indicated that the sidewalk could be moved back to the 10 foot setback area at any location, but he didn't want to cut down all of the trees that he believed were within the 10 and 15 foot setback area. He felt if the sidewalk was placed closer to the road, there would be at least one or more trees that would have to be removed.

Trustee Hicks inquired as to whether Mr. Slocum was in agreement that if the sidewalk was moved closer to the road in order to provide additional room between his house and the sidewalk that trees would have to be removed.

Mr. Slocum said he didn't have a problem with the removal of trees in order to provide additional space between his house and the sidewalk and that he could plant additional trees.

Steve Slater, 303 Woodhaven, said he was located at the northeast corner of Otis and Woodhaven and that his driveway was located on Otis. Mr. Slater indicated that he had a parking pad located at the end of his driveway in order to provide additional parking, but as the sidewalks were constructed, the parking pad would actually be utilized as part of the designated sidewalk. Mr. Slater was concerned with the fact that vehicles parked in this area would block the sidewalk.

Supervisor Fletcher noted that the Sidewalk Ordinance prohibited vehicles from blocking the sidewalk.

Mr. Williams said sidewalk routes in this area of the Township were in the preliminary stages and that he didn't have an answer for Mr. Slater at this time. He noted that there may not be enough room within the road right-of-way to install a sidewalk.

Mr. Slater indicated that his driveway pad was within the road right-of-way. He noted that he was in favor of the installation of sidewalks, but he wanted to have a clear understanding about the status of his parking pad.

It was felt that this matter could be revisited once the Township got to the design and construction phase.

Michael West, 404 Green Meadows Dr., said he lived in Homestead Acres and was in favor of sidewalks in his neighborhood. He noted that he had spoken to Mr. Williams a few months ago when there was a lot of sidewalk activity in and around the Waverly High School and was informed that the sidewalk projects were part of grant monies. Mr. West indicated that he lived behind the high school and it was his understanding from talking to Mr. Williams that there were residents on Chanticleer who opposed sidewalks in their neighborhood. Mr. West noted that he didn't know the reasons for their objections, but safety was his primary concern, not only for the residents, but for the school children who walked to and from school. He felt Green Meadows could be considered a major thoroughfare due to the amount of traffic his road experienced from speeding motorists using Green Meadows as a cut-thru between Michigan Avenue and St. Joe Highway. Mr. West requested that the Board give his neighborhood strong consideration for subsequent funding for sidewalks.

Clerk Vedder said after the Township held a sidewalk informational meeting for residents along Chanticleer, she had walked the neighborhood and was surprised at the number of pedestrians who were walking their dogs or walking

recreationally when it was dark. Ms. Vedder noted that during the informational meeting, she informed the residents that if they were interested in street lights that she could investigate a street lighting district which she had done, but the Board of Water & Light was not in the position to move ahead on street lighting at this time. Ms. Vedder indicated that she had found that there were several residents in the area who were either interested in sidewalks or street lights because of the pedestrian traffic in the area.

Vivian Speck, 105 Woodhaven Drive, said she was opposed to the installation of sidewalks along Michigan Avenue and that a sidewalk already existed on the opposite side of Michigan Avenue which she felt was sufficient. Ms. Speck indicated that when Michigan was widened several years ago, right-of-way was acquired from her front yard and that there wasn't sufficient right-of-way left to install a sidewalk. Ms. Speck noted that she was 77 years old and that she wouldn't be able to shovel a sidewalk in front of her home. She indicated that school children had always walked through her front yard which she didn't have any problems with and in the 50 years that she had lived in her home, there hadn't been any children who had been injured.

Trustee Hicks questioned whether Ms. Speck objected to the installation of sidewalks along Woodhaven.

Ms. Speck said she was opposed to sidewalks on Michigan Avenue and that she wasn't aware that sidewalks had been proposed along Woodhaven. Ms. Speck reiterated the fact that she didn't feel there was sufficient right-of-way along Michigan Avenue to install a sidewalk without it being in close proximity to her house.

Mr. Hicks questioned if Ms. Speck had any objections to the installation of a sidewalk on Woodhaven.

Ms. Speck said she did not object to a sidewalk on Woodhaven, but she did object to a sidewalk on her side of Michigan Avenue.

Mr. Hicks said he wanted to make sure Ms. Speck understood that the Township was not proposing to install a sidewalk on the north side of her property along Michigan Avenue.

Mr. Williams noted that the proposal for 2010 was to build sidewalks from Michigan Avenue south along the east side of Woodhaven to the south side of Otis. The long-range sidewalk plan indicated sidewalks continuing to Waverly Road along the south side of Michigan Avenue; however, that was not what was being proposed at this time. He pointed out that Ms. Speck had a Michigan Avenue address which could be the reason why Ms. Speck was under the impression that sidewalks were being proposed along Michigan

Avenue at this time. Mr. Williams indicated that sidewalks were not being proposed on Harvest Lane or Woodhaven south of Otis and that the proposal this evening was to build a sidewalk on the east side of Woodhaven.

Loren Hebert, 6641 W. Willow Highway, indicated that he was part of the sidewalk project proposed to fill in a gap in the sidewalk along the south side of Willow Highway. He noted that when the sidewalk was built on the north side of Willow Highway, the Township had asked him to grant a 17 foot easement which he denied. Mr. Hebert questioned how the Township would construct the sidewalk without an easement.

Supervisor Fletcher indicated that the Township would make another attempt to obtain an easement.

Pat Harrington, 1709 Marcy, said he appreciated the work that had been done over the years on the sidewalk projects. He thanked the Township for prioritizing sidewalk projects in areas near schools which he felt was crucial in getting students to and from school safely. Mr. Harrington noted that from a public health perspective, he felt the Township was also putting emphasis on creating a walkable community as well. He felt the sidewalk projects the Township had focused on for these years were all very good projects. He thanked Mr. Slater, who had spoken this evening on sidewalks, for his services he had provided to the school district in promoting safe routes to school. Mr. Harrington urged the Township to move forward with the proposed sidewalk projects, as well as future projects.

Supervisor Fletcher said the Township would pay to construct the sidewalks and that there would be no assessment to the residents. He noted that per current policy, the Township currently maintained and repaired sidewalks as well.

Ron Refrich, 939 Bennington, noted that his wife was disabled and he was concerned with the disruption the construction of sidewalks may have on accessing his driveway which was off of Aspen.

Mr. Williams noted that he didn't know whether or not a portion of Mr. Refrich's driveway wouldn't be disturbed, but the Township could coordinate that with him at the time of construction.

CLERK VEDDER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE 2010 SIDEWALK PROJECT LIST, 2011-2014 SIDEWALK PROJECT LIST AND THE 2010 UPDATE OF THE DELTA TOWNSHIP SIDEWALK PLAN, AND THAT ALTERNATIVES BE EXPLORED FOR SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE CHANTICLEER/GREEN MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOODS.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

- 12. Bid Approval for CFL Bulbs used for the Michigan Public Service Grant –**  
The Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries Department recommends the Township Board award the bid for CFL bulbs to Menards in the amount of \$1.10 per bulb.

TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO MOVED THAT THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF CFL BULBS FOR USE IN THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT BE AWARDED TO THE LOW BID FROM MENARDS, 8505 DELTA MARKET DRIVE, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48917 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.10 PER BULB UP THE GRANT AMOUNT OF \$90,000.

Mr. Watkins noted that this was part of a grant the Township had received from the Michigan Public Service Commission in coordination with East Lansing and Eaton County. He noted that it was a demonstration project on CFL light bulb's giveaway program.

CLERK VEDDER SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

#### **XV. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- 14. MacKenzie Companies Letter of Request**

Supervisor Fletcher said the Board was in receipt of a letter dated December 18, 2009 from Ed MacKenzie of the MacKenzie Company, requesting that the Board consider looking at options to entice GM employees to the area who were relocating from Tennessee. He said the Board had also been provided with a memo from Planning Director Mark Graham, which contained a list of pros and cons regarding Mr. MacKenzie's proposal.

Mr. Watkins felt the Township had always looked at ways to keep costs down for its residents. He felt the proposal that had been presented regarding capital charges would be difficult to administer in that it would single out GM employees, but wouldn't benefit other new home buyers. He felt there were other options the Township could consider.

Supervisor Fletcher felt Mr. Mackenzie's efforts in trying to entice GM employees who were relocating from Tennessee were good. However, he felt the Township was already marketing the Township by putting together a welcome packet and sending Township staff to the employee fair in Springhill, Tennessee in order to provide GM employees with all of the information possible about the benefits of living in the Township. He questioned how the Township would draw the distinction between somebody relocating from

Tennessee versus someone that was just moving into the Township. Mr. Fletcher felt the Township should continue marketing itself to possible new residents.

Trustee Hicks felt Mr. MacKenzie's intentions were laudable, but he felt the Township promoting new construction at this time when there was a glut of housing available on the market would send the wrong message to those homeowners who were trying to sell their homes. Mr. Hicks felt given the circumstances of the existing housing market and the budget shortfalls the Township faced in the next two years, he didn't feel cutting revenues was wise at this time.

Trustee Cunningham agreed with Supervisor Fletcher and Trustee Hicks and as Mr. Graham had pointed out in his memo, she felt there were a lot of due process questions regarding equal protection. She didn't feel offering an incentive was fair and equitable. Ms. Cunningham felt Mr. MacKenzie's intentions were good, but she couldn't support them.

**15. Rental Inspection/Registration Fee Request**

Supervisor Fletcher said the former Administrative/Personal Committee had discussed a request they had received from an apartment owner in the Township to review the Township's rental inspection fees and whether the fees were in line with what it costs the Township to administer the rental inspection program. He noted that the information the Committee had received from the Building Department had determined that the Township was in line with what other communities were charging and that the fees being collected only covered the costs of inspecting the property as opposed to subsidizing other operations. He noted that the Committee had discussed alternative ways to potentially lower the fees for those who were in compliance versus shifting more of the cost on those that were not in compliance.

Paul Eyde, owner of Ramblewood Apartments located at 6250 W. Michigan Avenue, noted that his apartment complex consisted of 456 apartments. Mr. Eyde noted that he was in favor of rental inspections, but he felt the cost was excessive to the landlords. He indicated that by the time his apartment complex was inspected and reinspected, it had cost him approximately \$13,000 for approximately 38 hours of work. Mr. Eyde noted that he had owned the apartment complex since it was new and had paid a lot of property taxes. He noted that he currently had 50 vacancies due to the economy and he felt the amount that he had to pay for inspections was unfair. Mr. Eyde requested that the Board consider this matter and possible alternatives. He questioned whether the time spent on future inspections would be reduced now that his apartments were in compliance and he was aware of what type of violations the Township was looking for.

Mr. Watkins said when the Township started the rental inspection program three years ago, the Township wanted to make sure the fees covered the Township's costs. He indicated that the Township had used comparisons from other communities in setting their fees and as noted in the packet of information the Board had received, the Township's fees were lower than other's in the area for these types of rental inspections. He said discussions with other communities who had had the rental program in effect for more than one cycle had revealed that they still experienced issues with compliance. Mr. Watkins noted that the board had been provided with several alternatives for their review and consideration.

Supervisor Fletcher noted that when this matter was before the Administrative/Personnel Committee, it was strongly recommended by staff that the rental inspection program stay intact.

Trustee Hicks inquired about the rationale behind staff's position that the rental inspection program be maintained.

Ms. Figueiredo noted that due to the fact that the program was in its infancy, staff felt it would be beneficial to proceed with another cycle of inspections and evaluate it at that time.

Trustee Cunningham noted that some of the violations that staff had discovered during their inspections were shocking. She noted that she was not in favor of Alternative #1 where it had been recommended that the rental inspection program be rescinded. Ms. Cunningham indicated that her preliminary calculations had revealed that it costs \$9.00 a month to cover the inspection fee for a multi-unit complex. She indicated that Mr. Eyde's fees may seem to be high, but it was over a three year period. Ms. Cunningham said she was supportive of continuing the inspection program.

Ms. Figueiredo noted that the Township started the program with the understanding that one inspector could handle the inspections, but it had become too overwhelming with the number of violations that were found and that there were times when two or four inspectors were present.

Trustee Hicks inquired as to whether a multi-unit apartment complex paid the same fee per building as a single family residence paid.

Ms. Figueiredo said the base fee was determined by the fact that there were generally five areas of inspection being plumbing, mechanical, electrical, building structure, and premise. Also, a minimum permit fee is \$45.00 so therefore, fees were based on  $\$45.00 \times 5 = \$225.00$  which was the charge for a single-family home. She said taking into consideration economies of scale, the base building fee was reduced to \$205.00 and \$20.00 per unit.

Treasurer Pizzo felt that Alternative #3 where it recommended that the cycle of inspections be changed from three years to four years for 100% compliance, would be difficult to administer.

Ms. Figueiredo felt specific guidelines would have to be considered in order to allow properties to move to a four year cycle.

Treasurer Pizzo noted that Alternative #2 recommended that the rates be reduced slightly to what the Township had estimated their costs may be.

Mr. Watkins noted that the Township was trying to project a base rate that was based upon full compliance and then place additional fees for each inspection for non-compliance. He noted that the Township currently had the ability to charge for a third inspection, but had opted not to during the first cycle of inspections. He reiterated the fact that the Township had spent a lot of time during the first cycle of inspections and that staff was unsure what the experience would be for the next cycle of inspections.

Clerk Vedder felt during these poor economic times, the Township should consider providing an incentive to those landlords who were in full compliance since it was the Township's goal to provide safe living conditions for its residents. She felt the Township could consider increasing the fees in the future when the economy improved.

Trustee Spagnuolo said she agreed with Clerk Vedder and felt the per unit was a good idea due to the fact there were a lot of people who did not take personal responsibility which was out of the landlord's control.

Trustee Hicks felt the Township needed to provide proactive compliance and that he favored some type of incentive to ensure proactive compliance, but he didn't know how that could be accomplished.

Clerk Vedder felt in larger complexes the units that were in good condition could receive an incentive so that landlords would be encouraged to be attentive to the units that were in violation. However, she said how the Township came up with a number was the issue.

Trustee Cunningham inquired as to whether other communities had the incentive program.

Mr. Watkins noted that the City of Lansing extended their inspection process if there was 100% compliance. He noted that other states allowed spot check which was an option the Township could consider. Mr. Watkins noted that

there were several other options the Township could explore, but time was crucial in that the Township was ready to start their next cycle of inspections.

Clerk Vedder felt a fee increase should be imposed on those who had second and third violations.

Supervisor Fletcher felt there were benefits in moving towards something that had some type of incentive for those who were compliant.

This item would be placed on the Board's next agenda for further consideration on specific proposals.

**16. Manager's Report**

Mr. Watkins noted that Pat Gillespie owned a couple of rental facilities in the Township and he noted that since the Township's visit to the employee fair in Springhill, Tennessee, Mr. Gillespie had leased 23 units to GM employees. He noted that the Township received possession of the church property located on Michigan Avenue and would be making a determination as to what would be done with the facility in the future. He noted that the Township was in receipt of a letter from Oneida Township indicating that they wanted to begin discussions with the Township regarding a utility agreement along Saginaw Highway.

**17. Assessing Department Report – Brian Thelen**

Mr. Thelen noted that the Assessing Department was finalizing the 2010 Tax Roll and that he had provided the Board with an outline of the real property assessed values for their review this evening. He noted that the adjustments by class were adjustments that were determined by the sales within the Township compared to what the properties were assessed at. Mr. Thelen provided the adjustments by class based on sales study as follows:

Residential:	-8.8%
Commercial:	-6.1%
Industrial:	-6.5%
Developmental:	-13.2%
Agricultural:	-11.8%

The overall % change in class after adjustments was as follows:

Residential:	8.0%
Commercial:	3.7%
Industrial:	3.2%
Developmental:	11.0%

Agricultural:	11.0%
Total new	\$32,632,300.

Mr. Thelen noted that the overall reduction in assessed value was 7.5%

New construction true cash value was as follows:

Residential:	\$ 6,259,800
Commercial:	\$26,200,000
Industrial:	\$172,300
Developmental:	-0-
Agricultural:	-0-
Total new	\$32,632,300

Mr. Thelen indicated that since the Township has a large overall value of the entire county, the average residential decrease for the county was 9.6% and the Township's was 8.8%. He indicated that the Township's residential taxable values were going down 6.6%. Mr. Thelen noted that the Township's overall reduction in taxable value was 5.5% and that the assessments were going down approximately 7.5%, but the amount in which the Township raised its tax revenue was only going up approximately 5.5% due to the fact that there was still a difference between assessed and taxable values on some properties and that taxable values were not going down a full 8%, but rather they were going down approximately 3% to 4%. Mr. Thelen indicated that due to a negative consumer price index, everyone's taxable value would go down. He noted that there were still gaps in the assessed and taxable values, but the Township was at approximately 78% where other municipalities were at a 100% gap. He felt the Township had been fortunate in that they had been able to maintain the gap where the assessments had gone down much more than the actual taxable values. He estimated that the Township's revenue loss based on that reduction was approximately \$311,845 which was only the Township's operating revenue.

Mr. Thelen indicated that the Township had had several Michigan Tax Tribunal appeals from properties that were appealing their values. He indicated the Township had been able to support the values on cases concerning residential appeals and that commercial appeals were mostly stipulated rather than going to the expense of a hearing. He noted the Township had over 316 transfers of ownership which indicated that things were moving, but at a reduced price. Mr. Thelen indicated that home sales were getting down to where the assessments were and that over the past couple of years, the Township had reduced those values approximately 20%. He said he was hoping that within the next year or two, sales would start leveling out.

Mr. Thelen indicated that work in the City of Grand Ledge was going very well and that over 1,000 properties had been measured and approximately 600 of those properties had been sketched and entered into the data base. Mr. Thelen indicated that he had presented the City Council with a power point presentation before Christmas which was well received and that he would be presenting the same program to the City's tax payers.

Treasurer Pizzo noted that the \$311,845 reduction was consistent with what was contained in the Township's 2010 budget and anticipated what the revenue shortfall would be in 2011.

Mr. Thelen noted that that was correct and that the Township was already collecting tax dollars for 2010 and that this would be for 2011.

**18. Fire Department Report – Chief Vic Hilbert**

Chief Hilbert noted that due to the fact that there would no longer be a Public Safety Board, he presented the Board with a Resolution 24 for the adoption of the Emergency Management Policy and Organizational Plan which was required to be updated every four years. Mr. Hilbert requested that this item be placed on the Board's next agenda.

Mr. Hilbert proceeded to pass out the International Fire Code. He noted that every three years, the Township adopted the newest version of the International Fire Code. He indicated that the 2009 code was identical to the previous code with a few minor changes that had been made from the 2006 version. The code contained a section that pertained to the new residential sprinklers passed by the ICC (International Code Commission) and adopted by the Building Code Officials and the Fire Officials throughout the Country. However, he noted that the changes were controversial in these economic times in that the average home would cost between \$12,000 to \$14,000 to sprinkle. Mr. Hilbert noted that the International Fire Code was the main code and that all of the other building codes centered on the International Fire Code.

Mr. Hilbert introduced the Township's Fire Inspector, Dawn O'Brien, who spent a few moments passing out information on incident reports for Eaton County Central Dispatch which was a complete listing of all the fire departments in Eaton County and the number of calls they received over the year. He noted that another document the Board had been provided with was the EMS calls for Delta Township Eaton County Communications. Mr. Hilbert pointed out that the figures were not complete and did not reflect the end of the year calculations. The document also provided the percentage of calls each fire department in Eaton County received in a month and for the entire year. The document depicted the number of building fires, cooking fires, and so forth, as well as whether the fire was due to pressurized, rupture, or explosion. Mr.

Hilbert continued by noting that the fire reports contained a number of categories that calls were placed under throughout the year and a total actual loss of \$488,995. Mr. Hilbert indicated that he would like to see the estimated cost of property saved by fires provided in the future.

Mr. Hilbert said the Board had been provided with a document which addressed events of nature code by agency which went through an entire list of the types of calls that were requested for fire and ambulance. Mr. Hilbert noted that one of the goals the Fire Department had set for this year was to include dispatch times, response times and on the scene times in an attempt to make improvements in those areas. He noted that another document the Board was in receipt of reflected the Image Trend Program which contained a number of interesting statistics.

Trustee Hicks inquired about the threshold in which the Board would be notified of incidences within the Township.

Mr. Watkins indicated that it was a judgment call when Board members were notified of incidences within the Township.

Trustee Cunningham felt the Board should be made aware of any fatalities that occurred in the Township.

Mr. Hilbert noted that Mr. Watkins always received a call from him and that the Supervisor would be notified in Mr. Watkins absence. Mr. Hilbert indicated that police and fire incidences were kept separate, but he would handle things the way the Board and management preferred them to be handled.

Mr. Hilbert noted that Dawn O'Brian became the Township's Fire Inspector in the spring of last year and had done a remarkable job in the few months that she took on the job. Ms. O'Brian had become very involved with the Fire Inspector's Society of Michigan, as well as the International Code Commission as a member which ensured the Township received information they hadn't received in the past. Mr. Hilbert said on Dawn's behalf, he wanted to thank her for doing a great job and knows she would serve the Township in the years to come in a very professional way.

**19. Board Member Comments**

Treasurer Pizzo reported that Tri-County Regional Planning Commission would be reviewing the regional 2035 Transportation Plan on January 21, 2010. He noted that the plan included Michigan Avenue and a number of road projects the Township had not even looked at in detail, but had been reviewed on a regional basis. Mr. Pizzo felt the Township should review the plan as they went forward over the next couple of years so that when the 2040 plan was proposed, the

Township would have a good understanding of what projects were being recommended and warranted being in the plan. He felt there would be much more critical regional review of road projects as money became tighter and competition for funding projects became more difficult.

Clerk Vedder indicated that due to the fact that her office frequently received complaints from residents who had vendors come to their door after dark, she would like the Board to consider amending the Vendor's Ordinance to reflect the time of 8:00 p.m. or dark, whichever came first.

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA**

HOWARD PIZZO, TREASURER AND ACTING CLERK

JANICE VEDDER, TOWNSHIP CLERK

KENNETH FLETCHER, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR