

**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, JUNE 15, 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, and Cara Spagnuolo.

Members Absent: Jeff Hicks.

Others Present: Planning Director Mark Graham, Utility Director Tom Morrissey, Lt. Jeff Warder, Manager Richard Watkins, and Executive Secretary Kathy Ernst.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA**

MOTION BY PIZZO, SECONDED BY SPAGNUOLO, THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED WITH THE ADDITION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL D. MOORE TO THE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD UNDER "ITEMS OF BUSINESS". MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS – None**

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

Beverly Granger, 2708 Granger Drive, said the Township extended public water down Old Lansing Road. She requested that she not be forced to abandon her private well when she hooked up to public water. She noted the well served her barn where her cattle, chickens, and turkey's were raised.

Manager Watkins said the Utilities and Environmental Committee discussed this issue and there was no indication the Committee wanted to make any exceptions to abandoning private wells when property owners hooked up to the Township's water system.

Mr. Watkins said he would take this issue back to the Utilities and Environmental Committee at their next meeting for discussion.

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – None**

**X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES - None**

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE HICKS.

MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

**1. Minutes – June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting**

MOTION BY POMA, SECONDED BY PIZZO, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

**2. Bills and Financial Transactions**

MOTION BY POMA, SECONDED BY PIZZO, THAT THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$778,415.36 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**

**3. Reappointment of Michael D. Moore to the District Library Board**

MOTION BY VEDDER, SECONDED BY PIZZO, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA REAPPOINT MICHAEL D. MOORE TO THE DELTA TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD TO SERVE A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009, AND EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2013. MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

**XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5. Set Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer (Chuck E. Cheese) –** The Manager's Office recommends the Township Board set a public hearing to consider the request to transfer a liquor license for Chick E. Cheese.

MOTION BY POMA, SECONDED BY SPAGNUOLO, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 6, 2009, TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST BY CEC ENTERTAINMENT, INC. TO TRANSFER A 2009 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS TO A TAVERN LICENSE LOCATED AT 5451 W. SAGINAW HWY., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48917, DELTA TOWNSHIP IN EATON COUNTY; AND FURTHER THAT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SHALL ADVERTISE SAID PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**6. Agreement for the Use of the Pool at Waverly East Intermediate School –** The Parks Department recommends the Township Board approve the agreement to lease with Waverly Community Schools pool at Waverly East Intermediate School for Delta's aquatic program.

The Parks Department put together a proposal that allowed the pool to be kept open and allowed the Township to expand their programs.

MOTION BY PIZZO, SECONDED BY SPAGNUOLO, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA AND THE WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**XV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

- 7. Children's Respite Home at 4233 Appletree Lane** – The Township Manager will report on the status of this issue.

Manager Watkins said the Township had attempted to meet with Community Mental Health (CMH) to discuss a compromise on the Appletree Lane property. He said a compromise could not be reached and the Township Attorney was given the go ahead to file a motion for a declaratory judgment. Mr. Watkins noted the issue at hand was whether or not CMH needed to comply with the Township's ordinances.

Trustee Cunningham asked if the Township was given a time frame as to when they may hear from the judge.

Manager Watkins said the Township had requested that the process be expedited, but once the motion was filed, the court had 21 days to respond.

Trustee Cunningham said CMH could move into the home after a site visit.

Manager Watkins said the site visit was scheduled for Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. It was the Township's understanding that it took approximately two weeks to receive approval. Mr. Watkins said it was very possible that CMH would open the home before the court made a decision.

Trustee Cunningham said since the Township had gone ahead and filed a lawsuit, she questioned whether it would be prudent for the Township to attempt to receive an ex parte order or relief to prevent CMH from moving in and operating the home.

Supervisor Fletcher asked if Ms. Cunningham was recommending that the Township file an order.

Trustee Cunningham felt the Township's Attorney should look at the possibility of filing an order since the Township had filed a lawsuit and requested declaratory relief. She wasn't sure it would be very effective if the Township allowed the facility to start operating.

Treasurer Pizzo said it was his understanding that the Township's Attorney was not recommending that type of action.

Trustee Cunningham felt the Board had discussed the Township's options in closed session. She said now that the Township had filed a lawsuit, it didn't make sense for the facility to be operating. Ms. Cunningham said she would like to see the Township proactive and attempt to stop the facility if CMH

wouldn't agree to stop on their own. Ms. Cunningham felt it would be preferable if the Township could pursue a compromise with CMH and suggest that the facility not operate until the judge made a decision.

Trustee Poma agreed with Ms. Cunningham and felt the Township needed to obtain an opinion from the Township's Attorney as to what the best course of action was.

Supervisor Fletcher asked if the Board wanted Mr. Watkins to speak with the Township's Attorney and inform the Board of their options so that a decision could be made on the course of action to be taken.

Trustee Cunningham felt the Township should first determine if CMH would be willing to postpone opening the facility until the courts rendered a preliminary decision. She said unless the Township moved for a temporary restraining order, she didn't feel filing a lawsuit accomplished anything for the Mar Moor residents.

MOTION BY CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY POMA, THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO GO FORWARD WITH ADDITIONAL LEGAL ACTION AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND CONTACTING BOARD MEMBERS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED.

Treasurer Pizzo felt the Board should also consider the Township's liability on this issue. How much was the Township willing to put forth if in fact the court ruled in favor of CMH.

MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Steven Hayward, 4304 Appletree Lane, said 61 residents met last week and voted to organize a neighborhood association. Mr. Hayward said the residents supported any action the Township took and were prepared to do what was needed to enforce the subdivision deed restrictions. He said the residents were also concerned with the fact that once the home was operating, it would be difficult to cease the operation. He said the residents' concern was much like the Township Attorney's concern in that people were not residing at the home and that it was more of a transitional use. He noted the residents would be attending a CMH Board meeting on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to inquire how the home could be changed from something that was very temporary in nature into a use that could be owned and operated by CMH, but where the people resided at the home.

David Averill, 1324 Pepperhill, said he would like to thank the Board for taking action against CMH and listening to the residents' concerns. He didn't feel

neighborhood associations should have to fight CMH, or any other organization that was in violation of the local zoning regulations. He noted the fact that the neighborhood coming together and forming a neighborhood association was a positive outcome from a negative situation.

Stephanie Huffaker, 4225 Appletree Lane, said she would like to express her sincere gratitude to the Board for coming to the residents' defense and enforcing the Township's zoning regulations. Ms. Huffaker said unfortunately, the residents of the Mar Moor Subdivision would suffer from CMH proposal regardless due to the fact that thousands of taxpayer's dollars had already been spent. Ms. Huffaker didn't feel CMH had been very community minded stemming from their misrepresentation and their refusal to meet with the Township. She asked the Board to consider the suggestion to act quickly and pursue a temporary restraining order to prevent CMH from moving into the home in the next few days.

Mark Holmes, 4305 Shady Hill Lane, felt CMH proposal affected everyone in the neighborhood. He agreed with Trustee Cunningham that the Township needed to do something to prevent the facility from opening. He understood Treasurer Pizzo's concerns regarding the downside of a lawsuit, but there were several negatives that would result if this issue wasn't resolved.

Francine Dye, 4208 Appletree Lane, said she agreed with Trustee Cunningham in that once the facility was in operation, it would be a done deal. Ms. Dye said she received a letter from a Thomas L Parkway resident who was also bullied by CMH when a similar facility was located in their neighborhood.

- 8. Extension of Michigan Avenue from Creyts Road to Canal Road –** The Transportation Committee recommends the Township Board consider a recommendation to go forward with the extension of Michigan Avenue from Creyts Road to Canal Road.

Trustee Poma said after discussing this issue in depth and considering the pros and cons, the Transportation Committee voted on June 11, 2009 in favor of extending Michigan Avenue from Creyts to Canal Road.

Supervisor Fletcher said he voted against extending Michigan Avenue. He said the number one reason given for why Michigan Avenue should be extended was the traffic relief that would result on Saginaw Highway and St. Joe Highway. However, the recent traffic study that had been prepared didn't show a dramatic change in traffic counts on Saginaw Highway or St. Joe Highway if the extension was made. Mr. Fletcher didn't feel there would be enough positives to make the extension worth the disruptions that would result from the extension.

Trustee Poma said the Transportation Committee received a letter from Lt. Jeff Warder of the Sheriff's Department which addressed the safety benefits the extension of Michigan Avenue would have on all Township residents. She also noted that although the traffic study had indicated the extension of Michigan Avenue may not have a significant impact on Saginaw Highway, the study revealed the extension would divert 5% of the traffic currently using Saginaw Highway and St. Joe Highway to Michigan Avenue.

Trustee Cunningham said as a Transportation Committee member, she expressed her support for the extension. She would like to note that the Committee was also in receipt of a recommendation by the Township's Fire Chief who stressed the importance of extending Michigan Avenue for the good of the Township. She noted that since a decision was made by the Transportation Committee, she had received e-mails that referred to the compromise of having Michigan Avenue extended half way. Ms. Cunningham said the reason why she couldn't support the compromise was because she felt the full extension of Michigan Avenue was best for the Township as a whole. It wasn't a case where she wasn't willing to look at a compromise, but after reviewing the data the Committee had received, she didn't feel it made sense to consider something that was factually and legally impossible to do. Therefore, that left her with either voting in favor of the full extension or doing nothing. Ms. Cunningham indicated that the Township had been consistently working towards extending Michigan Avenue for many years and that it had always been part of the Township's master plan. She indicated that the project had never been abandoned and that right-of-way had been acquired over the years as property in the area developed.

Treasurer Pizzo said he attended the Transportation Committee meeting and it had been pointed out that a recent fire on Stoll Road had resulted in a 40 minute delay which really concerned him since he lived in a subdivision where there was only one access point. However, he had visited a community where they installed fire hydrants on both sides of the street so that fire hoses would not have to be extended across the road. Mr. Pizzo said due to the fact that the Township had several streets where there was only one access point, he felt the Township should consider amending their policy whereas fire hydrants be installed on both sides of the street where there was only one access point.

Mr. Pizzo said the main reason why he opposed the extension of Michigan Avenue was his continued support for the compromise. He felt the decision made 36 years ago to ignore and give away a beautiful nature preserve was wrong and short sighted. The decision to allow developers to build houses and condos with back doors no further than 30 feet from the proposed three lane road with sidewalks was wrong and cruel to those ultimate property owners. The extension would also diminish property values. He felt there was still the possibility to work out a compromise.

Dave Arking, 223 Williamsburg Road, said at the Transportation Committee meeting, there was a lot of discussion about safety. He said no one on Williamsburg Road and Mandell Circle took safety for granted and that several of the residents who signed the petition were in favor of the compromise of having Michigan Avenue extended half way. Mr. Arking proceeded to address the advantages of extending Michigan Avenue half way and constructing a non-motorized pathway on the west portion of the right-of-way. He realized the Transportation Committee had a difficult time with this issue and he appreciated the fact that everyone gave it their best effort, but he didn't want to see the door closed on this issue yet because there were a lot of opportunities available for further discussion.

Larry Schrauger, 6667 Halloway Lane, said he purchased his home because it backed up to a natural undeveloped area that served as a retreat center for his family. Mr. Schrauger said he and his neighbors paid taxes to improve the Carrier Creek and his taxes had increased 26% in the past five years while his appraised value decreased. He was saddened by the fact that his backyard would soon become a three lane road that would not only affect the neighborhood, but property values as well. Whenever he had called police or fire service, they had responded in less than five minutes using the existing roads in the area. Mr. Schrauger felt the Board represented the residents of the community who were trying to convey to the Board that they were not in favor of extending Michigan Avenue. Mr. Schrauger indicated that he was also against the compromise due to the fact that when the Eyde property was developed, his backyard would become a roadway and his house would become virtually worthless.

Trustee Poma said Halloway Lane had been a major concern of hers and she asked Mr. Schrauger how he felt about Halloway Lane becoming an access when the Eyde property was developed in the future.

Mr. Schrauger said according to the information he had obtained from Mr. Graham, the Eyde property had three zoning classifications, the first being commercial zoning along Saginaw Highway, single family residential zoning behind the West Ledge subdivision, and office zoning at the end of Halloway Lane.

Trustee Poma said if Michigan Avenue wasn't extended, she questioned where the traffic would go once the Eyde property was developed.

Mr. Schrauger said Mr. Graham had pointed out that at one point there was a moratorium on allowing Mr. Eyde to have access off of Halloway Lane and that a road would have to be extended to Michigan Avenue. He noted that at one time, Henderson Glass owned the property on the south side of Saginaw Highway where Brookside Drive could be extended and that Henderson Glass

was holding that property so that Brookside could not continue and be an outlet onto Saginaw Highway.

Mary Buffamoyer, 7110 Creekside Drive, said she had lived at her residence for 15 years. Ms. Buffamoyer said she was a retired teacher and one of her main concerns was the safety of the children who attended Delta Center School. She questioned whether a fence would be installed along the school's property and whether a traffic signal would be installed at the Michigan Avenue/Canal Road intersection.

Doug Kosinski, 7305 Glen Terra Drive, indicated that there were three options that could be considered, the first being to do nothing and leave things the way they currently existed which was not plausible for several reasons, extend Michigan Avenue from Creyts to Canal Road, or extend Michigan Avenue from Creyts Road to a point short of the Carrier Creek and install a mixed use path and trail in the west portion of the right-of-way. Mr. Kosinski proceeded to review the traffic study which focused on several intersections in the area and he noted that the traffic study contained a lot of data which indicated a mix of improvements and deterioration associated with the extension of Michigan Avenue. He didn't feel the traffic study took into account the future widening of St. Joe Highway to M-100 and future improvements to the Saginaw/Canal Road intersection which would serve to mitigate traffic on Saginaw Highway.

Mr. Kosinski said one issue that had recently been addressed was the need for emergency egress and ingress to the Williamsburg and Mandell areas. He said the residents had submitted materials indicating that this problem could be overcome by simply going to a secondary use of a mixed use pathway which would provide the needed access for emergency personnel. He said most of the issues regarding the negative impacts on existing neighbors had been thoroughly discussed, but one issue that had recently been raised was a projection of a 10% drop in property values attributed to the extension of Michigan Avenue being located within 30 feet from the rear of people's homes. Property value reductions could be significant and that the figures failed to take into account the ripple effect of property values throughout the area.

Mr. Kosinski said the need for noise mitigation had been acknowledged by everyone and given the proximity and the nature of the road, there would be substantial noise and visual mitigation needed at a substantial additional cost to the project. Mr. Kosinski encouraged the Transportation Committee to consider the value of the alternative use of the property as a mixed use pathway or park land development. He said the Committee had an opportunity to make a positive decision to invest in the quality of life in Delta

Township by investing monies into something that could become an asset to all of the residents of Delta Township for several decades to come.

Carrie Anna Courtad, 7141 Medallion Drive, said she was not directly affected by the extension of Michigan Avenue, but she was present this evening to urge the Board to vote no on the extension. Ms. Courtad said she had lived at her residence for five years and she had two sons who attend Delta Center Elementary School. She questioned if the traffic study addressed the impact the extension would have on the school's peak traffic times during the day. Ms. Courtad proceeded to respond to issues that had been addressed in a recent letter in the local newspaper. She said one issue that had been addressed was the fact that the extension of Michigan Avenue had been in the Township's master plan since 1973, but she said plans change. She disagreed that the extension of Michigan Avenue would provide relief on Saginaw Highway, but rather she was concerned that there would be more traffic congestion on Canal Road. The letter addressed the fact that residents within the Forest Glen development purchased their homes with the knowledge that Michigan Avenue would be extended. However, when she purchased her home, she had no knowledge that Michigan Avenue would be extended in the future. She noted the letter also indicated that he hoped the Township Board would consider the good of the entire community and not be swayed by a small group who were putting their own self interests first. She agreed that the Board should consider the entire community, but she disagreed that there was a small number of people who would be affected by the extension.

Mark Sands, 6652 Halloway Lane, said the extension of Michigan Avenue would take away any chance the residents had to sell their homes. He said they would have a three lane road from Creyts to Canal Road that would become a race track and a traffic hazard. Mr. Sands said if the Board really cared about their constituents, they would vote no on the extension.

Jim Osieczonek, 316 North Creyts, said he had spoken to a couple of representatives from Mt. Hope Church who had indicated they were willing to discuss the compromise of extending Michigan Avenue half way. He said one of the arguments made for the extension was that the project had been in the Township's master plan for several years and that the residents should have been aware of the proposed extension. However, he didn't feel the Township, or the Road Commission, would have designed a road within 30 feet of people's homes. He didn't want to refer to the extension of Michigan Avenue half way as a compromise, but rather it was a better idea. He addressed the traffic concerns and the fact that he felt more people would be injured and killed if Michigan Avenue was extended.

Peggy Marek, 7106 Mandell Circle, said when she and her husband purchased their home on Creyts Road, it was only a two lane roadway. After the road was widened to three lanes, it took them three years to sell their house. Ms. Marek said she and husband attempted to purchase a new home where they would have quiet, serenity, and nature. They were told that Michigan Avenue would never be extended, but their taxes keep going up and their property values keep going down. She has seen what a road can do to the value of property.

Trustee Poma said she appreciated the residents' comments, however, she reiterated the fact that the extension of Michigan Avenue wasn't a new project and that she had taken into consideration the impacts on surrounding properties.

Michael Kessler, 1003 Turner Road, DeWitt, said he was a consultant for Mt. Hope Church. He said if Michigan Avenue was extended half way, there was the possibility that a turnaround could be created. Mr. Kessler said it was his understanding that when the Eyde property was developed in the future, access would be provided via Halloway Lane. He noted that Mt. Hope Church had proposed to build senior housing on their property and that access could be provided via Michigan Avenue being extended half way.

Trustee Poma questioned whether Mt. Hope Church was stating that they would be willing to provide right-of-way if Michigan Avenue was extended half way. Ms. Poma noted that this option had not been included in any discussions on this issue and that she was left with the impression that the compromise was not feasible.

Trustee Cunningham said the road could not be extended half way if there wasn't enough property. She said at the time the Transportation Committee met, the Committee was informed there was nothing that would allow Michigan Avenue to be extended half way. She didn't want to give the residents the impression that there was an alternative when the Township had been informed there wasn't.

Mr. Kessler said it was his understanding that the compromise could not be considered due to the wetlands on their property. Mr. Kessler said the church wanted to make the Township aware of the fact that the bad soils on the church property could be mitigated and that the church wanted to continue to offer in good faith their willingness to work with the Township.

Trustee Cunningham said it was her understanding that there were several impediments to doing the compromise, including the length of the dead-end, the lack of easements, and the fact that there could be soil issues.

Mark Graham, Township Planning Director, said the two issues that existed regarding the half mile extension of Michigan Avenue that were noted in the traffic study were the length of the half mile alternative and the radius of the turnaround. He said the road would have to go approximately 1500 feet west of Creyts Road in order to serve the Eyde property. He said the Road Commission required that a dead-end street not be any longer than 1320 feet. Mr. Graham said if Mt. Hope Church developed their property first and provided an access point, the Road Commission's regulation of 1320 feet would not apply. Mr. Graham said the third issue that he had raised was his familiarity with the church's plan and the issue of wetlands and soil borings. He noted the Road Commission had indicated that the turnaround had to be a minimum radius of 150 feet. He said Mt. Hope Church had indicated that they may be willing to provide property on the south side of the extension, but he did not know whether the same could be done on the north side of the road. Mr. Graham said the two issues regarding the compromise was the length of the road and the turnaround at the end of the right-of-way.

Carl Bond, 7119 Glen Terra, understood there was a grant for this project that would expire, but there were a lot of issues that had been raised and he felt the Township was moving forward with incomplete information.

Shelagh Kosinski, 7305 Glen Terra, said Tri-County Planning Commission would be provided information on the half mile compromise tomorrow and that she would also be providing the Eaton County Road Commission with information. She suggested the Transportation Committee meet to discuss the options that had come forward this evening.

Don Terp, 222 Williamsburg Road, said a comment was made this evening regarding the fact that the extension of Michigan Avenue had been in the works for several years. The point he would like to make was that the Board should be considering a plan that addressed the situation as it was today with all of its ramifications. He felt the Board should consider whether this was a plan that made sense today.

Shirley Whittaker, 7410 Glen Terra Drive, felt the extension of Michigan Avenue was worthless and she didn't feel it would cut down on any of the traffic on Saginaw Highway. She said if motorists didn't live directly in the neighborhood, they would not be using Michigan Avenue and those that did use it, would end up going back to either St. Joe Highway or Saginaw Highway.

Dayna Blakely, 118 Williamsburg Road, said she purchased her home in May of 1988, but no one ever told her about the future extension of Michigan Avenue. She said unless people knew where to research such

issues, she felt it was an unfair to state that buyers should have been aware of the extension.

Sharon Edgar, 116 Round Top said she purchased her home seven years ago and she did research the property behind her before purchasing her home. She didn't feel the issue was about her property values, but rather the issue was the value of the home for her and for future generations. Ms. Edgar said she couldn't understand why the Township would want to relieve traffic congestion on a business route by moving traffic through a residential area.

Supervisor Fletcher informed the audience that the Board would not be voting on this issue at their July 6<sup>th</sup> agenda and that it would be placed on a future agenda.

9. **Proposed Surplus Property Policy** – The Budget/Finance Committee recommends the Township Board consider the adoption of the proposed Surplus Property Policy.

Treasurer Pizzo said the Budget/Finance Committee was asked to revise the Surplus Property Policy so that the Board could review and provide pre-approval for the sale of surplus equipment. He said the revised policy would ensure that the Township had a consistent procedure for the disposal of public property.

This item would be placed on the next Board agenda for action.

10. **2009/2010 Township Manager's Objectives** – The Administrative/Personnel Committee recommends the Township Board consider accepting the proposed 2009/2010 Objectives for the Township Manager.

Supervisor Fletcher said the Administrative/Personnel Committee requested the Township Manager draft what he felt were issues that he should be working on over the course of the year. He said the Committee discussed the Manager's objectives and compared them to the objectives contained in the Township's Strategic Plan in terms of priorities.

This item would be placed on the next Board agenda for action.

11. **Strategic Plan** – The Manager's Office recommends the Township Board consider adopting the proposed Strategic Plan revisions.

Supervisor Fletcher said the Board held a special meeting where the existing Strategic Plan was reviewed. He said Township staff attempted to condense

comments and suggestions from the meeting into the document and submit it to the Administrative/Personnel Committee for final review.

- 12. CPI Salary Schedule Adjustment** – The Administrative/Personnel Committee recommends the Township Board consider a 2% increase in the non-union salary schedules to be effective July 1, 2009.

Supervisor Fletcher said traditionally, the Township Board reviewed and made adjustments to salaries every July 1<sup>st</sup>. However, since the Township was on a January fiscal budget year, he felt it made more sense if the Township switched to a January time period in order to coincide with the Township's budget process. Mr. Fletcher said recognizing the hard work of Township employees, the Committee recommended that a 2% pay increase take effect July 1<sup>st</sup> and as a result of switching to a January fiscal year, the Township wouldn't consider wages until the budget was set for the 2011 fiscal year.

This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for action.

- 13. 2009/2010 Delta Township Firefighters Agreement** – The Manager's Office recommends the Township board consider approving the proposed agreement between Delta Township and the Firefighters Association of Michigan.

Manager Watkins noted the main change in the contract was the proposed 2% increase across the board each year for two years. He said they also looked at the difference between paramedic/firefighters and engineers. Mr. Watkins noted that testing for an engineer position was actually a promotion, but there was no increase in pay. He said in order to separate those positions, a 1% increase had been proposed. He noted the contract contained clarification on health insurance and the ability to make changes during the contract.

Michael Roman, President of the Delta Township Firefighters Union, noted that he and Mr. Watkins had worked long and hard to get to this point. He appreciated the work Mr. Watkins and his staff put forth on the contract.

This item will be placed on the next Board agenda for action.

**XVI. BOARD MEMBER, MANAGER, AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Supervisor Fletcher said the Fire Chief had recently conducted an emergency planning session dealing with a potential flu pandemic breaking out in the Township. Mr. Fletcher felt it was a very useful exercise, but due to the fact that several of the Board members were relatively new, he felt the Board should schedule a special meeting with the Public Safety Committee so that Board members could be briefed on their duties and responsibilities during an emergency crisis. Mr. Fletcher said the Economic

Development Corporation would like to meet with the Board to discuss economic development programs in the Township. The Delta/Waverly Rotary Club was celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and he would like to invite the Rotary Club to the Board's next meeting for a special tribute.

Trustee Poma said there were four new members on the Government Youth Council.

Manager Watkins said for several months, he had been working with the Township's Finance Director in regards to how the GM bankruptcy would affect the Township. The Township had filed the necessary paperwork and was keeping track of this issue. He noted the Township had had several productive meetings with the City of Grand Ledge with regards to sharing assessing services and he hoped to bring something to the Board for their review in the near future. At EATRAN's last meeting, they decided to survey the needs for the entire county. Mr. Watkins noted that one of his objectives for the year was to research the Township's public transit needs in regards to how the Township could move forward on this issue.

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

Mike Grinwis, 6821 Roanoke Way, said by trade, he was a Technology Risk Management Specialist and he had always recommended his clients consult their local businesses and their local government as to what was available to them under different disaster scenarios and situations. Mr. Grinwis commended the Township for addressing this issue and in doing so, the Township needed to carry it forward in order to have something in place so that when the Township was contacted by its constituents, there was something to provide them based upon the information already in place.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA**

JANICE VEDDER, TOWNSHIP CLERK

KENNETH FLETCHER, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR