

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
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Ken 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, and Trustees Jan Cunningham, Jeff Hicks, and Barb Poma.

Members Absent: Trustee Cara Spagnuolo.

Others Present: Township Assessor Brian Thelen, Building Inspector Matt Leach, Assistant Township Engineer Dennis Nimphie, Parks Director Dick Benkert, Planning Director Mark Graham, Lt. Jeff Warder, Manager Richard Watkins, Manager's Assistant Jenny Wohlfert and Executive Secretary Kathy Ernst.

CLERK VEDDER MOVED TO EXCUSE TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO FROM THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 MEETING.

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Denyse Ferguson, President and CEO and LEAP Inc. – Presentation regarding LEAP (Lansing Economic Area Partnership).

Supervisor Fletcher said Delta Township belonged to LEAP Inc. and he had asked Ms. Ferguson to provide a presentation on the activities and plans LEAP was working on and its relationship with the Township and the Lansing Region.

Ms. Ferguson provided the Board with an update on LEAP and the transformation the organization had gone through in the past couple of years, as well as the completion of a strategic plan that focused on a 2020 vision for growth in the

Greater Lansing Region. Ms. Ferguson said LEAP was working towards long term economic goals that related to a strategic plan in order for the region to compete on a global scale. LEAP brought together most of the largest employers in the region and a number of private sector employers with the core purpose of working towards a singular vision to prosper as effectively as possible. Ms. Ferguson noted that there had been a lot of questions about LEAP and their relation to others, including local economic developers or organizations like the chamber.

Ms. Ferguson said the three core activities LEAP was involved in was business development, business services, and sales and marketing. She noted that business services were critical because it focused on keeping existing companies in the area strong. LEAP had put together a program where they spent a great deal of time marketing what the Greater Lansing Region was to the country, to the state, and to the world. Ms. Ferguson said LEAP also addressed six strategic initiatives that focused on regional collaboration, global connectivity, and leveraging the great asset of Michigan State University (MSU). She indicated that the strategic plan provided examples of the programs that LEAP had in place to touch on those business development activities.

Ms. Ferguson noted that the spring board was a business acceleration program designed to ensure that the region brought its resources together in order to assist those companies that were growing in the region or coming to the region from around the world. She noted that Delta Township was part of a retention program that was comprised of a unified team of business retention professionals that worked as a team to help businesses. She said LEAP was attempting to capture the young talent in the region and show them the great job opportunities that were available in the region. Ms. Ferguson said LEAP focused on global connectivity of the region's businesses and making the region a more vibrant global destination and a welcoming environment for international students and people.

Ms. Ferguson said there were numerous statistics on how the younger generation chose where they would live and that the region needed to address whether or not it was presenting a vibrant designation to attract the younger generation that would chose where they wanted to live before finding a job. Ms. Ferguson addressed the regional collaboration initiative by noting that LEAP was working with a team of people to determine how the region could work more efficiently and effectively together in the best interests of business. She said LEAP had identified strategic initiatives that there were 50,000 talented students in the region annually which LEAP was responding to as they drafted the strategic plan. She said the Greater Lansing Regional Plan for strategic growth was designed with a vision for Greater Lansing in 2020 with four key stages to the plan. The first being an assessment of the assets in the region, the second being an industry cluster analysis, the third was looking at gap barriers and opportunities analysis, and the fourth being strategic recommendations for regional growth.

Ms. Ferguson noted that the asset assessment was very much focused on trends from 2000 and 2006. She said people spoke about how the region had enormous challenges because of being located in the north where it was cold. However, she noted that most of the prosperous regions at this point in time were actually northern cities. She said the same held true for issues of taxation. Ms. Ferguson said the region had a great geographical location where there were critical transportation and communication access. She said if you looked at the region's historical assets, they were not only significant and strong, but there was a tremendous innovative history in all of the sectors as well. She noted that there were three regions in the state that were ahead of the Lansing Region being Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, and Ann Arbor in their economic development initiatives and working together. However, she felt it was interesting that most of those regions did not have all of the key component parts. Ms. Ferguson noted that the Lansing Region was the only area that actually had all of the critical component parts contained in their strategic plan which was very important when considering funding for particular initiatives.

Ms. Ferguson noted that the region had great strengths in State government, education, and manufacturing. She felt the region was nationally competitive when it came to finance, insurance, and real estate and that the region had the opportunity to attract more of those types of businesses that would round out our sectors in the most robust way. Ms. Ferguson noted that health care was another segment that was important where the region had vast assets and a significant opportunity to grow. She felt IT opportunities were also a critical part of building a strong infra-structure. She noted that LEAP's main focus was regional collaboration and continuing to make it more efficient. She said as part of the strategic plan, there was a separate study that specifically looked at creative and cultural economic development.

Ms. Ferguson indicated that education and knowledge were other areas for a prosperous community. She said focusing on education and comparing the work the region was doing compared to other communities in Michigan and across the country, this region was on the cutting edge with having all of the right component parts in the strategic plan. She felt the State of Michigan was doing a very good job in preparing to take advantage of Federal funding that may be available in the future. Ms. Ferguson said the strategic plan would be introduced in November and deploy a team to meet with representatives of the region to showcase how everyone would be involved in potential strategies for growth. She indicated that another key issue was the establishment of the strategic partnership with MSU who was a significant economic driving force in every one of the segments whether it was place making activities or industry sectors.

Ms. Ferguson noted that they had developed the first business acceleration program and launched a brand for the Greater Lansing Region which was something that was critical because it was important for us to talk about this

region in a cohesive way. Ms. Ferguson said by developing a strategic plan, they were able to secure a \$150,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation. Ms. Ferguson indicated that LEAP partnered with the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau and conducted quite a bit of research. Ms. Ferguson said a question that was frequently asked was as the State's Capital, why couldn't the region come out of the economic crisis with a strong plan and a unified region to work towards being a premier city in the State of Michigan. She felt the spirit of progress and human connection was a very attractive asset the region had. She said as you go out and work on a global scale, it was amazing that we grossly underestimate how important that factor was in company's decisions to locate in a certain area.

Ms. Ferguson said what LEAP was conveying in their brand message to the world was that the Greater Lansing Area was vibrant, optimistic and nurturing. She said the Greater Lansing Global Leader of your Life was showcasing that the region had a wonderful successful and innovative community that was set against the backdrop of an authentically Midwestern community. She noted that LEAP had developed a video showcasing the region and that there would also be additional marketing in the form of commercials that would be seen in the region that would be taking their vision of a pure Michigan type campaign to the worlds.

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED WITH THE MODIFICATION THAT THE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR HARRIET STREET BE PLACED UNDER "PUBLIC HEARINGS".

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION –

12. Resolution #2 to establish a Street Lighting District (Harriet Street) – The Clerk's office recommends the Township Board declare that sufficient petitions were submitted to proceed with the Harriet Street lighting installation and to set a public hearing to hear objections for 7 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2009.

Mary Dreps, 411 Harriet Street, said she wasn't in favor of the installation of street lights along Harriet and that she wanted to keep the neighborhood as is.

Nancy Miller Bates, 415 Harriet Street, said she had lived in her home for 32 years and 20 years ago, she would have been in favor of street lights but at the present time, she felt the speeding traffic up and down Harriett Street was a bigger problem.

Pearl Shade, 504 Harriet Street, said she had lived in her home since 1971 and she was in favor of street lights. Ms. Shade said street lights would help

illuminate the area so that she could see outside of her home at night. Ms. Shade felt street lights would be safer for the children in the neighborhood.

Michael Frezell, 414 Harriet Avenue, said approximately four years ago, he was opposed to street lights, but in the past four years, things had happened in his neighborhood that had changed his mind. Mr. Frezell noted that he had been a block captain of a neighborhood watch in Las Vegas, Nevada, and he had found that street lights were beneficial.

JoAnn Miller, 326 Harriet Street, said she had lived in her home for 59 years and she was in favor of street lights.

CLERK VEDDER MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECLARE THAT SUFFICIENT PETITIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO PROCEED WITH HARRIET STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION; AND

FURTHER, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND DETERMINES THAT THE TERM OF ITS EXISTENCE SHALL BE INDEFINITE; AND

FURTHER, THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WHICH SHALL BE FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK; AND

FURTHER THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IS SET FOR 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009; AND

FURTHER, THE CLERK IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN THE NEWSPAPER AND NOTIFY THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. THE CLERK SHALL NOTIFY ALL PROPERTY OWNERS THAT THEY MUST APPEAR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING OR FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST OBJECTING TO SAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IN ORDER TO FURTHER APPEAL TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL.

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- 2. Amendment to Section 11-88, Article IV of Chapter 11 (Noise Control) –** The Planning Department recommends the Township Board introduce an amendment to amend Section 11-88 of Article IV (Noise Control) of Chapter 11 (Nuisances) of the Code of Ordinances.

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 11-88 OF ARTICLE IV (NOISE CONTROL) OF CHAPTER ELEVEN (NUISANCES) OF THE DELTA TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES. SAID RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, DELTA TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT A PROBLEM EXISTS WITH THE NOISE ORDINANCE IN THAT IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT OPERATING UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS MAY EXCEED THE DECIBEL LIMITS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP'S UTILITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED THIS ISSUE AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE TOWNSHIP'S NOISE ORDINANCE BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. THE TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY PROPOSES TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR GENERATORS, AIR CONDITIONERS, POOL PUMPS AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT SUCH THAT IT CAN OPERATE AT UP TO 90 DECIBELS.
2. THE BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NOISE ORDINANCE IN NEWSPAPERS OF LOCAL CIRCULATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 BOARD MEETING.

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

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES – None.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE SPAGNUOLO.

MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

3. Minutes – August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE AUGUST 17, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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

4. Bills and Financial Transactions - \$3,159,811.35

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED TO APPROVE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,159,811.35.

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

5. Sponsorship of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Mixed Use Buildings – The Planning Department recommends the Township Board agree to sponsor amendments to the Delta Township Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Mixed Use Buildings.

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA AGREE TO SPONSOR AMENDMENTS TO THE DELTA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO MIXED USE BUILDINGS.

FURTHER, THAT THE AMENDMENTS BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AND MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

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

7. **Appointment to the Fire Board of Appeals** – The Fire Board of Appeals Selection Committee recommends the Township Board appoint Williams F. Foster to the Fire Board of Appeals.

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPOINT WILLIAM F. FOSTER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2012 TO THE FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS.

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

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

6. **Old Lansing Road – Change Order #2-Final & Pay Estimate #9 - Final, Millett Highway Water Main – Change Order #3 - Final & Pay Estimate #7 –Final** – The Engineering Department recommends the Township Board approve Change Order #2 and final payment for the Old Lansing Road water main and also approve Change Order #3 and final payment for the Millett Highway water main contract.

Trustee Hicks questioned the figures that appeared on the contract and the change order and whether they reflected more than one change order.

Dennis Nimphie, Assistant Township Engineer, said the reference to the new contract price reflected multiple change orders and not just the change order before the Board this evening.

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT THE DELTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3-FINAL FOR THE MILLETT HIGHWAY WATER MAIN CONTRACT RESULTING IN A \$15,757.00 INCREASE TO AN ADJUSTED CONTRACT PRICE OF \$234,951.00; AND

FURTHER, THAT THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SIGN SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 3-FINAL FOR THE MILLETT HIGHWAY WATER MAIN CONTRACT; AND

FURTHER, THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA BOARD AUTHORIZE FINAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,293.84 TO

SCARLETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR COMPLETION OF THE MILLETT HIGHWAY WATER MAIN PROJECT. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$3,956.56 SHALL BE RETAINED UNTIL APRIL 15, 2010 AS PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT. SAID RETAINER SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE CONTRACTOR OR USED TO MAKE REQUIRED REPAIRS AS PROVIDED ON PAGE GC-23 OF THE CONTRACT; AND

FURTHER, THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA BOARD ACCEPT THE MILLETT HIGHWAY WATER MAIN PROJECT INTO THE DELTA TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM AND ESTABLISH SEPTEMBER 8, 2009, AS THE DATE OF COMPLETION.

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

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

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XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

10. **Agreement for Assessing Services and Specifications between the City of Grand Ledge and Delta Township** – The Assessing Department recommends the Township Board approve the proposed agreement for assessing services and specifications between the City of Grand Ledge and Delta Township.

Supervisor Fletcher welcomed City of Grand Ledge Mayor, Kalmin Smith, to the meeting this evening. He noted that discussion had taken place between the Township and the City of Grand Ledge regarding the Township extending their assessing services to the City.

Mr. Watkins said the Board had given him direction to contact surrounding communities in an effort to promote regionalism. He noted that over the past few months, Township Assessing Director, Brian Thelen, had taken the initiative to explore ways the Township could provide assessing services to surrounding communities.

Brian Thelen, Assessing Director, noted that the Township had been negotiating with the City of Grand Ledge for the past few months and that the City Council unanimously approved the contract at their August 10, 2009 meeting.

City of Grand Ledge Mayor, Kalmin Smith, said promoting regionalism was a topic that had been discussed during the Governmental Exchange in May. Mr. Smith noted that not only was the City of Grand Ledge looking for a new assessor, but they needed expertise as well which was why the City was very lucky to be working with the Township. Not only would the City be saving money, but the residents would be getting much improved services than they had in the past.

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSING SERVICES AND SPECIFICATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND LEDGE AND DELTA TOWNSHIP.

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

11. **Dangerous Building Citation for 325 Stoll Road** – The Clerk's Office recommends the Township Board approve the order of the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer dated June 29, 2009 and require that the owner comply with the order by September 25, 2009.

Trustee Hicks said he wanted to disclose that the owner of 325 Stoll Road was a former client of his.

Trustee Poma said the house had been vacant for several years and had been condemned. She noted that individuals had started breaking in to the home and vandalizing the structure and that the home had become a nuisance and unsafe.

TRUSTEE POMA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE DANGEROUS BUILDING HEARING OFFICER, DATED JUNE 29, 2009, AND REQUIRE THAT THE OWNER COMPLY WITH THE ORDER BY DEMOLISHING SAID PROPERTY AND DISPOSING OF DEBRIS BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2009, FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS FROM SAID RESOLUTION ACCORDING TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE V DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

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

13. **Michigan Green Communities Resolution** – The Manager's Office recommends the Township Board accept the Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

Mr. Watkins noted that he had attended a conference where the Michigan Municipal League had designed a Michigan Green Communities Challenge

which the Township would be participating in. He said the Township's Sustainability Committee would be utilized in establishing the goals the challenge was requesting of the Township.

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT WHEREAS, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA WANTS TO EMPHASIZE THE BENEFITS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION; AND

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA WANTS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES CAN BE APPLIED TO THE DAILY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AND

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA SEEKS TO FIND METHODS OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND OPERATIONS THAT CONSERVE ENERGY AND RESOURCES, SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT; AND

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA RECOGNIZES THAT SOUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES CAN REDUCE GOVERNMENT COSTS OVER THE LONG-TERM; AND

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA WILL LEAD BY EXAMPLE TO SHOW THE PRACTICALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PRACTICES; AND

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE ITS CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES TO INITIATE STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR COMMUNITY; AND

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA ACCEPTS THE MICHIGAN GREEN COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE AND PLEDGES TO WORK TOWARD ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE BASIC CHALLENGE OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

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

14. **Request and Agreement for Creyts/Webster Road Shared Use Path Improvement** - The Engineering Department recommends the Township Board approve the request and agreement for the Creyts/Webster Road Share Use Path Improvement.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT FOR THE CREYTS/WEBSTER ROAD SHARED USE PATH IMPROVEMENT AND

AGREE TO PAY THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE COST ESTIMATED TO BE \$92,000.00.

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

- 15. Transfer Ownership of Class C Licensed Business – Alexander & Family Associates** – The Manager's Office recommends the Township Board approve the transfer of a Class C license business located at 436 Elmwood from Tai Pyung, LLC to Alexander & Family Associate, LLC.

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE REQUEST OF ALEXANDER & FAMILY ASSOCIATES, LLC TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF A 2008 CLASS C LICENSED BUSINESS LOCATED AT 436 ELMWOOD, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48917, DELTA TOWNSHIP, EATON COUNTY, FROM TAI PYUNG, LLC.

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

- 16. Sidewalk Contract between MDOT and Delta Township** – The Transportation Committee recommends the Township Board approve the contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for Saginaw Highway (M-43) sidewalk improvements.

CLERK VEDDER MOVED THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH MDOT FOR SAGINAW HIGHWAY (M-43) SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, AND

FURTHER, THAT THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT.

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

- 17. Grand Ledge Safe Routes to School Grant Support** – The Transportation Committee recommends the Township Board approve a resolution of support for the Safe Routes to School Grant for Grand Ledge Public Schools. Supervisor Fletcher said the Eaton County Road Commission requested that the Township provide a resolution in support of the Safe Routes to School program.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT:

WHEREAS, GRAND LEDGE SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND DELTA TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES HAVE JOINTLY BEEN PURSUING SIDEWALK

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF DELTA CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SINCE 2006, AND

WHEREAS, THE BENEFITS OF PROVIDING SIDEWALKS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF SCHOOL FACILITIES ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED INCLUDING PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, PROVIDING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR FOUR LANE CANAL ROAD, PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 5,800 LINEAR FEET OF SIDEWALKS, AND

WHEREAS, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE INCLUDING A WALKING AUDIT TOUR WITH PARENTS, TWO "WALK TO SCHOOL DAY" EVENTS, AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE PREPARATION OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PLANS, AND THE PREPARATION OF A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP'S TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD PASS A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE GRAND LEDGE SCHOOLS' SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS APPLICATION IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE DELTA CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. FURTHER, THE TOWNSHIP'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO ASSISTING THE PROJECT AS NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE.

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

XV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

18. Cemetery Rate Increase Proposal – Richard Benkert

Dick Benkert, Parks & Recreation Director, said every few years, the Township surveyed area municipal cemeteries and checked their rates to make sure the Township's rates were comparable with what other communities were charging. He said the last survey the Township had conducted was in 2006. He recommended that the Township's plot fees be raised an additional \$100.00 which would place the rates at where they should be due to the quality of the Township's cemeteries and the services the Township provided to its customers. Mr. Benkert indicated that the survey had also discovered that several of the communities no longer provided full grave side setups in

conjunction with their openings and closings and that the vault companies handled those types of services. He noted that the Township would like to continue providing those services and recommended that the opening and closing rates be adjusted \$300.00 to reflect the cost the vault companies charged and that an additional \$150.00 be placed on Saturdays in order to cover overtime rates.

19. Delta Patrol Contract Proposal – Richard Watkins

Supervisor Fletcher said several months ago, the County approached the Township to discuss this issue and that the matter had been forwarded to the Township's Public Safety Committee for their review.

Trustee Cunningham said there were several proposals the Public Safety Committee had considered and the proposal the Committee felt was the most financially responsible for the Board to consider was changing the agreement back to the original language which would base the Township's share on the SEV rather than taxable value. She noted that the Township would be paying an additional \$162,668.00 which was significantly less than what the County would like. Ms. Cunningham said unlike the Township, the County's budget had very few discretionary expenditures and several mandatory expenditures by statute and that they were faced with substantial reductions. She said the Public Safety Committee felt that a high level Sheriff's Department was a service Township residents expected to have and a service the Committee wanted to maintain.

Mr. Watkins said the Township's percentage of the SEV in the agreement and the taxable value had changed. He said the last time the contract was renewed approximately five years ago, the Township had noticed a big difference between taxable value and State Equalized Value and that the Township paid a lot higher share under the taxable value. He noted that the Township requested that the taxable value be capped until it reached a point where the SEV caught up.

Supervisor Fletcher felt it was important to highlight the fact that since the Township had a contract in place until 2014, there was a clause that provided either party to terminate the contract given a year's notice. He said given the County's fiscal situation, the County may have to seriously consider that option in the future. He said looking at the other options that had been presented, he was concerned that it would become easier every year to come back to the Township and request additional funding. Mr. Fletcher felt the option the Public Safety Committee had recommended made sense in that it was better to have something that had logical rationale behind it without having to negotiate funding every year.

Treasurer Pizzo said he had contacted the Controller of Eaton County to obtain additional information on the support service fee that was part of the Delta Patrol contract estimated at about 15%. He said from talking to the Controller and looking at the County's budget and the way the cost of the non-Delta Patrol unit and the rest of the Sheriff's Department's major operation, he saw a number of cost items that were allocated to the Sheriff's Department that the Township properly shared in. He felt the Township needed to start working with the County to become more informed about the process of allocating the costs.

Trustee Cunningham felt the Township was unique in that there wasn't another community in Eaton County who had this type of contract with the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Fletcher asked what the level of service would be for a township the size of Delta if it did not contract for additional services.

Lt. Jeff Warder, Eaton County Sheriff's Department, said the Township's service would be reduced by 60%. He noted that the Township had 24/7 coverage where other communities did not. Lt. Warder noted that Oneida Township contracted with the Sheriff's Department for certain days and times of the week, but the only other township that had 24/7 service within the Tri-County area was Delhi Township. Lt. Warder noted that the sub-station located in the Township offered services that other township's did not have such as a full-time community police officer, the availability of detectives, as well as a support staff that worked six days a week to take walk-in complaints or fill out accident reports. He felt the contract the Township had with the Sheriff's Department was unique and was beneficial to both parties.

Trustee Cunningham said it was the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to change the agreement back to the original language which would base the Township's share on the SEV rather than taxable value which would be an increase of \$162,668.00.

It was the consensus of the Board that this item be placed on the September 21st agenda for adoption.

20. LIAA Sustainable Communities Grant Support – Mark Graham

Mr. Graham said three years ago, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission completed a Regional Growth Project. He noted that there were several committees that resulted from this effort, one being the Urban & Rural Service Boundary Committee (USB Committee). He said this USB Committee initially started looking at issues concerning urban sprawl and the cost of extending utilities to urban areas. Mr. Graham said there was an effort to look

at creating an urban service boundary beyond which the Township wouldn't extend services similar to what had been done in Portland, Oregon. However, he said this effort had received mixed responses from local communities. He said in the past year, the UBS Committee had been looking at sharing services among local communities and that the Land Information Access Association (LIAA) had come forth and made available a grant of \$25,000 to local communities. He said the USB Committee was recommending that the Township support the grant in an attempt to develop tools to foster inter-jurisdictional cooperation. Mr. Graham noted that the LEAP Board had attended meetings of the UBS Committee and were researching the possibility of donating matching monies for the \$25,000 grant and cooperating with the UBS Committee in their efforts.

This item would be placed on the Board's September 21st agenda for adoption.

21. Request for Traffic Light at Broadbent – Mark Graham

Supervisor Fletcher noted that the Township was in receipt of several requests from residents that a traffic signal be installed at the Saginaw/Broadbent Road intersection. He noted that this item had been forwarded to the Township's Transportation Committee where residents were informed that MDOT had jurisdiction over the signalization of intersections and that the Township would have to request that a traffic study be done in order to justify the installation of a traffic signal.

Toni Townsel, 8611 Carlsbad, within the Shadow Glen subdivision, indicated that it was very difficult to make a left turn onto Saginaw Highway from northbound Broadbent Road during certain times of the day. Ms. Townsel noted that she had written letters to Mr. Graham of the Township, as well as to the Eaton County Road Commission and MDOT regarding this issue.

Mr. Graham said the Township had corresponded with MDOT within the last 60 days at which time MDOT had indicated that the Saginaw/Broadbent Road intersection did not meet warrants for a traffic signal. Mr. Graham felt the reconstruction of the I-96/M-43 interchange would also impact this issue and that MDOT may not authorize a signal until the project was completed and possibly until traffic patterns were established within the next six months to a year after completion.

This item will be placed on the Board's September 21st agenda when a recommendation for a traffic study would be made.

22. Saginaw Corridor Discussion – Mark Graham and Jen Wohlfert

Mr. Watkins noted that staff continued to work on the Saginaw Highway corridor. He commended Mr. Graham and Mr. Williams for their work on this project.

Mr. Graham provided examples of maps staff had been working on which illustrated different segments of Saginaw Highway where driveways had been identified for closure, reconstruction, or no change. He noted that staff would be meeting with MDOT this week to present their preliminary recommendations.

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

23. Administration/personnel Committee Minutes – July 1, 2009

24. Public safety Committee Minutes – March 9, 2009

Mr. Watkins noted that the roof of the Fire Station had been re-roofed and that the ice and snow barrier that had been installed should prevent future problems. He said there were several staff members who were working on different areas of Greener Delta. The employee's retreat was scheduled for November 11th and that the Director's retreat was scheduled for September 21st. He noted that he would be attending the ICMA conference. He noted that Mr. Graham, Mr. Williams and himself would be meeting with residents regarding the Michigan Avenue extension to discuss things that could be done to help lessen the impacts to homeowners. He noted that the Township's face book was up and running and that the Board would be holding a special session to review a draft of the Township's budget. He also provided the Board with an update on the pathway that would be extended to Chanticleer.

Supervisor Fletcher indicated that the Personnel Committee had discussed the 2010 holiday schedule and whether or not to make adjustments. He said the Committee also discussed comp time versus overtime and how much comp time employees could incur and the employee insurance waiver. He noted that the Committee was looking into the differences between the Township's two employee manuals and the fact that employees who hired in after 2005 came under a different set of policies. He said the Committee had also discussed the Township's legal fees and expenses the Township engaged in.

Trustee Poma provided an update on items the Transportation Committee had discussed at their last meeting.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*maximum five minutes*) – None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA

JANICE VEDDER, TOWNSHIP CLERK

KENNETH FLETCHER, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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