

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA

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TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, Treasurer Howard A. Pizzo, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Trustee Fonda J. Brewer, Andrea Cascarilla, and Trustee Dennis R. Fedewa

Members Absent: Trustee Karen J. Mojica (arrived at 6:08 pm)

Others Present: Manager Brian T. Reed, Assistant Township Manager Alannah Doak, Planning Director Gary Bozek, Technology Director Dave Marquette, Township Engineer Ernie West, Utilities Director Rick Kane, Chief Gregg Ginebaugh, and Finance Director Jeff Anderson

TRUSTEE CASCARILLA MOVED TO EXCUSE TRUSTEE MOJICA FROM THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

TRUSTEE FEDEWA REQUESTED A DISCUSSION RELATED TO AN ARTICLE FEATURED IN THE LANSING STATE JOURNAL REGARDING THE LANSING MALL BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

TRUSTEE BREWER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA *(maximum two minutes)*

Dan Stockwell requested the Board to consider encouraging the county to do a road diet on part of Canal Rd from St Joe Hwy to almost Saginaw Hwy. Dan said this would greatly improve access for neighborhoods in the area, calm traffic, and provide a safe environment for cyclists.

Barb Shipman requested that deer crossing signs be installed on Old Lansing Rd and Lansing Rd. Barb also requested the status of the fire station located on Old Lansing Rd.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

XI. CONSENT AGENDA –

TRUSTEE BREWER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM NUMBER FOUR BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, CLERK CLARK, TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE FEDEWA, TRUSTEE BREWER, TRUSTEE CASCARILLA, AND TRUSTEE MOJICA

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

1. Bills and Financial Transactions

Bonds/Debt Payments	\$	101,700.00
Payroll & Related	\$	348,589.35
Refunds	\$	5,621.87

Tax Distributions	\$	2,158,745.15
Vendor Claims	\$	1,335,037.83
Total	\$	3,949,694.20

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

2. Minutes

- a. August 10, 2020 Regular Digital Board Meeting
- b. August 17, 2020 Regular Digital Board Meeting
- c. August 26, 2020 Regular Digital Board Meeting

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

3. Fire Department Controllers & Monitoring Equipment Purchase

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW CONTROLLERS AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S WARNING SYSTEM PROVIDED BY WEST SHORE SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,220. IT WAS FURTHER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE ANY CORRESPONDING PAPERWORK FOR THIS PURCHASE.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

4. Request for Appointment of Matt McKernan as a Deputy Zoning Administrator

CLERK CLARK MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD APPOINT TOWNSHIP PLANNER MATT MCKERNAN AS A DEPUTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR. IT WAS FURTHER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SWEAR-IN MR. MCKERNAN.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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

5. Discussion Related to An Article Featured in The Lansing State Journal Regarding the Lansing Mall

Planning Director Gary Bozek gave an overview regarding a discussion that took place between the Township and the Lansing Mall on the topic of future zoning ordinance amendments. No further conversations have taken place between the Lansing Mall and the Township since then.

XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

XV. MANAGER'S REPORT – Brian Reed, Township Manager

- Reminder to Board members of the tour of the Delta Energy Park.
- Next week is the public hearing for the CIP at the Planning Commission meeting.
- Mediation with the fire department union is set for September 30th.
- Commended wastewater plant staff for visiting various wastewater treatment plants throughout the state to learn about various wastewater plants for the design of the new wastewater treatment plant.
- Still doing passports by appointment but have had to cancel recent passport drive events.
- Administration building roof repairs are almost complete. Thanked Township staff for being accommodating.

XVI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6. Corridor Improvement Authority Discussion

The development team K/2 Retail Construction and Development and Landmark Investment Partners provided an additional presentation as well as answered all Board members questions of the Corridor Improvement Authority for their Delta Crossings Project.

A discussion ensued among Board members and the development team. Consensus of the Board was to continue to have future discussions on this project and the rest of the Saginaw Corridor at the committee of the whole level.

Supervisor Fletcher opened the floor to public comment on the proposed CIA.

Donald Suttles, 3911 Barton Rd. Asked which state act governs the CIA. He also asked if the act has a template that the township would have to follow as well as who would be writing the governing documents for the Township.

Price Dobernick, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Pipefitters Local 333. Thanked the Board for making local labor a priority on the potential project. He asked that the Board strongly consider moving the potential project forward with further discussion.

Mike Bowler, 1032 Robins Rd. Asked if the Corridor could be further extended to the Lansing Mall. He commented that this would provide additional benefit to the township.

Beth Bowen, 7946 Madrid. Questioned whether the Township really needs this tool. Asked developers if they had other businesses on Saginaw interested in the project. Wondered if there is a need for this economic development tool elsewhere in the township. Asked developers if they investigated other methods to finance this portion of their project.

Dan Stockwell, St Joe Hwy. His Desire would for the CIA to be expanded further east on Saginaw Hwy with a CIA board keeping in mind the smaller businesses and the Lansing Mall moving further.

Arnold Weinfeld, 1018 Powderhorn. Loss of two retailers on the East side to the new development is of great concern. If a CIA is done, it should be done the right way for the entire corridor. Encouraged the Board to obtain their own consultant for the work study moving forward.

Jim Mills, 1303 Berrywood Pl. Stated he worked for the Department of Treasury but is speaking his own opinion and not the state. Said the development is fine but adamantly opposed to a CIA based on what he has seen in other communities in the state.

William Brewer, 4804 Canyon Trail. Asked that at some point the Township get ahead of these types of discussions and engage some type of strategic planning to look at best practices to see what has worked well and what has not in other communities. He would like to see moving forward, what is our brand and our vision. The strategic plan should be looked at on an annual basis since the world is changing rapidly.

Jim Schweitzer, 11351 Nixon Rd. Inquired who would be members of the Corridor Improvement Authority.

William Tansil, 4904 Plum Hollow Dr. Wanted to make sure all transportation

infrastructure issues have been resolved and that Eaton County and MDOT has been involved in discussions for this project.

Gretchen Mikoula 4207 Knoll Circle. Trustee Brewer read an email from Gretchen Mikoula that requested the email be read as it is written at the board meeting. The email read that Gretchen Mikoula strongly opposes the Delta Crossings development due to too many vacant buildings on the east side of the Saginaw Hwy Corridor, too much congested traffic near the development site, retail is dying, and something should be done to the Lansing Mall. Urged the Board to reconsider the development.

Supervisor Ken Fletcher also let the Board know that the IBEW Local 665 is in support of the project but could not attend the board meeting.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Barnes, President of Delta Township Professional Firefighters Local 2846. Run volume is increasing back to normalcy pre-covid. Currently 300 runs down from last year. Each shift is touring the new Erickson power plant. An incident at the powerplant has raised some questions about equipment they may or may not have and personnel that may or may not be trained for certain rescues. September is suicide prevention month. The Delta Fire team is wearing special t-shirts to raise awareness. Actively seeking new applicants for open positions.

Mike Bowler. Need more speed patrol on Robins Rd. Many cars speeding on this road at 55-60 mph. Believes there should be a big concern about the Lansing mall. Something should be done to bring new development into the area. Most properties on Saginaw Hwy are old.

Price Dobernick. The incident at the Delta Energy Power plant was one of his members that passed of a heart attack on the job site. Delta Fire Dept as well as the building trades men and women on the project were nothing short of heroic in trying to access where she was at on the jobsite and will be forever grateful for their efforts.

XVIII. CLOSED SESSION

7. Closed Session

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (ACT 267 OF 1976), SECTION 15.268, SEC. 8 (H) TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION AT 9:11 PM. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

TRUSTEE BREWER MOVED TO END THE BOARD EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION AT 10:01 PM.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 10:01 PM.

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KENNETH R. FLETCHER, SUPERVISOR

MARY R. CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK