

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2008**

The members of the Delhi Charter Township Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, in the Multipurpose Room at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, MI. Supervisor Goodrich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Stuart Goodrich, Clerk Evan Hope, Treasurer Harry Ammon, Trustees John Hayhoe, Jerry Ketchum, Paul Krepps, Roy Sweet

Others Present: John Elsinga, Township Manager
Mark Jenks, Director of Parks & Recreation
Sandra Diorka, Director of Public Services
Tricia Vander Ploeg, Admin. Assistant/Deputy Supervisor
Amy Finch, Assistant Twp. Clerk/Deputy Clerk

BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES – MAY MONTHLY REPORT

Sandra Diorka, Director of Public Services, reported on the highlights of the May Department of Public Services Monthly Report (ATTACHMENT I).

PRESENTATION BY LANSING ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP, INC. (LEAP)

Denyse Ferguson, Vice President, New Business Development and Marketing, LEAP, Inc., gave a presentation on the Care√Ck's Intelligent Care Network™. Ms. Ferguson stated that LEAP has been working with Care√Ck to pilot a health care program in the Greater Lansing area. Care√Ck is a comprehensive database system that all health care providers could be on. All health records could be on this database so that anyone that ever interacts with you in a medical, dental, etc. capacity would access the same record.

Ms. Ferguson stated that Americans pay the most for the worst health care in the world. Sixty-one percent of every dollar that is spent on health care goes to administrative overhead and system abuse. A lot of the effort to reduce the health care costs and the burden of employers and providers is focused on the 39%.

Over time, compared to other countries, health care costs continue to escalate out of control. The quality of health care is inconsistent (and often poor). Care√Ck feels that the primary reason for this is due to physicians that are communicating with paper files. Physicians, pharmacies, therapists, etc. are keeping their own data in their own systems. By creating these separate entities that build an additional layer in the system, an additional cost is added to the administrative overhead.

Trustee Krepps asked what percentage of providers are interested in this data system to date. Ms. Ferguson stated that she is not certain of the exact percentage of providers that have an internal electronic medical records (EMR) component; however, she feels that there are very few in place in this region. This system is trying to address situations so that when both parties are on the component, real time up-to-date medical information is ready to go when it is needed.

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The system is community-based, which recognizes that the health care community can no longer expect payers to cover costs related to inefficient business practices. Businesses cannot expect the health care community to resolve these issues without a viable alternative and a motivation to drive change. To put in a system such as this is very expensive and to launch something like this is unrealistic to expect the health care community to support. To address this is to share the costs across the community. Care√Ck is reaching out to LEAP and other organizations to get a base of employers, and therefore, patients onto the system.

The way that this is done is that the employer pays \$50 per employee the first year. For subsequent years, the employer pays \$24 per employee. For the medical community, the cost is \$2,000 per month which provides the terminal, software, training, etc.

The key management team of Care√Ck is a physician, the founder of the company and the president of the company. The team is HIPPA compliant and cost-effective.

Care√Ck National is located in Florida and plans on remaining there. Care√Ck Michigan will be the second corporate headquarters. There will be Care√Ck in other states, but Michigan will retain, as much as possible, the national marketing, sales, etc. Trustee Krepps asked if Care√Ck was already set up in Florida and will now be setting up a point in Michigan. Ms. Ferguson stated that the company is based in Florida in the sense that the founders are located in Florida and a company has been formed there. Trustee Krepps asked if the system has already been implemented there. Ms. Ferguson stated that a system called Smart Doctor has been built and is in place with approximately 35-40 physicians' offices across the country participating.

One strategic partner that has committed to the Care√Ck system is Verizon, as they are looking at diversifying what they are doing in the digital space. Verizon will be a contributing funding partner. Hewlett Packard is another strategic partner who will be providing all of the hardware. The CEO of Hewlett Packard is evaluating the system to see if they will also be a contributing funding partner.

Michigan was selected because the management team has ties with the area. Also the maximum benefit of the system is when there is an inordinate amount of travel. This is seen with people traveling to Grand Rapids, Detroit, etc. for their health care needs. Additionally, Michigan being contained as a peninsula, makes measuring a set area easier. There is a strong union presence and a lot of self-insured employers in the State making it a more workable solution to pilot the program.

Ms. Ferguson stated that by using this system, the employers would save \$750 to \$1,500 annually. Also, reduction of inaccurate claims and tests, repeat tests, etc. will save money. Time and money are also saved by the medical community.

Supervisor Goodrich asked how secure this system was. Ms. Ferguson stated that it was very secure.

Trustee Ketchum stated that he was concerned with the possible loss of jobs in the clerical sector of the health care field. Ms. Ferguson stated that job loss is a valid point; however, this type of system will be coming regardless and is not avoidable. The questions are, is this the right group and is this an opportunity that Michigan is going to be able to take advantage of.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Date: _____

Evan Hope, Township Clerk

Date: _____

Stuart Goodrich, Supervisor

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**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2008**

The Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 in the Multipurpose Room at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, Michigan. Supervisor Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Stuart Goodrich, Treasurer Harry Ammon, Clerk Evan Hope, Trustees John Hayhoe, Jerry Ketchum, Paul Krepps, Roy Sweet

Others Present: John Elsinga, Township Manager
Mark Jenks, Director of Parks & Recreation
Rick Royston, Fire Chief
Sandra Diorka, Director of Public Services
Tricia Vander Ploeg, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Supervisor
Amy Finch, Assistant Township Clerk/Deputy Clerk

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

SET/ADJUST AGENDA

HOPE MOVED TO ADD AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S REPORT.

A Voice Poll was recorded as follows: All Ayes
MOTION CARRIED

2007 ANNUAL REPORT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rick Royston, Fire Chief, gave the 2007 Annual Fire Department Report (ATTACHMENT I).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meeting of May 20, 2008
- B. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of May 20, 2008
- C. Approval of Claims – May 20, 2008 (ATTACHMENT II).
- D. Approval of Payroll – May 29, 2008 (ATTACHMENT III).

HOPE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.

A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows:
Ayes: Goodrich, Hayhoe, Hope, Ketchum, Krepps, Sweet, Ammon

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MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 2008-039 – ISSUANCE OF 2008 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BONDS

The Board reviewed a memorandum dated May 29, 2008 from Twp. Mgr. Elsinga (ATTACHMENT IV).

KREPPS MOVED TO ADOPT AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 2008-039 WHICH AMENDS SECTION 1(B), “OPTIONAL REDEMPTION”, OF THE BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION.

Trustee Sweet asked if this amendment also needed to be approved by the DDA Board. Twp. Mgr. Elsinga answered in the negative, stating that the Board of Trustees is the authorizing Board.

A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Hayhoe, Hope, Ketchum, Krepps, Sweet, Ammon, Goodrich

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-040 – ACQUISITION OF FORECLOSED PARCEL FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE

The Board reviewed memorandums dated May 29, 2008 from Twp. Mgr. Elsinga and Tracy Miller, Director of Community Development (ATTACHMENT V).

KETCHUM MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-040 WHICH WOULD ACQUIRE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE TAX PARCEL #33-25-05-14-382-008, WHICH HAS BEEN FORECLOSED BY THE INGHAM COUNTY TREASURER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that if the Board of Trustees approves of this purchase, the DDA will fund it. The parcel may be used as a parking lot.

A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Hope, Ketchum, Krepps, Sweet, Ammon, Goodrich, Hayhoe

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION – HUD GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Supervisor Goodrich stated that he received a request from Chad McCain, Executive Director of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Inc. The foundation has been informed of the HUD

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Good Neighbor Program that partners with local governments in helping to foster housing opportunities for low to moderate income families and address specific community needs. The program facilitates the sale of aged HUD inventory of single family homes to local governments for \$1.00.

Properties that have been offered to the public for sale for six or more months and that are not under a sales contract will be removed from the market and offered exclusively to local governments for a period of ten days.

Nonprofit organizations and entities such as housing authorities are not permitted to directly purchase properties under this sales program. They are, however, encouraged to partner with local governments in reaching the disposition goals and strategies for these homes.

The Holt Lions Club/Lions of Michigan Service Foundation would like to partner with the Township to obtain property located at 4240 Woodworth Avenue. If the Township were to make the purchase, the foundation would cover any and all expenses of the purchase. The property would be rehabilitated and resold.

HOLT LIONS CLUB KIDS DAY – JUNE 14TH

Supervisor Goodrich stated that the Holt Lions Club Kids Day will be held on June 14, 2008.

KELLER'S RIDGE NO. 3 STORMWATER DETENTION ALTERNATIVES

Supervisor Goodrich stated that the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office has scheduled an informational meeting with the property owners within the Keller's Ridge No. 3 Branch Drain on June 11, 2008 regarding stormwater drainage alternatives in the Kirkland Ridge Subdivision.

TREASURER

SUMMER TAX BILLS

Treasurer Ammon stated that the summer tax bills will be printed soon for a July 1st delivery date.

CLERK

DELHI NEIGHBOR NEWSLETTER

Clerk Hope stated that he is working on the next issue of the DelHi Neighbor Newsletter to be delivered in early July. Clerk Hope further stated that he continues to receive positive feedback from the first issue of the DelHi Neighbor Newsletter.

HOLT COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL "MUSIC IN THE GARDEN"

Clerk Hope stated that the Holt Community Arts Council will be presenting a "Music in the Garden" concert series in Veterans Memorial Gardens. Four performances will be held throughout the summer. Volunteers are needed for these events.

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TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE SWEET

Trustee Sweet stated that he has received some negative feedback in regards to the Streetlighting Project on Cedar Street. Trustee Sweet explained to the residents that the project included burying the utilities.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

GOALS & OBJECTIVES – CHANGE OF DATE

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that Lynn Harvey, who will serve as facilitator for the Goals & Objectives meeting scheduled for June 17th is unable to attend the meeting on that date. The meeting will be rescheduled for June 16th at 6:00 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER BIDS

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that the bids for the Senior Center were received on June 3, 2008. With a few exceptions, everything about this building could make it LEED Certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

DELHI NE-DEPOT STREET INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga reported on the progress of the Delhi NE-Depot Street Infrastructure Project. Clerk Hope stated that he received a complaint regarding the speeds of the trucks using the Keller Road detour. An official request will be made with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to patrol the road.

CEDAR LAKE

Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that on May 29, 2008, Township Attorney J. Richard Robinson submitted the motion for intervening in the lawsuit between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Ingham County Drain Commissioner to the court.

PARKS POLICING – JOSEPH YOUNG AND ASSOCIATES

Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that a meeting was held with the Ingham County Parks Department as well as the Sheriff's Office regarding the use of a Park Ranger for patrolling the Township parks; however, the position will not materialize this year. Mr. Jenks stated that Joseph Young and Associates, who currently patrols for the City of Lansing, CATA, CADL and the Lansing Lugnuts, will be hired to patrol the Delhi Township Parks. The cost will be approximately \$18.00 an hour which includes their hourly wage and mileage. The service will begin on June 9, 2008. Mr. Jenks stated that the Ingham County Sheriff's Office endorses this company.

TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

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Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that he was approached by the Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA) asking that the Township apply for the Michigan Elder Friendly Communities Recognition Program.

LIMITED COMMENTS

Steve Dougan, 2455 Pine Tree Road, Ingham County Board Commissioner, complimented the Board on the progress made in regards to the Keller's Ridge No. 3 stormwater detention pond.

Mr. Dougan further stated that the Ingham County Land Bank Authority has acquired a property on Creole Way. Michael Henderson, who lives adjacent to this property, is interested in acquiring the property. The Land Bank has given some resistance to his request because they would like to see a house on the property. Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that he spoke with Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer, and Treasurer Harry Ammon regarding this parcel. Twp. Mgr. Elsinga agrees with the Land Bank Authority in that there would be a better rate of return with a house built on this property.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date: _____

Evan Hope, Township Clerk

Date: _____

Stuart Goodrich, Supervisor

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