

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE**  
**TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**  
**September 29, 2020**  
2009 Township Drive  
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

Due to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order to "Stay Home, Stay Safe", this meeting was held via Zoom, video conferencing technology.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor David E. Scott called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m. and introduced the members of the Board.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: David E. Scott, Supervisor  
Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Molly Phillips, Treasurer  
Robert Berkheiser, Trustee  
Vanessa Magner, Trustee  
Rick Sovel, Trustee  
George Weber, Trustee

Also Present: Mark Schoder, Maintenance Director  
Emily England, Senior and Parks and Recreation Director  
Jim Dundas, Fire Chief  
Janet Bushey, HR/Finance Director  
Ben Sebrowski, IT Director  
Dave Campbell, Planning Director

Ken Milburn, President of Merge Live, Multimedia Group, is hosting the meeting.

Supervisor David E. Scott amended the agenda adding Item 6: CARES Act Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding Agreement; and Item 7: Lower Straits Lake Aquatic Services SAD.

**ITEM 1: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Scott opened Public Comments.

Bruce Jaquays, 1841 Lerene Dr., asked if the Board of Trustees will give businesses such as bowling alleys and theaters a break on their taxes since they've been out of business for six months due to COVID.

Mike Miller, 5320 Bridge Trail W., thanked the Board on behalf of the Miller Family for the Commerce Memorial Cemetery fencing and arborvitaes.

Seeing no other "hands" raised, Supervisor Scott closed Public Comments.

**ITEM 2: RESOLUTION WAIVING PTA PENALTY FOR PARCEL NO. 17-33-106-293**

**MOTION** by Phillips, supported by Weber, to approve the Resolution Waiving the PTA Penalty for Parcel No. 17-33-106-293, authorizing Treasurer Molly Phillips to change the resolution to the correct meeting date and time.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Phillips, Weber, Creech, Berkheiser, Magner, Sovel, Scott

**NAYS:**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 3: COMMERCE MEMORIAL FENCE**

Trustee Weber said the parking lot and patio expansion at the Benstein Grille is nearing completion and he spent some time there, and in the cemetery, on various days and noted that parking lot noise carried well into the cemetery. Going forward he would like to utilize money in the cemetery fund and strategize Township fencing priorities. He would like to add additional fencing at Commerce Memorial to shield the cemetery from noise. He said our execution could've been better but this is the right thing to do.

**MOTION** by Scott, supported by Berkheiser, to approve installation of fence panels and arborvitae for a length of approximately 500 feet, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Scott, Berkheiser, Creech, Magner, Weber, Sovel, Phillips

**NAYS:**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 4: CARES ACT FUNDED LUCAS DEVICE PURCHASE**

**MOTION** by Scott, supported by Magner, to purchase 2 Stryker Lucas Device machines in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Scott, Magner, Sovel, Creech, Phillips, Weber, Berkheiser

**NAYS:**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 6: CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Phillips, to approve the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funding Agreement.

**ITEM 6: CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDING AGREEMENT (Motion continued)**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Berkheiser, Phillips, Creech, Weber, Magner, Sovel, Scott

**NAYS:**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 7: LOWER STRAITS LAKE AQUATIC SERVICES SAD**

After discussion, the Board decided to take up this matter at the regularly scheduled meeting on October 13, 2020.

**ITEM 8: 2021 TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

Senior/Parks and Recreation Director Emily England presented the proposed 2021 Open Space Fund budget and the proposed 2021 Parks and Recreation budget.

Maintenance Director Mark Schoder presented the proposed 2021 Maintenance Department budget.

IT Director Ben Sebrowski presented the proposed 2021 IT Department budget.

Planning Director David Campbel presented the proposed 2021 Planning Department budget.

Additionally the Board discussed the Township Hall Building and Ground Maintenance Fund, CISMA, Rails to Trails, 8585 PGA Drive, departmental staffing, and employee insurance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

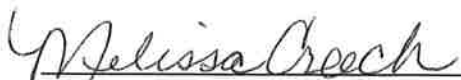
**MOTION** by Berkheiser, supported by Creech, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Berkheiser, Creech, Magner, Sovel, Scott, Weber, Phillips

**NAYS:**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Charter Township of Commerce