

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, MI 48390
Tuesday, November 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Gray called the Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Larry Gray, Supervisor
Melissa Creech, Clerk
Molly Phillips, Treasurer
Vanessa Magner, Trustee
Rick Sovel, Trustee
George Weber, Trustee

Absent: Bob Berkheiser, Trustee

ITEM 1: Public Comments

Supervisor Gray opened Public Comments. Seeing none, Supervisor Gray closed Public Comments.

ITEM 2: Public Hearing for Proposed 2025 Township Budget

Supervisor Gray opened the Public Hearing. Seeing none, Supervisor Gray closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM 3: 2025 Township Budget

MOTION by Magner, supported by Phillips, to approve the 2025 Township Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Magner, Phillips, Creech, Weber, Sovel, Gray

NAYS:

ABSENT: Berkheiser

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4: Road Grant Opportunity Resolution

Supervisor Gray said he and the work group met with OHM last week and they are looking at the intersection of Martin Parkway and Richardson Road, and Union Lake and Richardson Roads. They have some ideas on how to improve those intersections but it will cost around \$5 million. SEMCOG has the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) that presents a grant opportunity for the Township.

ITEM 4: Road Grant Opportunity Resolution continued

MOTION by Sovel, supported by Magner, to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Sponsorship Agreement between the Road Commission for Oakland County and Commerce Township and submit the funding application for congestion mitigation and air quality (CMAQ) funding for the construction of intersection improvements at Richardson and Martin Roads and at Richardson and Union Lake Roads.


MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Supervisor Gray said we are trying to fight the Oakland County Sheriff contract and trying to spread the 15% increase over the next 3 years but they are looking to increase the 2025 contract by 15% as well, which would be a \$935,000 increase. For years 2026 and 2027 they are proposing CPI plus 6% which is close to a 33% increase over the next 3 years. Supervisor Gray and several other township supervisors are attending the County Board of Commissioners' meeting on Thursday. He wants clarification of the additional 6%.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Magner, supported by Creech, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Melissa Creech, Clerk
Charter Township of Commerce