

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWNSHIP BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 13, 2003

A Special meeting of the Chocolay Township Board/Planning Commission was held on Monday, January 13, 2003 at the Township Hall, 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Fende called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Bill Sanders called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Ivan Fende, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, Lois Sherbinow, Don Britton, Ken Tabor.

ABSENT: Matt Wiese.

PLANNING COMMISSION.

PRESENT: Bill Sanders, Mike LaPointe, Estelle DeVooght, Steven Kinnunen, Tom Shaw, Scott Emerson.

ABSENT: None.

Supervisor Fende explained that the Board and Planning Commission will be discussing three primary topics: Commercial vehicle parking in residential areas, Private roads and Election signs. Since this is a special meeting for the discussion of these items the public will be allowed to comment on each subject without reserving time.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Herb Grenke – Wants to commend the Board for their action on the DNR railroad grade snowmobile trail. The Board is looking out for the welfare of the residents that live on the railroad grade, and it is very much appreciated.

Jude Catello – Is proud to be part of Chocolay Township. The Board was very courageous to stand up to a larger government agency for going against our local zoning.

Ralph Bennett – Thanked the Board for their stand on the snowmobile trail. Supervisor Fende presented the Township case in court very well. Chocolay Township is a model for other municipalities to look toward.

Ann Archibald – Is so pleased Chocolay Township Board took the stand they did on the snowmobile trail. She is proud to live in Chocolay Township.

DISCUSSION ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Comments from the Board, Planning Commission and residents.

- The Township should not completely waive home occupation permit fee.
- We should not charge a fee if only an administrative check needs to be done on the home occupation. If it must go the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals then a fee should apply.
- There are many home occupations in Chocolay Township that are not reported. There will be many more in the future. We must make Chocolay a place that allows this to happen in a good and constructive way.
- Couldn't there be a certain level of commercial vehicle parking and home occupations that are permitted by right? That is what the Planning Director is suggesting in his memo.
- More rural zoning districts should allow more lenient rules for home occupations and commercial vehicle parking.
- Having gray areas in the zoning ordinance is what causes problems. We should have a vehicle length and height written in the ordinance. We need to come up with a size that is ok with no permit needed. No vehicles should be allowed to run all night long (such as an 18-wheeler).
- Each household should be allowed a specific number of commercial vehicles.
- A specific size and visual of allowable vehicles should be in the ordinance. Then a permit must be given for anything larger.
- What about a motor home? It is not a commercial vehicle, so it would not fall under the regulations.

- We should look at the different zoning districts for vehicle size. A smaller size vehicle could be allowed in R1 and perhaps a larger size for the more rural zoning districts. The size of a lot and distance from neighbors should be taken into consideration.
- A larger vehicle could be allowed if enclosed in a building.
- Look at a 25-foot length for commercial vehicle parking without a permit and include a visual with the size.

PRIVATE ROADS.

- We should look at calling a private road with only one dwelling a driveway.
- We need to tighten up regulation on private roads.
- We should have private road standards the same as County Road standards.
- Consider item #4 on the Planning Directors memo – Private roads are permitted under a sliding scale approach. Under 6 lots, private road standards would apply. For any larger development the road must be constructed and dedicated as a public road.
- Consider only allowing private roads in cluster developments.

ELECTION SIGNS.

- Consider allowing political signs to be put up 30 to 60 before an election.
- Consider a \$50.00 deposit before political signs can be put up. When the signs are taken down the deposit can be returned. Permission should be given from the property owner before a sign can be put up.
- Signs may be put up 30 days prior to the election and the deposit should be \$100.00 cash or cashiers check.

The Planning Commission will work on these items over the next few months.

UPDATES ON STREETLIGHTS, U S 41 CORRIDOR PLAN AND THE DUNE OVERLAY DISTRICT.

- 27 shielded streetlights have been put up in the Township.
- The corridor draft access management has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and has been forwarded to MDOT for review.
- The dune overlay district seems to be working very well. The dune owners and the neighbors seem to be happy with the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Bill Sanders – Thanked the Board on behalf of the Planning Commission for the good work session.

Jude Catello – Commented on how nice the new street lights are.

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende and Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

Trustee Wiese – Has taken a job with the prosecutor’s office and feels it is a conflict of interest to serve on the Chocolay Township Board. Effective tonight, he must submit his resignation; he will follow up with the resignation in writing.

Supervisor Fende – Is very sorry to see Mr. Wiese go, but he understands the law. Supervisor Fende thanked Mr. Wiese for serving on the Chocolay Township Board.

SURVEY QUESTIONS.

Supervisor Fende told the Board that we should finalize topics of interest for inclusion on the survey, so staff can finalize the questions and put the survey particulars in order. However, the survey should not go out until after the recall election matter is settled in order to avoid the perception of trying to influence that matter.

Survey ideas:

- Should the Board meetings be televised at taxpayer’s expense?
- Community Center without additional millage.
- Recreation areas in the Township – are locations and facilities adequate?

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Planning Commission - December 9, 2002
- 2) MAWTFAB - December 10, 2002
- 3) NMPSA - December 11, 2002
- 4) Chocolay River Watershed Council - June 19, 2002

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT.

1. Zoning Administrator - At the end of this month, Randy Yelle will have completed his first three months as the Zoning Administrator. Randy is doing a very good job and I will be executing another 3 month contract. Next month, I will propose whether we make Randy's position a permanent part-time position or a long term contractual position.
2. Snowmobile Warnings - The Police Department is very busy issuing warnings to snowmobilers regarding the court order banning the use of the railroad right-of- way and for other State law snowmobile violations. There is a problem at the M-28 overpass area, additional signs needs to be positioned to be effective. Snowmobilers are driving on the wrong side of the highway (against traffic), Supervisor will speak to MDOT on this problem.
3. Closed Session Discussions - It has come to my attention that there may have been a recent release of information regarding our December closed session discussion on a proposed property sale. I must remind all Board and staff members that any information discussed in closed session cannot, by law, be discussed or released to the public. Hopefully, no damage to our negotiations has been done.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – REVISED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MARQUETTE COUNTY RESCUE.

Tabor moved, Fende second that the revised mutual aid agreement for rescue and extrication with the County be approved and may be executed following favorable insurance carrier response.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Britton, Greenberg, Hill, Tabor, Fende.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Wiese.

MOTION CARRIED.

EXPENDITURE FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND.

Greenberg moved Britton second to expend \$317.29 for police training supplies. This will be paid from the police training account in the Police Capital Improvement Fund 401.306.957.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hill, Tabor, Greenberg, Britton, Fende.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Wiese.

MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence - Welker to Board - Re: Thank You
- B. Information - Police Department - Fourth Quarter Statistical Report
- C. Information - Marquette County Board of Commissioners - Re: 2003 Meeting Schedule
- D. Information - Marquette County Road Commission - Re: 2003 Meeting Schedule
- E. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

March 17, 2003

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, March 17, 2003 at the Township Hall, 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Fende called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Ivan Fende, John Greenberg, Don Britton, John Trudeau, Ken Tabor, Lois Sherbinow.

ABSENT: Arlene Hill.

PUBLIC HEARING - MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION – UPGRADES TO SILVER CREEK RECREATION AREA.

The Public Hearing was opened up at 7:01 p.m. Trustee Trudeau asked how costs for the project were established. The hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2003.

Sherbinow moved Greenberg second that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2003 be approved.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Tabor moved Trudeau second that bills totaling \$33,237.28 checks numbered 10513 – 10543 are approved for payment.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

DATE PURCHASED	03/12/03	03/12/03
AMT OF C/D	210,000.00	115,000.00
MATURING ON	09/12/03	09/12/03
INTEREST RATE	1.75%	1.45%
INSTITUTION	NO. MI. BANK	1 ST NAT. BANK

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

LOT SPLIT APPLICATION #14 – DILORETO – MAIN STREET.

Darlene Herkins – Where would driveway be placed if this lot split takes place. The Township has no set standards on where the owner places the driveway, the permit for that is approved by the Road Commission.

Trudeau moved Britton second that the Township Board approve Lot Split request #14 by Mr. Diloreto with the following conditions:

- 1) That Mr. Diloreto combine the proposed "southwesterly parcel" into the legal description for either his home site parcel to the west or the proposed parcel to the east.
- 2) That the Township Board is not making any findings as to the ownership or control of that portion of Hotel Place or Dock Street that is included in the lot split application.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Planning Commission - February 10, 2003
- 2) Community Center Committee - February 26, 2003
- 3) MAWTFAB - February 11, 2003
- 4) NMPSA - February 26, 2003

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

- 1) US-41 Bridge over Big Creek - The Michigan Department of Transportation plans to work on the bridge over Big Creek (i.e. the bridge by the Beaver Grove Recreation Area) this summer. They have been discussing with the Road Commission that they plan to completely close US-41 while the bridge is being worked on. The plan is to detour traffic

to Cherry Creek Road. However, without question, the short section of Little Lake Road is going to see a lot of the traffic. The Road Commission is negotiating that if Little Lake Road is damaged by the increased traffic that the Michigan Department of Transportation will be responsible for fixing it. The timeframes for the closure are not known at this time.

- 2) Board of Review - The Board of Review completed their sessions last week. There were 22 petitions reviewed and 8 changes were made including 1 poverty exemption. The assessment rolls were turned over to the County this morning.
- 3) Natural Resources Commission - In your packets is a copy of the presentation I made to the Natural Resources Commission on March 6th.
- 4) Dog Sled Race – The Township assisted with the dog sled race by amending the court order to allow the trail to be groomed with snowmobiles on the day of the race. The Chocolay Police escorted the 1st dog team through the Township portion of the trail on snowmobile.
- 5) CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – Last year Charter Communications told us that they would no longer be able to rebate the franchise fee to the customers. The Township budgeted that \$30,000.00 as 2003 revenue. Charter is now informing their customers that they can rebate them.

Sherbinow moved Britton second to mail back the franchise fee check to Charter Communications Cable Company so they can rebate the fee to Chocolay Township customers in 2003.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION – UPGRADES TO SILVER CREEK RECREATION AREA.

The recreation grant application to upgrade the Silver Creek Recreation Area was presented to the Board and accepted.

FEMA GRANT APPLICATION.

Trudeau moved Sherbinow second that the Director of Recreation and Grants Administration submit an Assistance to Firefighters Grant application to FEMA and the Township will provide the required grant match not to exceed \$19,990.00.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

MICHIGAN UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE REVIEW AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING.

Greenberg moved Tabor second that following review of draft Ordinance #53, the Township Board shall schedule a public hearing for April 21, 2003 where Ordinance #53 which adopts the new Michigan Uniform Traffic Code and other applicable State Codes as applicable to the Township Police Department will be considered for adoption and to rescind previous Ordinance #38A

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER DRAFT COMMUNITY SURVEY.

The survey was presented to the Board for review.

Tabor moved Trudeau second that the community survey as drafted be sent out to each Township household.

Greenberg moved Britton second that the questions on Televising Board Meeting be changed to:

- Should the Township Board use tax dollars to televise its Board meetings (estimated at \$2,000 per year).
- Should the Township Board use tax dollars to televise Planning Commission meetings (estimated at \$2,000 per year).

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Trudeau moved Greenberg second that the third question on Community Center be changed to:

- The Township Board should sell the Community Center (Silver Creek School).

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Tabor moved Trudeau second that the community survey as amended be sent out to each Township household.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – ENTRANCE CARPET.

Greenberg moved Sherbinow second to expend \$650.00 from 401.270.957 Buildings Capital Improvements Fund to purchase carpet and skid proof paint.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Fende.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Hill

MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Zyburt announced to the Board that Officer Maurice Neveau has taken a position with the Ishpeming City Police Department and has resigned with Chocolay Township.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Memorandum - Zoning Administrator to Board - Re: Travelling the Township/Enforcement
- B. Correspondence - Clerk Hill to Wiese - Re: Thank you
- C. Correspondence - Supervisor Fende to Black - Re: Letter/Article
- D. Correspondence - Township of Munising - Re: Grant
- E. Correspondence - MDOT - 2000-2025 State Long Range Plan
- F. Correspondence - Michigan Historical Commission - Re: Award Nominations
- G. Correspondence - Marquette County - Re: Housing Rehabilitation Program
- H. Information - Supervisor Fende Presentation to Natural Resources Commission - Re: Snowmobile Trails
- I. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

April 29, 2003

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE # 53 – MICHIGAN UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE.

Supervisor Fende opened the public hearing on Ordinance #53 at 7:00 p.m. There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 7:03p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at the Township Hall, 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Fende called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Ivan Fende, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, Don Britton, John Trudeau, Ken Tabor, Lois Sherbinow.

ABSENT:None.

MINUTES – March 17, 2003.

Sherbinow moved Greenberg second that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2003 be approved.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Hill moved Trudeau second that bills totaling \$69,593.08 checks numbered 10544 - 10587 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The second set of bills will be approved after the audit has been presented.

The Board discussed that all capital expenditures from the Capital Improvements Fund must be approved by the Board before the purchase is made. Supervisor Fende will memo all departments' heads on this matter.

Trudeau moved Tabor second that bills totaling \$57,417.21 checks numbered 10615 – 10657 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Pete LaRue – Reserve time under New Business item B. Survey results.

Elry Reetz – Reserve time under New Business item B. Survey results.

Richard Harry – Reserve time under New Business item B. Survey results.

Jeff Harry - - Reserve time under New Business item B. Survey results.

Dick Arnold – Reserve time under New Business item B. Survey results.

John Smith – Reserve time under New Business item B. Survey results.

Trustee Britton – 208 Timber Lane has not been cleaned up and it looks like more junk has been added. There are fuel tanks and 55 gallon barrels upside down on the property. The Township should enforce the zoning ordinance here. We have given him time to clean up the property and it appears that he has added junk instead of removing it.

ORDINANCE #53 – MICHIGAN UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE.

Greenberg moved Hill second that the Chocolay Township Board adopt Ordinance #53 as presented which adopts the new Michigan Uniform Traffic Code and other State codes as applicable to the Township Police Department and to rescind previous Ordinance #38A.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Fende.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Planning Commission - March 10, 2003
- 2) Zoning Board of Appeals - March 27, 2003
- 3) MAWTFAB - March 11, 2003
- 4) NMPSA - April 9, 2003

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

- 1) Little Lake Road Detour - In your packets is a letter from the Road Commission detailing that Little Lake Road will be improved by the Michigan Department of Transportation when it is used as a detour while the US-41 bridge over Big Creek is worked on.
- 2) Emergency Management Team - Also in your packets is a copy of the County's Emergency Management Resolution. Article 8 of that resolution calls for the Township to designate a local Emergency Management Coordinator to act as a liaison with County officials. Fire Chief Johnson has volunteered to be this person and it makes sense with his involvement with Central Dispatch and the new 800 mega hertz radio system. Police Chief Zyburt and DPW Supervisor Magadanz are his alternates.
- 3) Agendas and Minutes on Website - We now have the Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals agendas and minutes on our website (www.upsell.com/choctwp). Agendas will typically be posted a couple of days prior to scheduled meetings.
- 4) Training Certificates - The Northern Michigan Public Service Academy has forwarded us the training certificates for the employees and officials that have completed training classes over the past couple of years. Here they are if the Board would like to review. They will now be distributed accordingly.
- 5) Jerry Trotochaud: Patrolman Jerry Trotochaud has been hired as the replacement for the officer who left the Police Department last month for a position with Ishpeming. Jerry has been our part-time reserve officer for the past two years. Greg and I will be interviewing for a new part time reserve officer later this week.
- 6) Railroad Grade: We have a problem with the railroad grade in Chocolay Township. The DNR has not closed the grade to ATV's and Vehicles, etc. A letter has been sent to Mr. Kool, Director of the DNR asking them to issue an executive order to close the grade.
- 7) Senior Citizen Task Force: The City of Marquette has requested that the Chocolay Township Board send a representative to be on a Senior Action Task Force. Trustee Britton offered to be the Chocolay Township liaison.

FY2002 AUDIT WITH ANDERSON TACKMAN & COMPANY.

Mike Greutz from Anderson Tackman presented the audit and gave a clean opinion on the audit. The Township does a very good job staying within budget. There were no errors noted in the audit. The Township is in good financial shape.

Trudeau moved Sherbinow second that the FY2002 audit as presented by Anderson Tackman be accepted.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Hill moved Trudeau second that bills totaling \$16,565.09 checks numbered 10588 - 10614 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

SURVEY RESULTS.

The Township had a response rate of 54% on the survey mailed out.

Community Center –

47% had utilized it. 54% wanted the Community Center to remain open beyond the August 2003 date if alternate funding were found. 49 % wanted the Board to sell the Community Center (compared to 41% did not want the Center sold, 10% not answering the question).

Televised Meetings –

22% have watched a Chocolay Township meeting on television. 76% did not want to use tax dollars to televise the Township Board meetings. 83% did not want to use tax dollars to televise the Planning Commission meetings.

Junk Vehicles –

70% wanted the Township to increase enforcement of junk vehicle storage. Limits on number of vehicles and duration of storage varied. The numbers will all have to be looked at by the Police Department and the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Fende – recommended selling the Community Center based on the survey results and the two elections.

Clerk Hill – asked if there was any way we could sell the Community Center to a private school? Our agreement with the Marquette Area Public Schools states that can not be done.

Trustee Trudeau – Thinks the Community Center could be a great thing for our Township and is in favor of it. He feels that since the majority of those surveyed wanted us to sell it, we should.

Trustee Tabor – Feels that the tension in the community over this center is because the votes were split close to 50/50. We still need to think creatively with the Community Center.

Trustee Britton – Feels we should go with the voters on the Community Center.

Trustee Sherbinow – Also feels we need to go with the survey results.

Clerk Hill – The Community Center could be wonderful for our Township but the results say to sell it.

Trustee Greenberg – It is a shame to sell the building but the voters want us to sell.

Pete LaRue - Disappointed in the outcome of the Community Center. Feels that it got mixed up with snowmobile trails, politics, legal fees and other problems. If we sell the building, can we keep the original money set aside for a Community Center in the Capital Improvements Fund? If we sell the facility can we keep some of the property for future building of a Community Center.

Supervisor Fende – We already have a Community Center and can't get funding to run it.

Elry Reetz – Have we pursued other funding to run the Community Center?

Richard Bohjanen – It is interesting that the Community Center is so utilized and people still want us to sell it. This appears to be because of other political reasons. Have we considered selling membership to utilize the Community Center?

Dick Arnold – Is pleased that the Board is going to sell the Community Center because the majority of the residents have indicated that is what they want.

Lee Blondeau – The Community Center should not deteriorate in one year of non-use.

Supervisor Fende – A committee from the Board will be set up to look at other funding and potential sale of the building. Trustee Trudeau; Treasurer Greenberg and Supervisor Fende will be on the committee.

Trustee Trudeau – Are we looking at locking the doors in August or keep it running until a sale is made? Are we going to actively solicit a buyer now? The Board will have to decide if we keep it open until a sale or close the doors after August and yes we will begin looking for a buyer right away.

John Smith – Junk vehicle and unlicensed vehicles are two separate items. What about unlicensed plow trucks and vehicles only licensed part of the year.

Doug Riley – The junk vehicle ordinance is a separate ordinance from the zoning ordinance. The police department enforces the junk vehicle ordinance.

Jeff Harry – What about a covered vehicle being restored?

Trustee Trudeau – The Township should have a work session on the junk vehicle ordinance before having a public hearing. That seems to work much better.

SPRING METAL PICKUP.

Greenberg moved Britton second that N& N Trucking be awarded the contract to supply manned roll offs for the spring metal pick-up from May 24 – 31, 2003. (Memo stated cost would be \$3,250.00)

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

EXPENDITURE FROM POLICE TRAINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND.

Sherbinow moved Tabor second to expend \$456.12 for the 2003 Police Chief Conference. This will come from the police training account in the Capital Improvements Fund 401.306.957.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Hill, Sherbinow, Tabor, Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND DEPARTMENT.

Trudeau moved Britton second to expend \$23,351.75 for the 800 MHz radio system for police officers and patrol cars. This will come from the Capital Improvements Fund Police Department 401.305.957.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Hill, Sherbinow, Tabor, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

EXPENDITURE FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Tabor moved Hill second to expend \$17,134.03 for the purchase of eight (8) Motorola XTS 250 Radios and Impress Chargers. This expense will be charged to Capital Improvements Fund 401.340.957.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Hill, Tabor, Sherbinow, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GRANT.

Greenberg moved Tabor second that the Chocoy Township Board accept the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Management grant and the terms of the grant agreement.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Hill, Sherbinow, Tabor, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

METRO ACT RESOLUTION.

Hill moved Trudeau second to approve the attached Telecommunications right-of-way Resolution and to forward it to the state Metro Authority.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

MARQUETTE ALGER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT.

The Board does not want to regulate smoking in private businesses. The Board took no action.

MARQUETTE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

Greenberg moved Sherbinow second that the dinner cost of \$18.00 per person be paid for all employees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board and other appointed representatives of the Township to attend the 2003 banquet on May 16, 2003.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Hill, Tabor, Sherbinow, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

PROPERTY SALE/PURCHASE DISCUSSION CLOSED SESSION.

Fende moved Sherbinow second that the Board go into closed session at 8:37 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Hill moved Sherbinow second that the Board come out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence - Hill to Tasson - Re: Regrets on passing of Cliff Johnson
- B. Correspondence - MTA to Board - Re: Revenue Sharing
- C. Correspondence - Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority to Fende/Board
- Re: Bond Payment
- D. Correspondence - Potvin to Fende/Board - Re: Landfill Authority
- E. Correspondence - Marquette County Emergency Management - Re: Emergency
Management Resolution
- F. Correspondence - Marquette County Road Commission to Fende/Board - Re: Little Lake
Road Detour Route
- G. Information - Police Department - Re: 1st Quarter Statistical Report
- H. Information - Landfill Authority - 2002 Annual Report
- I. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #3 - CARL BESOLA - MINING PERMIT (SAND) - YOUN PROPERTY AT THE END OF VALLEY ROAD

Sam Mahoney showed pictures of the mining property to the Board.

Carl Besola – Will remove the two old vehicles. The oil jugs that Mr. Mahoney showed in the pictures are currently being used on the equipment.

JoAnne Clark - The sand in the air from the mining is causing air pollution. The shaker is running a lot. Wants the Township to carry out and enforce the 11 points stated in the permit.

Supervisor Fende – Our Zoning Ordinance can't deny mining in this area. The 11 points stated in the mining permit is the best way to handle this situation.

Doug Riley – The Zoning Administrator will review the site and there is a three-year review by the Planning Commission.

Tabor moved Trudeau second, that after consideration of Special Use Permit #3 for a mineral extraction permit for sand as provided in the standards of Section 407 of the Chocolay Township Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board approves the request as recommended by the Planning Commission with the following conditions:

- 1) That the applicant complies with all elements of his application unless otherwise noted in these conditions.
- 2) That the applicant applies dust control measures as needed on the haul routes to prevent dust from impacting property owners.
- 3) That an 800' buffer be maintained along all property lines where no excavation shall take place and the buffer is left in its natural state including trees already on site.
- 4) The shaker shall only be utilized between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. two days per week, not on weekends.
- 5) That excavated areas shall be reclaimed, per item 8 of the application, within 6 months after excavation in a particular area has ceased.
- 6) That the applicant obtains a soil erosion permit as required by the Soil Conservation District.
- 7) That the applicant have surveyed and submit to the Township once per year a certification of the volume of material removed.
- 8) That the maximum limit of material removed from the site is 1800 cubic yards per year.
- 9) The clearance to the nearest well be maintained at 1500 feet or must be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 10) The shaker will be relocated to the approximate center of the property within 30 days after approval of the permit application.
- 11) That this permit is valid for a period of three (3) years after which time the Planning Commission shall review the permit to determine the need for new/amended conditions.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

LOT SPLIT REQUEST #15 - DAVID BUSSIER - 401 GREEN BAY STREET

Greenberg moved Sherbinow second that, as recommended by the Planning Commission, the Chocolay Township Board approve Lot Split #15 with the following conditions:

- 1) The Township is making no findings as to actual property line locations.
- 2) That the piece of property being split is combined into the legal description of the neighbor's parcel to the south.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLICATION OF REZONING #123 - TEXT AMENDMENT - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS/HOME OCCUPATIONS

Hill moved Tabor second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board waive the reading and publish the following amendment to ORDINANCE 34 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: #34-03-01

AMENDMENT #34-03-01

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Section 107 (A) - Home Occupation Provisions - The existing language shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 107(A) - HOME OCCUPATIONS

Home occupations that are permitted without any Township review or approval required include any home occupation that does not have any exterior evidence, other than the permitted sign, and complies with all of the following:

- a) Is conducted entirely within an enclosed dwelling but does not occupy more than 1/4 of the floor area of the residential single family dwelling unit on the property or not more than 1/2 of the square footage of an accessory structure.
- b) Home occupations shall employ only those inhabitants residing on the premises.
- c) A sign shall not exceed four (4) sq. ft. in area and shall be attached to the building used for the home occupation or a two (2) sq. ft. sign may be placed in the yard.
- d) Commercial vehicles, or personal vehicles with signage, are permitted to be parked in association with the home occupation as long as they are of customary personal vehicle size (e.g. cars, trucks, vans, etc.). Up to one (1) 25 foot or smaller truck or van not exceeding 16,000 GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) may be parked at a residence in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 Districts in conjunction with the home occupation. Up to one (1) 27 foot or smaller truck or van may be parked at a residence in all other residential zoning districts in conjunction with the home occupation.
- e) Specifically excluded is the storage and display of merchandise not produced by such home occupation or any activity similar to a generally recognized retail store or service establishment as permitted in any commercial district.

Any Home Occupation that does not comply with items a) through d) above requires review and approval by the Township Planning Commission under the provisions of Section 701 (Conditional Use Permits). Home Occupations reviewed by the Planning Commission shall be reviewed to assure that the use or structure does not become contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare or the spirit and purpose of this Ordinance. In completing this review, the Planning Commission shall take into account the zoning district, the size of the property, distance to adjacent land uses, screening, buffering, and other factors. The Planning Commission may attach conditions, including any time limit for future review, as warranted.

Section 107 - Add a new Section (D) - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS as follows:

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AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLICATION OF REZONING #124 - TEXT AMENDMENT - ELECTION SIGNS

Hill moved Tabor second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board waive the reading and publish the following amendment to ORDINANCE 34 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: #34-03-02

AMENDMENT #34-03-02

The Board of Chocolay Charter Township of Marquette County, Michigan ordains that Ordinance #34, the Chocolay Township Zoning Ordinance as adopted May 9, 1977 and as amended, be further amendment as follows:

Section 805 - Election (Political) Sign Provisions - The existing language shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 805 - Election Signs

Political signs which are intended to advertise a public election, issues to be balloted upon in that election, or to promote individuals and/or parties participating in an election are permitted as follows:

- a) Approval of the landowner or occupant must be obtained prior to sign placement. Signs must be placed in accordance to Michigan Department of Transportation or County Road Commission setback rules as applicable.
- b) Signs may not exceed 32 square feet and no side may exceed 8' in length.
- c) Signs may not be placed any earlier than 45 days prior to the election and must be removed within 5 days after the election.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Greenberg moved Britton second that the Chocolay Volunteer Fire Department submit a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant application to the Department of Natural Resources. The Township will provide the required 50% match not to exceed \$3,000.00.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

DNR URBAN & FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION

Board discussed the grant and agreed that the grant was not needed. The Township will transplant trees from other Township properties.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - POLICE DEPARTMENT - PATROL CAR

Trudeau moved Britton second to expend \$20,524.00 for the cost of the 2003 Ford patrol car and not over \$1,600.00 for the transfer of equipment, graphics and pick-up costs for the new 2003 Ford Crown Victoria. Total cost would not exceed \$22,124.00. This will be pair from the Capital Improvements Fund, account 401.305.957.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - POLICE DEPARTMENT 800 MHz RADIOS

Britton moved Greenberg second to expend a total of \$991.83 from Capital Improvement Fund 401.305.957. \$175.00 of this is a one-time only initialization fee for the new 800 MHz radios. The remaining amount of \$816.83 will pay for seven months of subscriber fees for the police department's new 800 MHz radios.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Hill, Tabor, Sherbinow, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Fende.

NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

Fende moved Hill second to re-appoint Bill Sanders to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to run until May 24, 2006.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Fende moved Sherbinow second to re-appoint Steve Kinnunen to the Planning Commission with a term to run until May 24, 2006.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS

Greenberg moved Tabor second that the Personnel Policy be amended to reflect the changes detailed in the Personnel Administrator's recommended amendment dated 4-16-03, with one change in section 12.10. Eliminate the sentence (Employees between the ages over the of 18 and 65 inclusive, and who have completed at least six months of continuing employment with the township are able to join the plan on January 1.)

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor discussed with the Board that they should support each other and Board decisions. In this time of a recall election it is very important for Board members to show respect for other Board members and their opinions.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Information - Public Service Commission Hearing Notice - Alger Delta Coop Electric Refund.
- B. Information – MTA – Legislative Updates.

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

June 16, 2003

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, June 16, 2003 at the Township Hall, 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Fende called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Ivan Fende, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, Don Britton, John Trudeau, Ken Tabor, Lois Sherbinow.

ABSENT:None.

MINUTES – May 19, 2003.

Sherbinow moved Tabor second that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2003 be approved.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Hill moved Britton second that bills totaling \$30,490.63 checks numbered 10703 - 10747 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Hill moved Sherbinow second that bills totaling \$117,553.01 checks numbered 10748 – 10760 and 10762 – 10774 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Hill indicated that the Michigan Township Association had advised her that the County could not pass all recall expenses to the Township. She asked the Board if they would approve having our attorney look into the Township being held accountable for all of the election expenses on the recall election. The Board agreed.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

AMT OF C/D	180,000.00
DATE PURCHASED	06/11/03
MATURING ON	12/10/03
INTEREST RATE	2.00%
INSTITUTION	Peoples

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jan Amundsen – Can the word draft be removed from the web site minutes after they have been approved? Would like to reserve time under IX A. & IX C.

Pete LaRue - Would like to reserve time under IX C.

Lee Blondeau – Will public comment be added to the end of the meeting?

Dan Chartier – Would like public comment at beginning and end of meeting. Would like the Township to consider selling the Township Office and fire hall property and moving to the Community Center.

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ROLL CALL.

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Fende.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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ROLL CALL.

AYES: Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Fende.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Community Center Committee - May 28 & June 11, 2003
- 2) MAWTFAB - April 8 and May 13, 2003
- 3) Chocolay River Watershed Council - December 18, 2002

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

- 1) Update from Sub-Committee - The sub-committee overseeing the potential sale of the Community Center facility has received two formal offers. One was for the entire property and one was just for a piece of the property. The sub-committee has not recommended pursuing the two offers.
- 2) Elected Officials Weekender Class - In your packets is a brochure for an upcoming elected officials training class held by the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy. Since we are a member of the Academy the class is only \$10. Let Mary know if you have any interest in going so we can sign you up.
- 3) Corridor Improvements - I am very encouraged to see the improvements that have been occurring in the US-41 commercial corridor over the past year. Numerous businesses have made significant improvements and now most of the vacant buildings have been occupied and upgraded. Staff is also now working with some other potential new developments that will improve the corridor as well.

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE PRESENTATION.

Ann Pecotte, from the Community Center Committee presented to the Board a recommendation on considering selling the current Township Office and Fire Hall and utilizing the Community Center for administrative and fire department functions.

Due to technical problems the presentation will be completed at the end of the meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – RECOMMENDED CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS & OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Greenberg moved Tabor second that the Fire Department's Constitution and By-Laws and Operating Policies and Procedures be adopted with the changes recommended by the officers of the Chocolay Township Volunteer Fire Department.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE 2000 PATROL CAR ON BID.

Britton moved Sherbinow second that the police have authority to place out on bid the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and to sell it to the highest bidder. The money received from the sale of the patrol car will be put back into the Capital Improvement Fund Police Department, 401.305.957 and will be used towards the purchase of the next patrol car.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – TRAINING.

Hill moved Britton second to expend \$545.00 for police training: “The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation” and “Advanced Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation”. This will be paid from the police training account in the Capital Improvement Fund 401.305.957.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Fende.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – TRANSFER FROM CONTRACT TO PERMANENT PART-TIME EMPLOYEE STATUS.

Memo from Supervisor Fende explaining that Randy Yelle was appointed as Zoning Administrator in November 2002. He has been working on a contract basis until the position as part time could be assessed. It has been working out well. He will work an adjusted schedule (20-24 hours per week in the spring and summer and 14-16 hours per week in the fall and winter, not to exceed 960 hours per year). The Board agreed to this.

COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTATION CONTINUED.

Ann Pecotte finished the presentation requesting that the Board consider selling the current township complex and moving the offices and fire department over to the Community Center Building. The Board discussed and will consider the proposal and get an appraisal on the current Township Complex property. They will only consider this if it is financially feasible.

Pete LaRue – Member of the Community Center Committee thanked the Board for listening to the proposal and thanked Ann Pecotte for a very thorough presentation.

Trustee Britton – The senior task force set up by the City of Marquette, will meet again on July 7th. They requested that Chocolay pick an alternate for the task force from the Township Board.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Memorandum - Zoning Administrator to Board - Re: Zoning Report
- B. Correspondence - Fende to DNR Director Kool - Re: Thank You
- C. Correspondence - Mulder to Riley - Re: Special Use Permit #3
- D. Correspondence - Hetrick and Associates/Accident Fund - Re: Work Comp. Dividend
- E. Information - Fire Department - Thank you article
- F. Information - MAWTFAB - 2002 Annual Report
- G. Information - NMPSA - Elected Officials Academy Course
- H. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

Trustee Britton – Can we do anything about the letters Mr. Maki is sending on our new Zoning Administrator? Noted that it will be addressed at the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Treasurer Greenberg – Presented the All-America City Award given to the Township through Marquette County.

Bill Kimmes- Read a letter to the Board on the recall. He stated his dislike for the Supervisor and called for the Board to resign.

Kenlyn Hubbard – Questioned the Board on selective zoning.

Lee Blondeau – The Township has not won all zoning issues in court. It was noted that the judge grandfathered one case, thus dismissing it.

Treasurer Greenberg – Our zoning allows home occupations with some boundaries. The Township has never ticketed a business car or truck that was parked at a home.

Trustee Sherbinow – Has been on the Zoning Board of Appeals for many years and the ZBA has only turned down one home occupation in all the years she has been involved.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Planning Commission - 2002 Annual Report
- 2) MAWTFAB - June 10, 2003
- 3) NMPSA - May 28 & June 25, 2003
- 4) Marquette Senior Center Task Force - June 9, 2003

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

- 1) Update from Sub-Committee - The sub-committee overseeing the potential sale of the Community Center facility will meet after the meeting tonight to review a new offer that has been received. We are also continuing to move forward on the evaluation of moving all township functions to the Community Center property. The appraisal on this property will be done by next Monday. We have completed a space needs study and the preliminary plans and cost estimates for necessary remodeling over at the Community Center are being worked on.
- 2) Budget - We have begun the 2004 budget preparation cycle. Department heads are putting their requests together, which have to be turned into me by the end of this month. As usual, the Board's budget workshop will be in September.
- 3) DNR Appeal - The DNR's appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals on the snowmobile trail has been filed and is likely to be heard by that Court in October. The Township Attorney has filed his necessary brief. The Michigan Township's Association has also been granted permission by the Court to file a brief supporting the lower courts ruling and Township's position.
- 4) Summer Youth Program - The annual summer youth program is well underway. There are over 70 children signed up with a daily average attendance of about 40.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #4 - WITTLER - U.S. 41 - MINING PERMIT FOR THE EXCAVATION OF SAND

Greenberg moved Tabor second, that after consideration of Special Use Permit #4 for a Mining and Mineral Extraction Permit for sand as provided in the standards of Section 407 of the Chocolay Township Zoning Ordinance, the Township Board approves the request as recommended by the Planning Commission with the following conditions:

- 1) That the applicant complies with all elements of his application.
- 2) That the access road be adequately treated to prevent dust from impacting US-41.
- 3) That the permit is only valid for 5 years (until 2008) and the Zoning Administrator shall check the site annually for compliance with the mining standards of the Ordinance.
- 4) That the applicant obtains a soil erosion permit as required by the Soil Conservation District.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

COST OF THE RECALL ELECTION.

Clerk Hill explained to the Board that the law is quite vague on who pays for the recall election expenses. Attached to her memo was documentation from the Michigan Township Association Attorney and our Township Attorney stating the same. She suggested that we pay the bills on the election. After the election and all bills are known, discuss with the new County Clerk that the County consider payment of those expenses rightfully belonging to the County. The Board concurred. Clerk Hill also noted that Clerks Statewide need to approach County Clerks to pay their rightful share of special or recall elections.

John Smith had questions on the actual cost of this recall election vs. a regularly scheduled election.

SNOWMOBILE ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Trudeau moved Tabor second that the Director of Recreation and Grants Administration submit on a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for a Snowmobile Enforcement Grant. The Board agrees to pay a 25% match not to exceed \$2,465.00

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FY2003 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO.1 – BEAVER GROVE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

Greenberg moved Hill second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvements fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002 for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Recreation			
Capital Outlay	-\$29,850.64	+\$38,411.42	\$ 8,560.78
401.708.957			

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
401.698	\$0	+\$38,411.42	\$38,411.42

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hill, Sherbinow, Tabor, Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Fende.

NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 FY2003 - SNOWMOBILE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT.

Sherbinow moved Tabor seconded that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002 for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Department	\$2,414.00	+\$2,357.24	\$4,771.24
Capital Outlay			
101.305.957			

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
101.698	\$35,500.00	+\$2,357.24	\$37,857.24

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Hill, Sherbinow, Tabor, Fende.

NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT –CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - COMPUTER

Hill moved Greenberg second that the Police Department be authorized to purchase a new computer not to exceed the cost of \$1,400.00 including installation and conversion. This will be paid from Capital Improvement Fund 401.305.957.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sherbinow, Hill, Tabor, Greenberg, Trudeau, Britton, Fende.

NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO 2- POLICE TRAINING FUNDS-STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Tabor moved Sherbinow seconded that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvements fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002 for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Department			
Capital Outlay	\$2,133.76	+\$418.40	\$2,552.16
401.305.957			

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous 401.698	\$38,411.42	+\$418.40	\$38,829.82

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Hill, Sherbinow, Tabor, Fende.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Memorandum - DPW Supervisor to Board - Road Commission Call for Projects
- B. Correspondence - U.P. Children's Museum to Board - Re: Information and Thank You
- C. Correspondence - Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority to Board - Re: Budget, Fees, Mercury Detection Program
- D. Correspondence - Charter to Fende - Re: Cable Programming Change
- E. Correspondence - Maki to Board - Re: Zoning Enforcement and Community Center
- F. Information - MTA cover of "2003-2004 Township Officials Directory"
- G. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Fende adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
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SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2003

A Special meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Wednesday August 13, 2003 at the Township Hall, 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI. to discuss filling the Supervisor position until the October 7, 2004 election. Clerk Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Hill moved Sherbinow second that Treasurer Greenberg chair the Special Board Meeting.
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, Don Britton, John Trudeau, Ken Tabor, Lois Sherbinow.
ABSENT: None.

Treasurer Greenberg explained that a Special Meeting of the Board was called as Supervisor Fende was recalled from office at the August 5, 2003 Special Recall Election. The Board should decide whether to fill the vacant position until October 7, 2003 when an election will be held to select a Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

John Smith – Spoke on the recall election and that he did not start the process. He also noted some positive things that he has done in the Township and announced that he plans on running for Supervisor.

Ava Bennet – Thanked the Board for the excellent job they do and was thankful that they were not recalled.

Scott Hubbard – Read a letter to the Board for clarification on a community center offer discussion from a previous Board meeting.

Treasurer Greenberg – Responded that there were negotiations on the community center but no offer of \$500,000. The party we were negotiating with refused to make an offer because of the recall.

Ivan Fairfield – Came away from the last meeting thinking we had an offer of \$500,000. on the community center. Wanted Trustee Trudeau to retract his statement in the newspaper.

Frank Thomas – It would be inappropriate for the Board to appoint an interim Supervisor.

Scott Emerson – The voters of the Township have spoken. Would like the committed to recall the Board to disclose where their funding came from.

Lee Blondeau – 50% of the voters in Chocolay turned out to vote on the recall because it was a big issue.

Bill Kimmes – A letter that was distributed stating that the yes recall group was against the fire and police departments is not true.

APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERVISOR.

Clerk Hill stated that the Township Board has 45 days to fill the Supervisor position or an election must be held. An election will be held on October 7, 2003 to fill that position so it is not necessary for the Board to select an interim Supervisor. The Board did not want to fill the Supervisor position. Discussion will be held on Supervisor duties to be picked up by other Board members. After that discussion the Board could still decide to appoint an interim Supervisor.

Dick Arnold – The minutes should be put out in a timelier manner.

Treasurer Greenberg – Sometimes the minutes are taken down by interested residents.

Clerk Hill – The policy now is that the minutes are not posted until after being approved.

John Smith – You can purchase a video camera for \$300.

Bill Kimmes – Editing of information in minutes causes misinformation. Comments from the public need to be in the minutes.

There being no further business, Treasurer Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Memorandum - Zybur to Board - Re: Bids on 2000 Ford Crown Victoria
- B. Memorandum - Zybur to Board - Re: Bike Registration Winners
- C. Correspondence - Sergeant Robert Maxon to Board - Re: Thank you
- D. Correspondence - Alger-Marquette County CISM Team - Re: Request for financial support
- E. Correspondence - Northern Michigan University to Snooks and Board- Re: Thank You
- F. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Treasurer Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

Other General Government
Contingency
101,285.951 \$30,072.00 -\$3,200.00 \$26,872.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sherbinow, Tabor, Trudeau, Britton, Hill, Greenberg,

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Revenues – No change.

Salaries – Deputy Treasurer salary will increase 3% as no health benefits are taken.

Township Board – No change.

Supervisor – Trustee had a question on lowering the Supervisor salary. Clerk Hill will get an opinion from Michigan Township Association for the next board meeting.

Elections - No change.

Assessor - No change.

Clerk - No change.

Board of Review - No change.

Treasurer – Salary deputy treasurer + 3%.

Township Hall and Grounds – No change.

Other General Government – No change.

Police – No change.

Fire – No change.

Streets – No change.

Sanitation – No change.

Recreation – No change.

Community Center – No change.

Parks and Properties – No change.

Zoning – No change.

Planning Commission – No change.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No change.

Capital Improvements – No change.

Sewer Fund – There will be an additional \$1,400.00 added to professional services, 571.801 for an increase in elevator testing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Thomas – Question on Road money in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Lee Blondeau – Has the appraisal been completed on the Township Complex and what is the figure?

Doug Christenson – Are there term limits on Township officials?

Audrey Robinson – Would still like to use the Township meeting room to sell crafts.

Pastor Levesque - Her church has a bazaar and all the proceeds go to charity.

Clerk Hill – Don Hannula will no longer organize a bus trip to the Michigan Township Association conference. Marquette County Township Association will look into organizing the bus to attend the conference.

Lee Snooks – The Township has received criticism in the past for allowing sales in the meeting room which is in direct competition with commercial operations

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Memorandum - Magadanz to Board - Re: Elevator Inspections
- B. Memorandum - Zybert to Board - Re: Bike Registration Winners
- C. Correspondence - Sergeant Robert Maxon to Board - Re: Support
- D. Correspondence - Sheriff Lovelace to Board - Re: Potential Elimination of Road Patrol Services
- E. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Treasurer Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

ADOPTION OF REZONING #125 - SCHAUB - C-2 (COMMERCIAL) AND R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE AND MULTI-FAMILY).

Hill moved Sherbinow second that the Charter Township of Chocoday Board waive the reading and adopt the following amendment to Ordinance 34 of the Charter Township of Chocoday, Marquette County, Michigan: #34-03-03.

AMENDMENT #34-03-03

The Board of Chocoday Charter Township of Marquette County, Michigan ordains that Ordinance #34, the Chocoday Township Zoning Ordinance as adopted May 9, 1977 and as amended, be further amended as follows:

SECTION 902 - CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP

That the property identified in Rezoning application #125 be rezoned from C-2 and R-1 to R-3 except that the northern section of property fronting on Fairbanks measuring 150' X 80' shall not be included and shall remain zoned R-1.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Tabor

MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF FY2004 BUDGET.

Hill moved, Sherbinow second that the salary for the office of Supervisor shall be set in the amount of \$14,447 for the Fiscal Year 2004, which begins January 1, 2004, and ends December 31, 2004.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Sherbinow moved Trudeau second that the salary for the office of Treasurer shall be set in the amount of \$8,403 for the Fiscal Year 2004, which begins January 1, 2004, and ends December 31, 2004.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Trudeau moved Greenberg second that the salary for the office of Clerk shall be set in the amount of \$11,396 for the Fiscal Year 2004, which begins January 1, 2004, and ends December 31, 2004.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Greenberg moved Hill second that the per diem for the office of Trustee shall be set in the amount of \$50 for the Fiscal Year 2004, which begins January 1, 2004, and ends December 31, 2004.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Hill moved Sherbinow second that

Whereas, the Township Supervisor has submitted a complete itemized budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2004, to the Township Board for its consideration; and

Whereas, notice of the public hearing on the budget was published in the Mining Journal, a newspaper of general circulation within the township, on October 13, 2003; and

Whereas, a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on October 20, 2003, at the Chocoday Township Municipal Complex, and a copy of the proposed budget was on file and available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the Township Clerk for a period of not less than one week prior to the public hearing;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. The Township Board adopts the budget as revised and according to designated accounts for the next fiscal year, to wit, beginning January 1, 2004, and ending on December 31, 2004, in the amount of \$1,326,976 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$271,902 for the Sewer Fund and in the amount of \$52,000 in the Capital Improvements Fund.
2. The Township Board does hereby appropriate the sum of \$1,326,976 for general operating expenses and capital improvements of the Township to be used for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2004.
3. The Township Board does hereby appropriate the sum of \$271,902 to defray the expense of the operation and debt retirement of the Sanitary Sewer System for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2004.

4. The Township Board does hereby levy 4.1056 mills for general operations.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with provisions of this resolution are rescinded.
6. The budget adoption and appropriation resolution shall now and hereafter also be known as the General Appropriation Act conforming with Public Act No. 621 of 1978, the Michigan Uniform Budgeting Act.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Tabor

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

1. Zoning Board of Appeals - September 25, 2003
2. MCTA - September 24, 2003
3. NMPSA - August 27 and September 24, 2003
4. Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership - July 17, 2003

SUPERVISOR REPORT.

1. Will continue to do board updates as started by the Clerk.
2. Blondeau Trucking has been picked as CABA business of the year, the presentation will take place on November 6th. With the Board's permission the Clerk and I will put together a resolution to honor Blondeau Trucking.
3. The County has proposed a .20 per parcel increase for the tax rolls. Treasurer Greenberg and I met with the County on this issue. The Assessor, Treasurer and I will look into our options.
4. Ron Thorley, Superior Fast Lube called today and will be getting his written suggestions on the sewer billing issue for the next Board meeting.
5. Met with Treasurer Greenberg, Trustee Trudeau and Doug Riley on the Community Center. We should have options and numbers in the next month.
6. We've met with Attorney Mike Summers on several issues. As soon as Mr. Summers gets the decision on the court case with the DNR, he will notify us. We need to be prepared to discuss options on what the court decides.
7. We are having a bureaucratic disagreement with the State on our elevators in the sewer system. We hope to have this resolved or at least clarified by the next Board meeting.

REZONING #126 – WARD – R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE AND MULTI-FAMILY).

Hill moved Britton second that, as recommended by the Planning Commission, the Charter Township of Chocolay Board deny rezoning #126.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENSION OF PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL – EWING PARK NO. 2.

Britton moved Greenberg second that the Township Board approve a 1 year extension from today's date to the preliminary plat approval for Ewing Park No. 2.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

This will be addressed at the December Board meeting.

REINSTATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR'S DUTIES.

Hill moved Greenberg second that the duties of budget preparation, personnel administration, representation on the East Marquette Solid Waste Authority and the Community Center Sale Subcommittee be returned to the office of the Supervisor.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUEST - DPW TRUCK

Britton moved Trudeau second to expend up to \$33,656.00 from 401.756.957 Parks and Properties Capital Improvements Fund to purchase a ¾ ton pickup truck with a plow.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Tabor

MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR DONATION OF GYMNAS TIC MATS

Britton moved Hill second that the Township Board donate the four portable gymnastic mats from the Community Center to the Forsyth Township Community center for use in the Gwinn Club House.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3 FY2003 GASB #34.

Greenberg moved Hill second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002 for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Treasurer	\$3,113.00	+\$1,300.00	\$4,413.00
Professional Services			
101.253.801			
Other General Government			
Contingency			
101.285.951	\$26,872.00	-\$1,300.00	\$25,572.00

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Britton, Trudeau, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Tabor

MOTION CARRIED.

DELINQUENT SEWER FEES TO TAX ROLL.

Hill moved Greenberg second that the list of delinquent sewer charges and penalties as received from the Deputy Clerk, be sent to the County of Marquette to be added to the December tax roll.

CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP DELINQUENT SEWER USERS 2003				
Name	Tax ID Number	Address	City, State, Zip	Amount Due
Ray & Margaret Sprowl	52-02-212-001-00	209 Corning Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Jean Kantola	52-02-207-009-00	238 Corning Street	Mqt MI 49855	\$535.92
Jeffrey Johnston	52-02-215-003-00	120 East Fairbanks	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Susan Racine	52-02-215-006-00	156 East Fairbanks	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Walter Besola	52-02-305-038-00	168 East Main St	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Linda Morgan	52-02-216-015-00	161 East Wright Place	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Robert & Joni Taylor	52-02-455-036-00	204 Jean Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Oliver Burns	52-02-455-046-00	225 Judy Stret	Mqt MI 49855	268.17
Mark Chudy	52-02-215-015-00	115 Kellogg Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Sharon Laurich	52-02-106-035-00	338 Reservoir Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Steve Johnson	52-02-206-012-00	2424 US 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Walt Racine	52-02-251-012-00	2801 US 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	482.33
Wahlstrom Enterprise	52-02-107-007-00	5043 U S 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	7,748.79
Wahlstrom Knight's Inn	52-02-107-005-00	5057 U S 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	4,435.42
Robert Vidlund	52-02-455-004-00	120 Veda Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
David Blackburn	52-02-106-032-00	232 Van Epps Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Kevin Small	52-02-207-010-00	219 West Fairbanks	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Jason Bernard	52-02-107-074-00	740 Willow Road	Mqt MI 49855	260.81
John Janofski	52-02-212-010-00	124 West Main Street	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Donna Pedone Trust	52-02-212-012-00	140 West Main Street	Mqt MI 49855	40.34
Kenneth Johnson	52-02-206-006-00	320 West Main Street	Mqt MI 49855	93.22
Joseph Stanaway	52-02-208-005-00	341 West Terrace St	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Marilyn Kremer	52-02-208-003-00	371 West Terrace St	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Kristine Dionne	52-02-106-043-00	110 West Wright Pl	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Janet Prevo	52-02-213-008-00	302 West Wright Pl.	Mqt MI 49855	60.38
Michael Olli	52-02-210-012-00	371 West Wright Pl	Mqt MI 49855	267.97
Total Delinquent Amount				\$18,480.87

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

TEACHING FAMILY HOMES/HONOR CAMP PROPERTY - RE: SILVER CREEK ROAD.

Earl Yelle, Sands Township Supervisor - Spoke on the Honor Camp in Sands Township and the use of Silver Creek Road.

Trudeau moved Hill second that the Chocolay Township Board supports Teaching Family Home's unrestricted use of Silver Creek Road for the development of their project.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 2

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jan Amundsen – Would like short explanation on each issue the Board deals with at meeting.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Memorandum - Yelle to Board - Re: Zoning Report -208 Timberlane & F.D. Training (Waselesky's)
- B. Information - Fuller to Board - Re: Assessing Office Progress
- C. Information - Police Department to Board - 2nd and 3rd Quarter Statistical Reports
- D. Correspondence - League of Women Voters to Clerk and Staff - Re: Thank You
- E. Correspondence - Charter Communications to Chocolay - Re: Billing/Marketing
- F. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

- Feels for both the snowmobilers and the residents that live along the trail. Lives near the bike path and has trees knocked down by the snowmobilers. It is too expensive for Chocolay Township to fight the DNR any further.
- Is a snowmobiler and lives near the railroad grade. Will help patrol the railroad grade and work with the Board and the DNR to make the trail work.
- Bought a home accessible to the snowmobile trail. Will also volunteer to patrol the trail.
- Is not happy about the snowmobile trail. Will snowmobiles still be allowed to go down M-28 even if there is a designated trail?
- The noise and the fumes from the snowmobiles are a health hazard. There should be a health impact done on this issue.
- The cost of fighting the DNR on the trail will be far higher than expected.
- The trail will not devalue property near it. The Board should work with the DNR on the trail.
- Supports the Township Board with going on to the Supreme Court.
- The trail is going to happen. We should use our authority to post the trail and make it safe. The MTA should pay for the appeal or our attorney should not charge us if the Township loses.
- Encourages the Township to continue on to the Supreme Court. The trail can not be effectively monitored.
- Carry this on to the Supreme Court. There are alternate ways to route snowmobiles from the East/West corridor, not through neighborhoods.
- The trail committee tried to get an alternate trail. The trail committed should be reformed to work with the DNR. Save the money on going to court and put it toward enforcement.
- Don't spend money on the Supreme Court.
- Chocolay Township took the Marquette Board of Light and Power all the way to the Supreme Court about 20 years ago and won. It has saved many residents money on their power bill over the years. Hopefully the DNR and Chocolay Township can work together on a trail. If we win at the Supreme Court level then we have leverage with the DNR.
- The DNR is trying to save the taxpayer money with the trail.'
- Opposed to the trail, in favor of the Township going to the Supreme Court.
- Is a snowmobile groomer from Marquette. There is not much traffic at night.
- It is too bad that the DNR did not work on the trail together.

Over 160 people were in attendance for this public comment. They were considerate and comments were well thought out. Attendance roster kept on file at the Clerk's office.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Planning Commission - October 13, 2003
- 2) Zoning Board of Appeals - October 23, 2003

SUPERVISOR REPORT.

1. Has met with the Marquette County Road Commission and there will be a reduction in service throughout the County.
2. The sewer elevator inspection problem has been taken care of with the State. Larry Gould will be hired as a part time employee to do the inspections.
3. Zoning Administrator, Randy Yelle will be back to 12 hour per week for the rest of this year. During the Summer/Fall he work more hours per week and now must work less to stay within the Board agreement. Newxt budget year we may address this again.
4. The County Tax Roll Department still plans on charging another .20 per parcel for printing tax bills. I am working with our assessor Tina Fuller and Treasure Greenberg to look into printing our own tax bills.
5. I will be looking into medical insurance costs this month.
6. I will attend the CABA dinner to present the Chocolay Township resolution to L. Blondeau and Sons Trucking.

APPEAL OF MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS DECISION – MDNR v. CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP.

Mike Summers, Chocolay Township Attorney explained that one year ago the Township received information that the DNR lost their East West route in Chatham. They needed a route for the snowmobilers at the last minute and decided to use the Wisconsin Central Railroad grade. The DNR chose to use the Railroad grade whether the Township wanted it or not. Chocolay Township filed an injunction. Judge Solka granted the injunction based on the fact that our local zoning ordinance took precedence. The Appealate Court reversed the injunction.

The Board discussed the cost of continuing to the Supreme Court and the fact that we have no leverage if we do not continue on. We must move on this within 21 days of the Appellate decision.

The public was allowed to make further comment on this agenda item:

- At the appellate court hearing the DNR stated that no ATV's will be allowed on the trail. The DNR is empowered to establish trails. The MTA should pick up the tab if the Township goes on to the Supreme Court.
- Our local Board should make the decision on a trail, not the DNR,

- Supports the challenging the Court of Appeals ruling and continuing on to the Supreme Court.
- Can't think of a better way to use tax dollars than to protect zoning and property rights.
- Mr. Britton should not vote on this issue because he has a direct interest as a paid trail groomer.
- It is a waste of tax dollars to pursue this to the Supreme Court.
- The Appellate decision was unanimous, the Township should not go on.
- Urges the Board to not use the reason that we may lose at the Supreme Court level because we are going against the DNR.
- We have not give the trail on the Railroad grade a chance. Did we blow our opportunity to work with the DNR because we went to court over the trail.
- The real issue of the recall was the snowmobile trail.
- The DNR is not following the Trailways Act.
- Could we get money back from the Michigan Township Association if they assist us financially?
- Once this trail is on snowmobile maps we will have trouble stopping the snowmobiles. Read an article that 150,000 snowmobiles would be on this trail in a season.
- How can Township zoning apply to State owned land?
- The Township is fighting a battle for a minority of residents.

Letters were read by Doug Riley from Nancy Rife, Curtis Rife and Rose Gentz (unable to attend meeting).

Trustee Britton brought up question on whether he should vote on this issue as he grooms snowmobile trails. Attorney Summers stated that since he has no direct financial gain by this trail going through he should vote on the motion.

Trudeau moved Tabor second, that the Township Board authorize the Township Attorney to proceed with the appropriate appeal(s) to challenge the recent Court of Appeals ruling in the matter of the MDNR v. Chocolay Township.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Trudeau, Seppanen.

NAYS: Britton.

MOTION CARRIED.

SENIOR CITIZEN TASK FORCE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Trudeau moved Britton second, that the Township Board approve the provided Senior Center Task Force Joint Resolution and that Don Britton be appointed to continue to serve as Chocolay's representative on the Task Force and to recommend to the Task Force that Dave Thomas be appointed as one of the at large representatives.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING COMMISSION – REAPPOINTMENTS.

Seppanen moved Hill second, to re-appoint Ken Tabor as the Board member representative to the Planning Commission with a term to run from 12/4/03 to 12/4/06.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved Greenberg second, to re-appoint Tom Shaw to the Planning Commission for a term to run from 12/4/03 to 12/4/06.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Appreciates that the Board accepted all the public comments on the trail but feels that the Board had make their decision before coming into the meeting.
- Did not receive letter that was mailed to residents along the trail.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence - Seppanen to Teaching Family Homes - Re: Silver Creek Road
- B. Correspondence - Seppanen to Road Commission - Re: Silver Creek Road and Main Street
- C. Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

DECEMBER 15, 2003

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, December 15, 2003 at the, Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, Don Britton, John Trudeau, Lois Sherbinow, Ken Tabor.

ABSENT: None.

EXPLANATION OF MEETING.

Supervisor Seppanen explained that this was a regular Township Board Meeting and at 8:00 p.m. a Joint Township Board/Planning Commission would take place.

MINUTES –NOVEMBER 10, 2003.

Sherbinow moved Greenberg second that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 10, 2003 be approved.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Hill moved Sherbinow second that bills totaling \$53,931.31 checks numbered 11101 - 11125 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Trudeau moved Tabor second that bills totaling \$23,217.65 checks numbered 11126 – 11158 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

AMT OF C/D	160,000.00
DATE PURCHASED	12/10/03
MATURING ON	06/09/04
INTEREST RATE	1.75%
INSTITUTION	Peoples

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chief Zyburt presented a good citizenship award to Cathy Reiber.

Howard Shear – Chocolay Township has a great Township complex. We should do everything possible to preserve it. The Township should not move over to the old Silver Creek School.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) MAWTFAB - September 9 & November 24, 2003
- 2) Chocolay River Watershed Council - June 11, 2003

SUPERVISOR REPORT.

1. Handed out educational certificates to Doug Riley, Denny Magadanz & Lee Snooks. They had taken training offered by NMPSA.
2. Expected additional 2004 state revenue loss of \$26,500.00, we are working on reviewing our fee structure to offset this loss and also looking at ways to reduce our expenditures.
3. Working with the assessor on possibly printing our own tax bills.
4. The DNR has grant money for patrol on the snowmobile trail.
5. Went to a Chocolay Watershed meeting last week, it was very educational. The County has cut their \$50,000.00 contribution.
6. The appeal to the appellate court on the trail was denied, so the paperwork is now being done to go to the Supreme Court.
7. Green Garden bridge will be rebuilt in the summer of 2004.
8. The Silver Creek building committee will be meeting in preparation of meeting with the Board to discuss results.

REZONING #127 – O'DOVERO – R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL).

Dan DiLoreto – Opposes the rezoning. Commercial zoning should not be allowed next to the Bayou.

Alma Thomas – Opposes the rezoning, agrees with Mr. DiLoretos' reason as stated.

Trustee Britton asked to abstain from this vote because he has a conflict. Clerk Hill noted that the Board must approve his abstaining from voting. Supervisor Seppanen asked Trustee Britton if he had a direct economic interest in this application. Trustee Britton stated no, but he had other dealings with O'Dovero.

Hill moved Tabor second that, as recommended by the Planning Commission, the Charter Township of Chocolay Board deny rezoning #127.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: Trudeau, Tabor.

ABSTAIN: Britton

MOTION CARRIED.

FREEZING OF TRAVEL/CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES.

Britton moved Tabor second that the Township Board temporarily freezes all travel/conference expenditures involving out of town travel as identified in the Supervisor's memorandum unless specifically authorized by the Board after a review of the justification of the expenditure.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 2 MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF AMENDED SESC PROCEDURES.

Trudeau moved Tabor second that Chocolay Township adopts the attached soil erosion sedimentation control procedures.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES – FIRE DEPARTMENT PAGERS.

Greenberg moved Britton second that the fire department is authorized to purchase 13 pagers from Anderson Communications, using funds from the Capital Improvements Fund 401.340.957 in the amount of \$5,092.75.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton Greenberg, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES – FIRE DEPARTMENT HYDRAULIC DROP TANK LIFT.

Tabor moved Hill second that the fire department is authorized to have Pomasl Fire Equipment install a hydraulic lift system for the portable water tank holder on the pumper/tanker for the quoted price of \$5,835.00. The funds for this are to come from the Capital Improvements Fund 401.340.957 budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Trudeau, Britton Greenberg, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 FY2003-POLICE TRAINING.

Greenberg moved Sherbinow second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvements fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002, for the next fiscal year, and, Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Department Training 401.306.957	\$2,552.16	+\$449.84	\$3,002.00
REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
401.698	\$40,657.82	+\$449.84	\$41,107.66

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton Greenberg, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 FY2003- ELECTION EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT.

Greenberg moved Hill second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvements fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002, for the next fiscal year, and, Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Election Department 401.190.957	\$13,444.01	+\$390.00	\$13,834.01
REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
401.698	\$41,107.66	+\$390.00	\$41497.66

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Trudeau, Britton Greenberg, Seppanen.
NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 FY2003-REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAFFIC GRANTS.

Trudeau moved Greenberg second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002, for the next fiscal year, and, Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Department			
Salaries			
101.305.702	\$188,973.00.	+\$1,269.68	\$190,242.68

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
101.698	\$37,857.24	+\$1,269.68	\$39,126.92

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton Greenberg, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5 FY2003 LEGAL SERVICES & SURVEY.

Trudeau moved Greenberg second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002 for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Township Board	\$16,500.00	+\$3,150.00	\$19,650.00
Legal Services			
101.103.826			

Township Board	\$5,150.00	+\$1,700.00	\$6,850.00
Miscellaneous			
101.103.956			

Other General Government

Contingency

101.285.951	\$25,572.00	-\$4,850.00	\$20,722.00
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ROLL CALL:

AYES: Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Trudeau, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: Britton.

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6 FY2003 ZONING SALARIES & MILEAGE.

Tabor moved Britton second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township on October 21, 2002 for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Zoning	\$8,750.00	+\$3,000.00	\$11,750.00
Salaries			
101.800.702			

Zoning	\$225.00	+\$1,000.00	\$1,225.00
Travel			
101.800.860			

Other General Government

Contingency

101.285.951	\$20,722.00	-\$4,000.00	\$16,722.00
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ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton Greenberg, Tabor, Sherbinow, Hill, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Dan DiLoreto – Applauds the Board for scrutinizing expenditures for the next year.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Correspondence - Warchol to Board - Re: Snowmobile Trail

Information - Peter White Library - Township Advisory Council Meeting Schedule

Information - MTA - Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

Mary L. Sanders, CMC
Deputy Clerk

JOINT MEETING
TOWNSHIP BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 15, 2003

A joint meeting of the Chocolay Township Board/Planning Commission was held on Monday, December 15, 2003 at the Township Hall, 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the Board meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Bill Sanders called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Seppanen explained that the joint meeting was set to discuss the snowmobile trail and update to comprehensive plan – review of request for proposals (RFP).

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, Don Britton, John Trudeau, Lois Sherbinow, Ken Tabor.
ABSENT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION.

PRESENT: Bill Sanders, Scott Emerson, Mike LaPointe, Steve Kinnenen, Estelle DeVooght.
ABSENT: Tom Shaw.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Maggie Meiss – Last week she noticed a screening fence on the Blondeau property being taken down. This screening was ordered by the Zoning Board of Appeals. She was told that this was being done for a business route for snowmobiles through Harvey.

Olive Hillier – Is against the proposed business trail for snowmobiles through Harvey.

Ava Benett – If the Board allows a business trail through Harvey it would be a contradiction.

Edwin Leach – Concerned about safety at the corner of Green Bay Street with snowmobiles.

Joe Holman – The DNR should not be able to allow a trail to commercial business through a residential area.

Dick Vivian – The yield sign on Bayou Street should be removed and replaced with a stop sign.

Ralph Bennett – The DNR has placed all enforcement of the snowmobile trail on Chocolay Township.

Karen Lynd – The snowmobiles need a safe designated trail.

Dan DiLoreto – Describe what the designated business route for the snowmobile trail is.

Robert Yuill – Concerned for safety at the sharp turns on Riverside/Lakewood and Green Bay Street.

Stan Hubert – Presented a \$2,000.00 check from several Chocolay businesses to go toward snowmobile trail enforcement.

Snowmobile trail discussion from the Township Board and Planning Commission. The Planning Commission members gave the Board an update if their recent meeting with the DNR.

- State law allows snowmobile traffic on all County Road right-of-ways.
- The sheriff department has applied for 80 more hours on snowmobile trail enforcement funds.
- The DNR came to the Planning Commission and they are trying to get more enforcement.
- It makes more sense to have one route to the business district than snowmobiles using all the roads.
- Enforcement has been laid on Chocolay Townships doorstep.
- Concerned that the Chocolay River not become a thoroughfare for snowmobiles.
- The DNR has stated that they have plenty of money for snowmobile enforcement through grants.
- The air quality issue needs to be addressed along with metering noise and speed.
- Snowmobiles are not stopping at the stop signs.
- There is still a need for a snowmobile bridge down M-28 corridor.
- The DNR is going to log all snowmobile complaints to have a record of this season.
- Why not build a trail that will not support high speeds?
- The grant process normally takes a long time. Will the DNR be able to expedite this grant?
- All vehicle laws are the same for snowmobiles.
- Police concerns are Green Bay Street and Riverside/Lakewood corners.
- There should be a cut off date for trails in residential areas, such as March 31st.
- There should be a 35 mph speed limit on the snowmobile trail.
- State law says that snowmobiles must drive with traffic.

Update to Comprehensive Plan – review of Request for Proposals (RFP) discussion from the Township Board and Planning Commission.

It has been 14 years since the comprehensive plan has been updated.

We need to look at the commercial zoning districts for expansion.

The Board concurred to direct the Planning staff to use an amount of \$40,000.00 when requesting proposals for the comprehensive plan update.

Chairman Sanders asked the Board and Planning Commission if they had a problem if his firm submitted a proposal. He noted that if his firm submits a bid on the RFP proposal he will not vote as a Planning Commission member. Both Boards did not have a problem with that. The Planning Commission appreciates the letter from the Supervisor and Township Board on doing the update to the comprehensive plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maggie Meiss – What businesses contributed to the \$2,000.00 for snowmobile grant match? When will the screening fence be put back up at Blondeau's?

Ralph Bennett – The snowmobile trail issue will not go away, we need to set speed limits and strictly enforce them. The DNR has stated that they are flush with money for snowmobile trail enforcement grants.

Joe Holman – We need speed limits and curfews. Has the DNR ever stated why they did not fully comply with the Trailways Act?

Larry Wilson – There is some speed signage on the trail.

Ava Bennett – Snowmobiles go too fast to read the speed signs.

Barb Holman – Agrees with Scott Emerson that there should be testing of air quality on the snowmobile trail. Curfews and speed limits need to be set.

Scott Emerson – Why can't there be a higher set of standards for a snowmobile trail that is in a residential area.

John Greenberg – The DNR stated that they will study the trail this winter then make changes on speed and curfew for the next year.

Bill Sanders – Why can't snowmobile clubs put up speed signs?

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen and Chair Sanders adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Arlene E. Hill, CMC
Township Clerk

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