

January 17, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, January 17, 2005 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Ken Tabor, Dan Maki.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Denny Magadanz, Mary Sanders, Gary Johnson and Greg Zyburt.

MINUTES –DECEMBER 13, 2004.

Greenberg moved Britton second that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2004 are approved.

AYES: 7         NAYS: 0                                 MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Hill moved Tabor second, that bills totaling \$14,576.12 checks numbered 11955– 11981 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7         NAYS: 0                                 MOTION CARRIED.

Trudeau moved Hill second that bills totaling \$70,865.37 checks numbered 11982 – 11996 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7         NAYS: 0                                 MOTION CARRIED.

Maki moved Trudeau second that bills totaling \$51,364.82 checks numbered 11997 – 12049 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7         NAYS: 0                                 MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) CABA Minutes – 10/20/04 and 11/11/04
- 2) MAWTFAB Minutes – 12/14/04

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

1. Franchise Fee – Check for \$29,384 payments to September 30, 2004. We should now begin to receive consistent quarterly payments from Charter.

2. Liaison Committee – We do have a request from the DOC regarding a Liaison Committee. If there is interest in discussing this we can put it on our next months agenda.

3. Recreation Authority – No new information. The city appears to be going toward a city income tax as the answer to their budget problems.

4. Snowmobile trail - We will be following up with a letter to the DNR on our meeting that took place last month. It is my expectation that we will be given the time frame for a decision on the speed limit issue.

5. Update on the school/office sale – We had a meeting today with the group that we have been in discussions with for the last several months. We are close to a final price. It will be very close to our original value that we had established. We are presently working with the lawyers over the last legal hurdles. MAPS had a right of first refusal and several other items that will need to be worked out before it comes to this board.

6. KBIC – We will be contacting them later this week with the status of the Disbursement of the 2% money. They will be requesting that the fire contract be shifted to the 2% fund for the future payments. We will also be putting together the request for the next cycle of awards.

7. Roads and Road Repairs –. We still have to review what other townships in the county are doing in this area. I hope to have some information on this at our February meeting.

8. Mark Maki- I have been served papers that Mark is challenging the authority of having him get permission to come to the township hall for reviewing documents or going to meetings. I will let you know of the outcome of the police report on this when I get it.

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND FIREMEN PENSION PLAN.**

Greenberg moved Britton second that the Township Board move the investment and administration of the Boards, Commissions, and Firemen's pension fund from the Wells Fargo Trust Department to the MidAmerica Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc. plan, effective 1/1/05.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

**ELECTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE.**

Hill moved Tabor second that the Township Clerk is authorized to involve the Charter Township of Chocolay in an election coordinating committee contract for the purpose of conducting school elections. It is our understanding that the schools will pay their share of the expenses for any election they are participants.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

**FEE SCHEDULE 2005.**

Trudeau moved Britton second that Chocolay Township retain the same fee schedule adopted in 2004 with the exception of garbage tags \$1.50 each, Copy of Comprehensive Plan \$30.00 and drop the banner fee off the schedule as it is no longer applicable.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

The Township staff will institute a plan to change over all garbage tags to \$1.50 each or \$7.50 per sheet on the same day.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 FY2005 KBIC 2% MONEY DISBURSEMENT.**

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 in December 2004 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
General Fund	\$46,000.00	+\$54,953.64	\$100,953.64
EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police	\$35,823.00	+\$10,753.64	\$46,576.64
Temporary and Part Time			
101.305.705			
Fire	\$2,500.00	+\$6,000.00	\$8,500.00
Capital Outlay			
101.340.957			
Recreation	\$375.00	+\$5,000.00	\$5,375.00
Miscellaneous			
101.708.956			
Police	\$3,000.00	+\$14,200.00	\$17,200.00
Capital Improvements			
401.305.95			
Computers	\$8,500.00	+\$5,000.00	\$13,500.00
Capital Improvements			
401.258.957			

Hall and Grounds Capital Improvements 401.265.957	\$0	+\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
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Fire Capital Improvements 401.340.957	\$5,000.00	+\$4,000.00	\$9,000.00
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ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – Yelle to Township Board
- B. Information – Department of Corrections Community Liaison Committee
- C. Information – Excerpts from *The Mining Journal* re: Chocolay Township Police Department
- D. Information – MTA Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 7:45.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

February 21, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, February 21, 2005 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Clerk Hill called the meeting to order in the absence of the Supervisor at 7:00 p.m.

Britton moved Trudeau second that Treasurer Greenberg chair the meeting.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD.**

**PRESENT:** Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Ken Tabor, Dan Maki.

**ABSENT:** Greg Seppanen.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dennis Stachewicz, Denny Magadanz, Mary Sanders and Lee Snooks.

Two presentations will be dropped from the agenda because the presenters are not available. New business **G.** Police Enforcement on the Snowmobile Trail and **H.** Survey of Surrounding Townships Services.

**MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2005.**

Tabor moved Maki second that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2005 are approved.

**AYES:** 6      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved Trudeau second, that bills totaling \$28,320.99 checks numbered 12050– 12085 are approved for payment.

**AYES:** 6      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

Britton moved Maki second that bills totaling \$30,531.30 checks numbered 12086 – 12107 are approved for payment.

**AYES:** 6      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

None.

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

- 1) Chocolay Township Planning Commission Minutes – 12/06/04
- 2) CABA Minutes – 12/15/04
- 3) Chocolay River Watershed Council Minutes – 6/09/04
- 4) MAWTFAB – 1/10/05

**SUPERVISORS REPORT.**

1. Snowmobile Trail – We will not meet with the DNR until April. Supervisor Seppanen has given information on the trail to Governor Granholm.
2. Community Center – There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with our attorney. We are very close on a sale agreement.
3. Recreation Grant – The 2003 Silver Creek recreation grant was turned down. We will reapply in 2005.

**REZONING #130 – SMITH – RP TO RR-2.**

Hill moved Tabor second that as recommended by the Planning Commission, the Charter Township of Chocolay Board deny rezoning #130.

**AYES:** 6      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**WASTEWATER FEES – MARQUETTE MOTOR LODGE.**

Britton moved Trudeau second that under Ordinance #39 – 9 –2e the sewer bill for Marquette Motor Lodge be reduced to 4.9 equivalent users until May 2005 or until the units are reopened for business.

**AYES:** 6      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF PAGERS.**

Trudeau moved Britton second to authorize the Fire Department to purchase fourteen Motorola pagers from Anderson Communications for not more than \$5,670.00, using monies from the Fire Department in the Capital Improvements Fund.

**AYES:** 6      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION – MDOT PERFORMANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

Britton moved Maki second that the Charter Township of Chocoday adopt the Performance Resolution for governmental Bodies and the Department of Public Works supervisor be authorized to apply for the necessary permits.

AYES: 6      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO EXERCISE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD’S RIGHT TO APPROVE OR REJECT A BASIC PLAN.

Trudeau moved, Tabor second that the following resolution be adopted

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Township Planning Acts, Public Act 168 of 1959 and subsequent amendments; and

WHEREAS, The Chocoday Township Board has recognized the work of the Chocoday Township Planning Commission and the Chocoday Township Community; and

WHEREAS, The goal in mind is that Basic Plans adopted by the Chocoday Township Board exhibit complete participation and understanding of the planning process by the Chocoday Township Board now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Charter Township of Chocoday hereby asserts the right to approve or reject Basic Plans.

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2005 by the Charter Township of Chocoday Board.

ROLL CALL.

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Maki, Tabor, Hill.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Seppanen.

MOTION CARRIED.

JOINT MEETING WITH CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.

Tabor moved, Britton second that a joint Township Board and Planning Commission work session be scheduled and advertised for Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the draft Chapters 10 through 12 of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

AYES: 6      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Trustee Britton brought up the speed limit on the snowmobile trail. He would like our police to enforce after hours minimum speed on the snowmobile in Chocoday Township.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – Seppanen to DNR Director
- B. Correspondence – Stachewicz to Board
- C. Correspondence – Yelle to Board
- D. Information – Chocoday Township Police Department Quarterly Statistics
- E. Information – MCTA Meeting
- F. Information – Chocoday River Water Trail Access Site Grant
- G. Information – 108<sup>th</sup> Congressional Report
- H. Information – MTA Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Treasurer Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:25.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

March 11, 2005

A Special Meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Friday, March 11, 2005 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Don Britton.

ABSENT: Arlene Hill, Ken Tabor, Dan Maki.

STAFF PRESENT: Dennis Stachewicz and Mary Sanders.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

CONSIDER BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT.

Greenberg moved Britton second that Albert Denton be appointed to the Board of Review for a term to run from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Clerk

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Mary Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk



1. Audit - Anderson Tackman will be at our April meeting to give the presentation on our 2004 audit. Preliminary comments refer to a good year. This was due to the several actions of the board and staff during the year: reduction in staffing, user fees, having the garbage tags cover more of the real cost, the cable franchise fee, and the 2% money from the KBIC.
2. Update on the school/office sale – We have another church group that has expressed a strong interest in the school. They held a meeting at the school last Sunday and are working with our realtor. Our contract is also up with our realtor. We will be putting this on our next months meeting for making a decision on extending our present contract or to re-bid it. We will have the RFP ready to go for our next meeting if this is the direction the board wants to go.
3. Staffing needs- We have hired a replacement for Roger and are in the process of reviewing Denny’s job description before we go move forward on that front. We have started the process of updating all job descriptions. It will take several months to complete. We have moved the D.P.W. Supervisor job description to the front of the line. I am also reviewing the organizational structure of my part of the operation. I want to see if there is a more efficient way to organize the responsibilities. I will want to meet with the members of the personnel committee before our next meeting.
4. Snowmobile Speed Limit - Dennis, Mike Summers, Don Britton and I will be meeting to see what our options are for forcing the issue of a speed limit for the next season. I am working with the Gov. Aide, Matt Johnson, but I’m not to sure we will get the satisfaction to the issue that our residents deserve.
5. Rec. Fee – We still have heard nothing from the city. With all the issues on their plate I suspect that our citizens will not see any increase in fees to recreate in Marquette City.

**PRESENTATION JON WENNERBERG – STAR INDUSTRIES.**

Mr. Wennerberg, owner of Star Industries presented to the Board his problem with disposal of medical waste in the Marquette County Solid Waste Landfill. He has an autoclave that decontaminates the medical waste before depositing it in the landfill. He is now being charge a rate of \$289.00 a ton, compared to the regular rate of \$38.50 per ton. This cost has continued to rise since he started using the landfill with his business. He currently has no option to take the waste elsewhere because all medical waste autoclaved in Marquette County must be disposed of in Marquette County.

Tabor moved Hill second that Chocolay Township write letters of support for Star Industries to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority and Michigan D.E.Q.

AYES: 7              NAYS: 0                              MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 – AMENDMENT NO. 2 TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS - SNOWMOBILE TRAIL.**

Greenberg 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 in December 13, 2004, 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous 101.698	\$100,953.64	+\$2,000.00	\$102,953.64
 EXPENDITURE			
Police Salary 101.305.702	\$169,728.00	+1,000.00	\$170,728.00



Police Capital Outlay  
101.305.957                      \$ 3,080.00                      +1,000.00                      \$ 4,080.00

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT – ROBERT MAXON AS ALTERNATE TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

Tabor moved Maki second to appoint Mr. Robert Maxon to fill the open alternate Zoning Board of Appeals slot for the remaining term, ending September 2006.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

2005 FIRE ACT GRANT.

Trudeau moved Britton second to authorize the Fire Department to seek a Department of Homeland Security grant not to exceed \$30,000.00 with Township's match not to exceed \$1,500.00.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Hill moved Greenberg second that the Director of Recreation and Grants Administrator submit a grant application, not to exceed \$93,775.00, to the Department of Natural Resources for a MNRTF grant to develop the Silver Creek Recreation Area. If the application is successful, the Township agrees to provide the required match of funds and force account labor.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Tabor moved Greenberg second that the Township Board authorizes the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement for Internet and Electronic mail services to be provided by Charter.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – LAPTOP AND PROJECTOR.

Britton moved Maki second to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$3,750.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund – Computer Department (401.258.957) for the purchase of a laptop and projector.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLISH AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #52 AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING.

Greenberg moved Trudeau second that the Chocolay Township Board authorize the publication of an amended Ordinance #52 (with changes made at meeting) and schedule a public hearing for April 18, 2005.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLISH ORDINANCE #55 AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING.

Tabor moved Hill second that the Township Board authorize the publication of Ordinance #55 and schedule a public hearing for April 18, 2005.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION – OPEN DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Hill moved Trudeau second that BE IT RESOLVED, that the River Valley State Bank of 1140 West Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855-4040, is hereby designated as a legal depository of moneys belonging to the Township of Chocolay, County of Marquette, and State of Michigan and deposit accounts be maintained, in the name of Chocolay Township with said Bank, subject to the rules and regulations established from time to time by said Bank and as stated on the authorized signature card filed with said Bank by the undersigned. That any two (2) of the following, to wit:

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John S. Greenberg                      Treasurer                      Deputy Treasurer  
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Arlene E. Hill                      Clerk                      Deputy Clerk  
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Mary L. Sanders

Are authorized, on behalf of this Township, and in its name, to sign checks, receipts or orders for the payment or withdrawal of funds deposited in said accounts or deposited to the credit of said Township in the said Bank and said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any of said checks, receipts or orders for the payment or withdrawal of funds deposited to the credit of said Township when so signed or otherwise authorized.

“FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of its amendment or recession shall have been received by said Bank and that receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by the Bank prior hereto.”

I further certify that there is no provision in the articles or by-laws of said Township limiting the power to pass the foregoing resolutions and that the same are in conformity with the provisions of said articles and/or by-laws.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0                      MOTION CARRIED.

**TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – PROPERTY VALUATIONS.**

Tina Fuller, Township Assessor gave a presentation to the Board on Township property valuations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Dick Arnold had questions on Ordinance #55.

Dan Chartier requested that the Township keep CABA informed on the comprehensive plan.

Pete Larue informed the Board that the Lion’s Club is willing to assist with any Township projects.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

A.                      Information – MTA Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:30.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk



have experience as DPW Supervisors. We will be interviewing within the next two weeks. I will be looking for John Greenberg and Arlene Hill to give me assistance in the interviews.

3. Snowmobile Speed Limit. Greg Zyburt is heading down to Gaylord for the DNR Snowmobile Advisory Committee meeting which will be held tomorrow. They will be debating the merits of our speed limit request. Chief Zyburt will be reading a statement of our position on the need and logic for such a speed limit. He will also address our concern on the difficulty from the enforcement side of the present situation with definition of "Reasonable Speed" as the standard for that section of the trail. The MTA people will be looking at our suggested language for a proposed law that would address this issue. We, staff and I, have come up with several options to put our township in a stronger position to insure safety for next winter. We are only waiting to see what comes out of this DNR meeting before we move forward and get board approval.

4. Marquette City Meeting – We have not been invited to the joint meeting but our township will keep in close communication with our two sister townships. The outcome will have a direct impact on our relations with the city.

5. Paper Recycling – I informed you several weeks ago that the DPW staff will not be able to continue with the sorting of recycled paper as the summer approaches. Presently we use 1/8 of a FTE to do this work that was originally done by the DOC inmates. The paper is used in their facilities but because of a change in their procedure they can not do the sorting. Our Department had been providing that work for some time now. We are looking at notifying the residents after the road restrictions are lifted and the curb side recycling program can again do that collecting. For those who do not want to use that service we are fortunate that our township has Star Industries and they will take the paper for recycling. Note: Board members suggested that Star Industries be offered our recycling barn to be put where the public can have access to it.

6. Shoreline Restoration Project – The project should be complete by late June.

#### PRESENTATION – CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BIG BAY.

Kelly Matthew a resident of Powell Township asked the Township board if they would send a letter of support for a baseline water study for the entire Yellow Dog Plains complex (not just a site specific water study).

Trudeau moved Hill supported that Chocolay Township Board send a letter of support for a USGS water study on the entire Yellow Dog Plains.

AYES: 6                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

#### PRESENTATION FY2004 AUDIT.

Mike Greutz, Anderson Tackman & Company presented the FY2004 Chocolay Township audit. The Township is financially stable. Our revenues in 2004 were again higher than expenditures. The fund balance is in good shape.

Trudeau moved Tabor second to accept the FY2004 audit as presented by Anderson Tackman and Company.

AYES: 6                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Trudeau would like to go out on bid for the next audit cycle. A committee of Trustee Trudeau, Treasurer Greenberg and Clerk Hill will meet with Anderson Tackman prior to the next board meeting and this will be discussed at the May board meeting.

#### PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK.

Seppanen moved Tabor second that the Chocolay Township Board recognizes the following:

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, therefore, the Charter Township of Chocolay Township Board recognizes the week of May 1 through May 7, 2005, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further expresses appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Arlene E. Hill, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the community they represent.

AYES: 6                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.



Lee Blondeau – Feels that the Township will save money with the sewer camera purchase. The zoning at the school should be as attractive as possible for a sale of the property.

Dick Arnold – The house on U S 41 next to Sunrise Builders is being fixed up and looks much better already.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – Supervisor to MCSWMA
- B. Correspondence – Concerned Citizens of Big Bay to Supervisor
- C. Correspondence – Mark Maki to Clerk and Board
- D. Information – Inside Michigan Politics
- E. Information – MTA Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2005

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Charter Township of Chocolay was held on Friday, April 29, 2005 in the conference room at the Township Hall, 5010 U S 41 South, Marquette, Michigan.

Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He noted that this was a Special Meeting called for the purposes:

1. Consider sale of the Silver Creek School property.
2. Consider appointment of the DPW Supervisor.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD.**

**PRESENT:** Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Dan Maki.

**ABSENT:** Don Britton, Kendal Tabor

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dennis Stachewicz, Lee Snooks, Martin Caceres.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Clerk Hill noted that those who were going to attend the MCTA Banquet needed to contact her office by Monday morning. Reservations will be called in at that time.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE AGREEMENT.**

Supervisor Seppanen described the details of the purchase agreement for the Silver Creek School property. An offer in the amount of \$490,000.00 was given by the Faith Assembly of God. The entire 10 acres would be included in the sale. Financial arrangements will be complete in 90 days.

Pastor Taylor of the Faith Assembly of God expressed the desire of the church and its congregation to be a part of our community. He noted it was a beautiful piece of property.

**RESOLUTION.**

Trudeau moved, Hill second WHEREAS, the Township has a building and a parcel of property for sale located at 219 Silver Creek Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed an offer to purchase the property and a subsequent purchase agreement prepared by the Chocolay Township Attorney;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board accepts the offer of purchase for the property commonly known as the Silver Creek School and associated land as outlined in the purchase agreement signed by the purchaser, Faith Assembly of God, and authorizes the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the purchase agreement and associated real estate documents, and further authorizes the Township Supervisor to oversee the execution of the purchase agreement.

**ROLL CALL.**

**AYE:** Seppanen, Hill, Greenberg, Trudeau, Maki.

**NAY:** None.

**ABSENT:** Britton, Tabor.

Motion Carried.

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DPW SUPERVISOR**

Hill moved, Maki second to concur with the Chocolay Township Supervisor for the hiring of Martin Caceres to fill the position of Chocolay Township's Department of Public Works Supervisor.

**AYES:** 5

**NAYS:** 0

Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

It was noted that correspondence was received requesting that funds designated for a Community Building be returned to a designated fund for that purpose when the sale is complete.

The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill CMC  
Township Clerk

May 16, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, May 16, 2005 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, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Ken Tabor, Dan Maki.  
**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Sanders, Dennis Stachewicz and Martin Caceres.

**MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2005 and APRIL 29, 2005.**

Tabor moved Greenberg second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 18, 2005 and the special meeting April 29, 2005 are approved.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved Tabor second, that bills totaling \$27,869.18 checks numbered 12209– 12239 are approved for payment.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trudeau moved Britton second that bills totaling \$51,821.02 checks numbered 12240 – 12264 are approved for payment.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

Treasurer Greenberg discussed his authority to invest in financial institutions within the State of Michigan. He has been approached by an out of state bank and a credit union for investing certificates of deposit. He will bring a new investment resolution to the board at the June meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Earl Yelle, Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Board – Read a letter from Marquette County Solid Waste Authority to the Chocolay Township Board in regard to Star Industries medical waste.

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

- 1) Planning Commission Minutes – 04/11/05
- 2) MCTA Minutes – 03/23/05
- 3) CABA Minutes – 03/16/05

**SUPERVISORS REPORT.**

1. School Sale – We have been informed that the financing is moving forward in a proper manner.
2. DPW Department changes-We are in the process of advertising for a part-time summer worker. This change of reducing the department to three fulltime employees and then hiring a part-time person for the late spring and summer will save the township a significant amount of money – between 15 to 20 thousand dollars.
3. New County Supervisor Organization - In an effort to help each other of our townships out and to show a stronger face to the state we had our first meeting last week. We will be approaching the MTA in an effort to have our state organization to spend more effort lobbying the state government on our behalf.

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – ROGER OGEA.**

Hill moved Greenberg second that in appreciation of dedicated service the Chocolay Township Board resolves that upon his retirement after 25 years of service to the citizens of the Charter Township of Chocolay that Roger Ogea is to be given this resolution of appreciation for his long service to the citizens of the township in the public works department. Roger has served in all capacities of the department through the heavy snows of winter months and the more pleasant summer period. His goal always was to serve quietly and get the job done well.

It is hereby moved that a unanimous vote of appreciation be given with very best wishes for his retirement years.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO DENNY MAGADANZ.**

Maki moved Tabor second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board hereby resolves that upon his retirement from the township that Denny be commended for the 5 years of service he has given to the public works department. His leadership as department supervisor gave the Township the expertise that was needed to continue good service to the citizens. His kind and thoughtful manner served well to bring the department together as a working team. For his outstanding quality of leadership we do unanimously resolve to commend Denny Magadanz and wish him and his wife, Casey, a happy retirement.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**



**CABA COMMUNITY CENTER DONATIONS.**

A letter was received from CABA and Chocolay Lions on the Community Center donations. There was \$34,002.00 in the Capital Improvements Fund, Community Center Donations that was used toward the 1<sup>st</sup> purchase payment of Silver Creek School. CABA and the Lions would like that amount of money put back into a Community Center account when the Silver Creek School sells.

**CLSWP/CRWC – REQUEST FOR SITES OF CONCERN IN THE CHOCOLAY RIVER WATERSHED.**

A memo from Dennis Stachewicz, Director of Planning and Community Development included sites of concern in the Chocolay River Watershed. The Board agreed with the list and would like an annual presentation by the Chocolay River Watershed Council. Supervisor Seppanen will send a letter to the CRWC with that request.

**EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR YEARLY FINANCIAL AUDIT VS. BIDDING OUT.**

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of staying with our current auditors vs. going out on bid for the next audit. We have a good working relationship with Anderson, Tackman & Co. and they brought us in GASB34 compliance while doing our regular audit over the last two years. Hill moved, Trudeau second that Treasurer Greenberg request a two year proposal for FY2005 and FY2006 from Anderson Tackman & Company.

AYES: 7                 NAYS: 0   MOTION CARRIED.

**REVISION OF SOLID WASTE HAULING AGREEMENT.**

Trudeau moved Britton second, that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board approves the revised Solid Waste Hauling Agreement as presented and authorized by Martin Caceres, DPW Supervisor, to execute the agreement with the haulers when necessary.

AYES: 7                 NAYS: 0   MOTION CARRIED.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – DPW LAWN TRACTOR.**

Britton moved Tabor second that Chocolay Township accept the bid for a John Deere X475 lawn tractor from Northgate Equipment for \$7,395.00 to be paid from Township Hall & Grounds in the Capital Improvements Fund 401.265.957.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

**APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Seppanen moved Hill second to appoint Mrs. Lois Sherbinow to fill the vacated alternate slot on the Chocolay Township Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending May 2006.

AYES: 7                 NAYS: 0   MOTION CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENT – DPW SUPERVISOR TO MAWTAB, EMSWA AND U S 41 CORRIDOR TEAM.**

Greenberg moved Maki second that Martin Caceres be appointed as primary representative to the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board to a term ending December 31, 2005, be appointed as an alternate to the East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority to a term ending December 31, 2005, and be appointed as an alternate to the U S 41 Corridor Management Team to an indefinite term.

AYES: 7                 NAYS: 0   MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Pete LaRue – Commended the Township on the Comprehensive Plan and commented on the bid process and asked if the Township is considering purchasing property near the office.

Clerk Hill – Commented on Maki correspondence to the Board.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

- A. Information - Chocolay Township Police Department Quarterly Report
- B. Correspondence – David Guizetti to Township Board
- C. Correspondence – Supervisor to Representative Adamini and Senator Prusi Re: USGS Study
- D. Correspondence – Mark Maki to Township Board
- E. Information – Taxable Valuations for Marquette County
- F. Information – MTA Legislative Updates

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

June 20, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, June 20, 2005 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, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Dan Maki, Ken Tabor.  
ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sanders, Dennis Stachewicz and Martin Caceres.

MINUTES –MAY 16, 2005.

Trudeau moved, Greenberg second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 16, 2005 are approved as presented.

AYES: 6           NAYS: 0                                   MOTION CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Hill moved, Britton second that bills totaling \$23,345.57 checks numbered 12265– 12290 are approved for payment.

AYES: 6           NAYS: 0                                   MOTION CARRIED.

Britton moved, Maki second that bills totaling \$22,808.76 checks numbered 12292 – 12330 are approved for payment (12291 void).

AYES: 6           NAYS: 0                                   MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

Trustee Ken Tabor arrived at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mark Maki – Would like the Board to discuss his letters that are in the agenda packet. He does not want the police to deliver letters to his home any more.

Dick Arnold – The clean up at Great Lakes Energy building looks great. He appreciates the work the zoning administrator did to accomplish this.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

- 1) Planning Commission Minutes – 5/09/05
- 2) NMPA Minutes – 4/27/05
- 3) CABA Minutes – 4/20/05 and 5/18/05
- 4) MSCTB Minutes – 3/03/05, 3/29/05, and 5/12/05
- 5) MCTA Minutes – 4/27/05

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

1. School Sale – Is moving forward and we should have this sale accomplished by the end of the summer. July 19, 2005 is the proposed closing date.

2. Snowmobile Speed Limit. Greg Zybert will again be heading down to Gaylord for the DNR Snowmobile Advisory Committee meeting which will be held tomorrow. They will again be debating the merits of our speed limit request. At the last meeting he attended for us the representative of the snowmobile organizations asked to have the decision put off till this meeting so that he would have time to get further feedback from the trail users. I suspect that this will be it for the DNR and this advisory group.

3. Marquette City Recreation Survey – The city will be surveying its users (within the city only) as to their needs and past/present usage. We met with members of the rec. committee and requested that our residents also be included in the mix. We stressed that the position of the city has been that much of their facility usage is generated by township residents. Our position is that much of our facility usage is from city residents. If they want to move forward in a positive manner Chocolay, Marquette Township, and city residents should all be included in this survey if it is meant to be a viable report to help guide recreational decisions in the future.

4. Shoreline Restoration Project – The project is at its successful conclusion. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be this Thursday at 3:00.

5. DOT Commuter Parking Lot – We are in discussions with the DOT about the possible Commuter Parking Lot on township property. At this point consider this a ‘heads up’ and we will come back to the board if it looks like there is forward movement on this idea

5. KBIC 2% Funding – We received \$89,500 last week from the request that was submitted several months ago. We will be having a Department Head Meeting within the next couple of weeks in order to come up with a budget recommendation to the board for our next meeting.

**AUDIT SERVICES.**

Greenberg moved, Trudeau second that the Chocolay Township Board authorizes the Township Treasurer to sign a letter of understanding with Anderson, Tackman and Company, P.L.C., for audit services in 2005 and 2006 in the amount of \$5,100.00 each year.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**TREASURER’S INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.**

Trudeau moved, Britton second that the Chocolay Township Treasurer is authorized to deposit Township funds in banks, saving and loans, and credit unions doing business in the State of Michigan.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**BEAVER GROVE PAVILION ELECTRICITY.**

Britton moved, Maki second that Chocolay Township accept the quote to install 4 GFCI protected duplex receptacles at the Beaver Grove recreation pavilion from JP Electric Professionals, Inc. for \$1,500.00 to be paid from Township hall and grounds, capital improvements fund 401.265.957.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**SILVER CREEK/MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION – AMEND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.**

Trudeau moved, Hill second to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute contracts with the Marquette County Road Commission for the re-construction of Silver Creek Road and West Main Street for an amount not to exceed \$177,936.00 to be taken from the Streets capital improvements fund.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

NAYS: None.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLISH AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #52 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR # 52C.**

The Board discussed the amendment to this ordinance and three changes need to be made before the public hearing. Section III (G) the word *not* in the last sentence. Section VI (B) 1. delete *Chocolay Township Director of Community Development and Land Use Services* and insert *Township*. Section VII (C) change *ration* to *ratio*. The changes will come back to the Board at the July meeting for approval and a public hearing at the August meeting.

**PUBLISH ORDINANCE #55 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING.**

Hill moved Tabor second that the Township Board authorize the publication of Ordinance #55 and schedule a public hearing for July 18, 2005.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP CASINO.**

Trudeau moved, Hill second to authorize the Township Supervisor to draft and sign a letter of support for Negaunee Township identifying that the Chocolay Township Board supports the moving of the KBIC gaming facility from Chocolay Township to Negaunee Township.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT AMENDMENT TO STANDARD OPERATING GUIDES.**

Greenberg moved, Maki second that the Chocolay Township Board approves the Fire Department’s constitution and standard operating guidelines with the changes presented.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – 2005 DNR GRANT APPLICATION.**

Hill moved, Britton second to authorize the Fire Department to apply for the 2006 DNR volunteer fire assistance grant with the amount requested not to exceed \$2,625.00 and the township’s match not to exceed \$1,312.50.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.**

Trudeau moved, Hill second to authorize the Fire Department to purchase from West Shore Fire Equipment 1 (one) Bullard T3MAX Thermal imaging camera with suggested options for \$10,500.00 from the fire department capital improvements funds 401.340.957 (\$6,000.00 from KBIC donation).

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

FIREARMS ORDINANCE.

A request was made by a resident on the Firearms restriction zone. The Board discussed this and decided to wait until the comprehensive plan is complete in September.

Supervisor Seppanen – There is a new ambulance service in Marquette called Med ride. Marquette General Hospital now wants Chocolay Township to sign a contract with them for ambulance service. We need to set up an ad hoc committee. Trustee Tabor, Trustee Trudeau, Fire Chief Gary Johnson and Lee Snooks will be on this committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mark Maki – Wanted to know who he should talk to when he has a zoning question?

Trustee Britton – When did we have an ice rink at Silver Creek School? The answer was 20 years ago.

Treasurer Greenberg – Peggy Paul, Deputy Treasurer is resigning as of June 30, 2005.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – LSCP to Clerk
- B. Correspondence – Supervisor to CRWC
- C. Correspondence – Supervisor to Representative Casperson
- D. Correspondence – Zoning Administrator to Township Board
- E. Correspondence – Mark Maki to Township Board

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

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

July 18, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, July 18, 2005 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that first on the agenda were two public hearings.

1. 2005 millage rate request.
2. Ordinance #55 – vehicle and trailer parking and storage.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2005 MILLAGE RATE.**

An explanation of the reason for the hearing was offered. The hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. No comments were offered. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON Ordinance #55** was opened at 7:02 p.m. The following person offered comments:

- Richard Arnold
- Sylvia Hainstock
- Susan Hyska
- Fran Hyska
- Brad VanSlyters
- John Dawydko

They reserved time to comment when the agenda item was discussed by the Board. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

The Regular meeting was called to order.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD.**

**PRESENT:** Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Dan Maki, Ken Tabor.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dennis Stachewicz, Martin Caceres, Lee Snooks, Gary Johnson, Greg Zyburt.

**MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2005.**

Trudeau moved, Greenberg second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20, 2005 are approved as presented.

**AYES:7NAYS: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling \$30,967.55 checks numbered 12331– 12363 are approved for payment.

**AYES: 7            NAYS: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

**PRESENTATION.**

Hill moved Greenberg second that the following resolution be adopted

WHEREAS, “Jack” Menhennick has been recognized by the Lions Club and presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award; and

WHEREAS, “Jack” has been an outstanding member of the Charter Township of Chocolay Community and acted as a pillar in the community by supporting youth and adult programs and was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Lion’s Park, even if he had to flood and snowplow the ice rink by himself; and

WHEREAS, “Jack” was one of the original members of the Charter Township of Chocolay Fire Department and dedicated countless hours to protect our community, even after he retired from the Fire Department he would volunteer to help out and run the radios; and

WHEREAS, “Jack” has exhibited an example of volunteering in the community that led him to lend anyone a hand, even if it meant his own work did not get done; Now Therefore Be It Hereby

**RESOLVED,** That the Charter Township of Chocolay recognizes “Jack” Menhennick as an outstanding citizen of the Charter Township of Chocolay and recognizes this day as “Jack” Menhennick Day.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, by the Charter Township of Chocolay Board.

**AYES: 7            NAYS: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

None.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

1) Planning Commission Minutes – 6/13/05

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

1. School Sale – We will be closing tomorrow – 3:00 p.m. at the Silver Creek School.

2. Snowmobile Trail. I have signed a letter to the DNR stating that Chocolay Township would commit \$10,000 toward the \$1,300,000 grant that they have submitted to engineer and alter the trail along the residential area with trees, contouring the trail, adding curves, and other abatement activities. The trail would also be upgrade for year-round use with 6 ½ miles of crushed limestone being laid down on the trail. We should know the results for their efforts in October of this year.

3. Marquette City Recreation Survey – Much time and effort was put forth this month in order to take that first step of a survey on Recreation needs and uses. At the last minute Marquette Township balked at working directly with the city on this. I met their Township Manager, Randy Girard, late last week and we have agreed to meet this week to see if there is another way to accomplish this goal.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #55 – VEHICLE AND TRAILER PARKING AND STORAGE.

Planner Dennis Stachewicz gave an overview of the changes between the old ordinance # 46 and the new ordinance #55. Basically it tightens up the old ordinance. Written comment was received from Brad Cory and read into the record favoring an ordinance upgrade.

- Richard Arnold – not in favor of ordinance, feels it does not improve the old ordinance.
- Jack Schneider – feels that any vehicles for sale must be owned by the property owner.
- Sylvia Hainstock – agrees that for sale vehicles should be owned by property owner.
- Brad VanSlyters – indoor storage area should have a concrete floor to prevent oil or gas leaking in the ground. No contamination is acceptable.
- Susan Hyska – has a problem with 3 inoperable vehicles. Concerned with kids getting locked in car trunks.
- John Johnson – farmers do not have cement floors in their barns.
- John Dawydko – other area have too strict ordinances.
- Carol Margrif – objects to junk on back lot which is Timberlane and is the main entrance road to the subdivision.
- Kendall Tabor (Board rep. on planning commission) – We need to be continuing to update this ordinance as needs change.

Tabor moved Hill second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board hereby adopts Ordinance #55, which provides regulations for the outdoor parking and storage of vehicles and trailers, as presented and rescinds the previous Ordinance #46.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

2005 MILLAGE RATE REQUEST REPORT

Greenberg moved Britton second that the Charter Township of Chocolay adopts a total 2005 ad valorem tax of 4.0189 mills on \$131,184,870 taxable value for a total levy of \$527,218.87 general operating of the Charter Township of Chocolay and authorizes the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2005 Tax Rate Request Form (L-4029) and forward it the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

REZONING #131 – PUBLISH TEXT AMENDMENT - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY – PL TO R-3.

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: #34-05-01

AMENDMENT #34-05-01

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 amended as follows:

SECTION 902 - CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP

That the property known as the Silver Creek School Area located on the north side of Silver Creek Road in Section 6, T.47N-R.24W encompassing approximately 10 acres identified as tax parcel code 52-02-106-040-00 be rezoned from Public Lands to R-3.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLISH AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #52 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING.

Britton moved, Tabor second that the Charter Township of Choccolay Board authorizes the publication of Amendment #52C, an amendment to the Land Division Ordinance, and schedule a public hearing for August 15, 2005.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0                               MOTION CARRIED.

SNOWMOBILE ENFORCEMENT GRANT.

Britton moved, Greenberg second that Choccolay Township submits an application to the Department of Natural Resources for a Snowmobile Enforcement Grant for the 2005-2006 snowmobile season. The Choccolay Township Board agrees to a 15% match not to exceed \$3,167.00.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0                               MOTION CARRIED.

MNRTF GRANT.

Trudeau moved, Hill second that the Charter Township of Choccolay hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the Charter Township of Choccolay does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate funds to complete the project during the project period and provide \$6,435.00 to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.
2. To maintain financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said agreement.
4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
5. To comply with any and all terms of said agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this resolution.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0                               MOTION CARRIED.

DNR AGREEMENT – CHOCOLAY RIVER DRY HYDRANT.

Hill moved, Britton second that the Township authorizes the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into the agreement proposed by the Michigan DNR for access rights to the dry hydrant located at the DNR Choccolay River Access site on M-28.

AYES: 7            NAYS: 0                               MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 FY2005 KBIC 2% MONEY DISBURSEMENT.

Tabor moved, Britton second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Choccolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvement fund receipts within the township in December 2004 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Capital Improvements Fund			
Miscellaneous			
401.698	\$422.40	+\$86,001.82	\$86,424.22
EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police	\$46,822.81	+\$16,820.00	\$63,642.81
Capital Outlay			
401.305.957			
Fire	\$ 98,306.65	+\$63,181.82	\$161,488.47
Capital Outlay			
401.340.957			
Recreation	\$12,828.48	+6,000.00	\$18,828.48
Capital Outlay			
401.708.957			

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.     MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AMENDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND BUDGET FY 2005 AMENDMENT NO. 1 POLICE TRAINING FUNDS-STATE OF MICHIGAN

Greenberg moved, Maki second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Choccolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvements fund receipts within the township on December 13, 2004, 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, No Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Training Capital Outlay 401.306.957	\$ 2,096.08	+ \$422.40	\$ 2,518.48

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
401.698	\$ 0	+\$422.40	\$ 422.40

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.**

Greenberg moved, Hill second to expend \$200.00 from police training for the LSI advanced workshop training at NMU. This will be paid from the police training account in the capital improvement fund 401.306.957.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**IN APPRECIATION  
TO  
PEGGY PAUL**

Greenberg moved, Hill second

Whereas for 9 years, Peggy performed the duties of Deputy Treasurer for the Charter Township of Chocolay with accuracy and conscientious service;

And in this service treated the staff and public in a courteous considerate manner;

And whether answering the phone or responding to an inquiry used a pleasant, and kind voice,

For these services to the Township on behalf of the Chocolay Board, its staff and the township residents we do give her thanks. Our best wishes on her retirement.

Chocolay Township Board

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Carol Margrif – Noted that the County Board will consider a non-smoking ordinance at their July meeting with the final reading in August. She would like the Chocolay Township Board to go on record as being in support. The Board requested a copy of the final ordinance. They will consider it at the next Board meeting.

Jack Menhennick – spoke in favor of the Board supporting the non-smoking ordinance.

Mark Maki – had requested permission to attend this meeting. He did not attend. Supervisor Seppanen had prepared an answer to his written comments. He read the response to those present. He will read it next month if Mr. Maki attends.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

- A. Correspondence – Representative Casperson to Supervisor
- B. Correspondence – Zoning Administrator to Wietek
- C. Correspondence – Maki to Township Board
- D. Information – Assessing Office Report
- E. Information – Fire Department Monthly Reports – 1/2005 to 6/2005
- F. Information – Michigan Public Service Commission
- G. Information – MTA Legislative Updates
- H. Publication – Inside Michigan Politics

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk



August 15, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, August 15, 2005 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that first on the agenda was a public hearing for the adoption of ordinance #52C.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #52C.**

The following comments were offered:

Mark Maki – Chocolay Townships' Land Division Ordinance was not in compliance with the law.

Cathy Peterson – Is opposed to the land division ordinance change. She feels that anyone should be able to appeal a land division.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Regular meeting was called to order.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD.**

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Dan Maki, Ken Tabor.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sanders, Dennis Stachewicz, Martin Caceres, Lee Snooks, Greg Zyburt.

**MINUTES – JULY 18, 2005.**

Greenberg moved, Trudeau second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 18, 2005 are approved as presented.

AYES: 7                NAYS: 0                                MOTION CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling \$29,708.01 checks numbered 12364– 12397 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7                NAYS: 0                                MOTION CARRIED.

Tabor moved, Maki second that bills totaling \$26,549.99 checks numbered 12398– 12419 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7                NAYS: 0                                MOTION CARRIED.

Britton moved, Maki second that bills totaling \$55,698.66 checks numbered 12420– 12433 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7                NAYS: 0                                MOTION CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Cathy Peterson – Read a letter to the Board on the comprehensive plan, Mark Maki being banned from the Township office and the sale of land to Habitat for Humanity.

Ted Grzlak – Lives next door to the Habitat for Humanity property and has concerns about the buried garbage and open perk test holes in the ground.

Mark Maki – Why are he and his wife denied access to public records? He wants written documentation on why he is denied access to record.

Supervisor Seppanen – Responded to the Board on some of the comments Mark Maki has been making. Mark Maki left when Supervisor Seppanen started his explanation and told Supervisor Seppanen to send him a letter with his comments.

Trustee Britton – Wanted to make sure our attorney has been appraised on how we are handling Mr. Maki. He also feels that we should mail all correspondence to Mr. Maki certified mail.

Trustee Trudeau – Feel that we should use regular mail for Mr. Maki as we do with every other citizen in the township.

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

- 1) Planning Commission Minutes – 7/11/05

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

1. School Sold- The money has been put into the capital budget. We will need to re-start a facility needs committee to look over the changes and modifications needed for our present location to serve the residents into the far future.
2. Snowmobile Trail - The SAC has recommended to the DNR Director that the speed limit – or lack of a speed limit- not be changed. Ron Yesney from the DNR has indicated that our grant request has a good chance of making the first step with an ok for engineering work. We will know the outcome of the grant results in late October.
3. Marquette City Recreation Survey – Marquette Township will be looking at joining the city and us in this needed effort to look at our regional recreational needs. I have talked to representatives from the Lake Superior Partnership and I'm hopeful that they will be actively participating also.
4. Fire Department – Gary will be meeting with the fire chief of Marquette Township to actively explore the possibility of a Mutual Aid Agreement with them. Gary and I have also been in discussions about the fire departments need for the new truck in 2007.
5. Lee Snooks - will be retiring as of August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be interviewing a replacement for him at the end of the month.
6. Quick Stop Oil Change – Again we had a sand build up problem in the sewer system near the Quick Stop Oil Change. Martin had documented the additional cost to the township because of the failure of the business's sand trap system or his employees not following the proper procedure to empty the trap. Mr. Thorley agreed with our numbers and will be paying off the bill through the quarterly water bill that he receives. Martin did an excellent job of presenting this complicated information in a useful manner
7. Police – Our police department received a grant for a Thermo imaging camera.
8. Budget concerns- Power point presentation.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #52C LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE.

Greenberg moved, Trudeau second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board hereby adopts Ordinance #52C, an amendment to the Charter Township of Chocolay Land Division Ordinance as presented and published.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

REZONING #131 –ADOPT TEXT AMENDMENT - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY – PL TO R-3.

Hill moved, Britton second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board waive the reading and adopt the following amendment to ORDINANCE 34 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: #34-05-01

AMENDMENT #34-05-01

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 amended as follows:

SECTION 902 - CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP

That the property known as the Silver Creek School Area located on the north side of Silver Creek Road in Section 6, T.47N-R.24W encompassing approximately 10 acres identified as tax parcel code 52-02-106-040-00 be rezoned from Public Lands to R-3.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Maki moved, Trudeau second that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board hereby concurs with the Planning Commission and adopts the Charter Township of Chocolay Comprehensive Plan with the attached list of amendments.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

JOINT RECREATION SURVEY.

Trudeau moved, Britton second to authorize the Township Supervisor to work with the City of Marquette to develop a proposal for a joint recreation survey not to exceed a cost of \$5,000.00 from the recreation department in the capital improvements fund 401.708.957.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 AMENDMENT NO. 2 REIMBURSEMENT FOR SNOWMOBILE GRANT

Greenberg moved, Maki 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 December 13, 2004, for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Capital Outlay			
101.305.957	\$ 4,080.00	+ 6,921.36	\$ 11,001.36
Salaries			
101.305.702	\$170,728.00	+ 4,436.55	\$175,164.55
Temporary/Part Time Salaries			
101.305.705	\$ 46,576.64	+ 1,500.00	\$ 48,076.64
REVENUE			
Miscellaneous			
101.698	\$ 69,753.64	+12,857.91	\$ 82,611.55

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 – AMENDMENT NO. 4 CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE FEES.

Trudeau 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 in December 13, 2004, 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
101.698	\$83,452.47	-\$28,000.00	\$55,452.47
Franchise Fees			
101.583	\$0.00	+\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 – AMENDMENT NO. 3 FIRE DEPARTMENT DNR GRANT.

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 in December 13, 2004, 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
101.698	\$82,611.55	+\$840.92	\$83,452.47
Fire Department			
	\$8,500.00	+\$840.92	\$9,340.92

Capital Outlay

101.340.957

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

HILL MOVED, GREENBERG SECOND THAT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY  
COMMENDS MARQUETTE COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

On its aggressive study and education of the public on the risks and dangers of tobacco related disease;

Whereas, their leadership has caused citizens of the County of Marquette to understand the dangers of smoking, both firsthand and secondhand;

Whereas, records show that youth and adults have decreased their use of tobacco products; significantly affecting their health and that of future generations.

The Charter Township of Chocolay Board commends the Marquette County Board of Health for its leadership in the health issues of our citizens.

We further pledge to continue to keep the Charter Township of Chocolay as a smoke-free facility and encourage our citizens in this direction.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005 by the Supervisor and Clerk of the Charter Township of Chocolay.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – CHIEF ZYBURT.

Recognition of service was given to Chief Greg Zyburt for work on locating a suicidal woman. He gave information to Gladstone Public Safety enabling them to locate her and get her to the hospital.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES.

Chocolay Township Board concurs with the study on the wastewater treatment plant utility master plan.

SPACE/NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

All township departments will have one representative on the space /needs committee and John Trudeau and Arlene Hill will represent the board on this committee. This committee will evaluate the space requirements for future needs in the Township office.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Cathy Peterson – Commented on the rezoning of the Silver Creek school property.

Trustee Trudeau – Concerns with the Utility Review Committee financial reports and advertising for their public meetings.

Trustee Britton – Question on tightening the R-1 restrictions in the Junk Vehicle Ordinance.

Greenberg – Commented on the controlled burn that took place at the Habitat for Humanity property.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – Supervisor to DNR
- B. Correspondence – Supervisor to KBIC
- C. Correspondence – Mark Maki to Township Board
- D. Information – MTA Legislative Updates
- E. Publication – *Inside Michigan Politics*

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

September 19, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, September 19, 2005 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, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Dan Maki, Ken Tabor.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Sanders, Dennis Stachewicz, Martin Caceres, Tom Murray and Gary Johnson.

**MINUTES –AUGUST 15, 2005.**

Greenberg moved, Trudeau second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2005 are approved as presented.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling \$38,723.61 checks numbered 12434– 12462 are approved for payment.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

Britton moved, Maki second that bills totaling \$16,380.66 checks numbered 12463– 12489 are approved for payment.

**AYES:** 7      **NAYS:** 0      **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Mark Maki – Complaints on viewing public documents and Lakenen sign.

Supervisor Seppanen – Two meeting have been set up in the past month with Mr. Maki picking the date and time and he did not show up for either meeting.

Mr. Maki was asked to sit down and remain quiet because of his outbursts several times. Mr. Maki was then asked to leave the meeting because of his outbursts.

Cathy Peterson - She feels Mark Maki's right have been taken away.

Clerk Hill – Gave information to the Board on an audit seminar put on by NMPSA. She also stated that she has responded to Mr. Maki in writing and over the phone more than any other citizen in the Township. Mr. Maki calls her weekly at the office and at home.

Cathy Peterson – Is opposed to the Township becoming a passport agency.

Trustee Trudeau – NMPSA and the MTA put on good seminars, but always have during the week when a lot of Township officials are working their full time job.

Treasurer Greenberg – The elected officials academy put on by NMPSA is always held on a week end and the attendance is poor.

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

- 1) Planning Commission Minutes – 08/04/05 and 08/08/05
- 2) NMPSA Minutes -08/31/05
- 3) CABA Minutes – July 20, 2005

Trustee Maki - Question on Planning Commission minutes - T21 grant 40% match.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT.**

1. Snowmobile Trail. We are moving forward with plans for this year snow season. I have also been informed that the DNR has formed a committee to look at the parameters for establishing speed limits on trails through residential areas. I've talked to Representative Adamini on this and Dennis has been in touch with his staff. We hope to get local representation on this committee or at least have a chance for input. The committee is meeting in Lansing. They are selecting committee members from the Lansing area.

2. Marquette City Recreation Survey – We are working with Marquette and hope to have the survey out soon.
3. Ambulance Service – The status quo at the moment. The dispatching will be Mediride/MQT/General alternating unless the person requests a certain provider.
4. Tom Murray – Has been hired to fill the position of Lee Snooks. He has worked for the City of Marquette in assessing, zoning, and planning. His schedule is Tuesday through Thursday. He is a good fit for our office staff.
5. Mutual Aid agreement for Chocolay and Marquette Township – It is still at the Mike Summers offices and we will have it on the next month agenda.
6. Police – We had an incident at the Dry Dock several weeks ago. I want to mention this to give credit to the work that Sergeant Heinzelman did in breaking the case and bringing the suspect back to the area for trial.
7. Senior Citizen Transition Board – This group has not met since June since the authority of this Board is in question. Hopefully there will be new direction for this Board and they can meet soon.

#### PRIVATE ROAD REQUEST – BENNETT/BUZZO – RIVERSIDE ROAD.

Staff report was given on private road request #20 – Riverside Road Bennett/Buzzo. The Planning Commission approved the application. The application and the lots meets all of the Township requirements.

#### Comments from public:

- John Renfrew – Concerned with building distances from top of bank going down to the Chocolay River. Waterfront set back is 100 feet from edge of water.
- Gerald Waite – Concerns about how buildable the land is. This land floods in the spring.
- Rod Smith – The soil erosion and sediment control permit has not been signed as of 1:00 p.m. today.
- Don Balmer – This area floods every spring. Each of these lots exceeds 25,000 sq. ft. but the buildable area is very small. The Township should make a change in their ordinance to be specific on a minimum buildable area on a buildable lot.
- Stuart Bennett – The septic and well permits have been approved by the County Health Department. The proposed lots are higher than many of the lots on Riverside Road.
- Jolaine Bishop – How far will the road be from her property line? Where will the snow be dropped when plowing this road in the winter?
- Joel McLaughlin – The proposed road is higher than the existing lots.
- Diane McLaughlin – There is no buffer zone.
- Rod Smith - There should be a perk test. The septic discharge could go downstream to the Chocolay River.
- Debbie Mannico – The private road will cause a lot of traffic problems. The proposed road is right behind her back yard. It could be dangerous for children playing.
- Evie Smith – A person driving on the road would be able to see into her home.
- Larry Buzzo – The right of way for the private road is 66” wide and the road is 24” wide. The trees left on the bank would not allow the snow plowed from the road to be dumped in the backyards of Riverside Road.
- Nydia Renfrew – The proposed road area has flooded before.
- Tony Landick – Township should consider the letter of the law vs. the spirit of the law.
- Sharon Marder – When she bought her property she was told the proposed property could not be built on.
- Lee Blondeau – It is always difficult to accept change on your own property .
- Don Balmer – Lots are in this area are 150 feet deep.
- Cathy Peterson – The people opposed the road and new lots should get together and purchase the property from Bennett/Buzzo.
- Brian Manniko – They have discussed purchasing the parcel but the price has gone up triple since Bennett/Buzzo purchased it.

Ken Tabor moved, Dan Maki second, that the Chocolay Township Board concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Private Road request #20 from Stu Bennett and Larry Buzzo under Section 402 of Zoning Ordinance #34 with the following conditions (in this case the word “applicants” means Stu Bennett and Larry Buzzo):

- 1) The applicants shall allow access to township vehicles as well as other public/private utility companies to provide services; and
- 2) A covenant shall be established on the deeds for any parcels created off from this private road identifying the private road status and which reference the Declaration of Private Road Easement which must be fully executed; and
- 3) The applicants shall pay for and install a road sign identifying the approved name of the private road at the intersection with Riverside Road. The name of the road shall be subject to approval by the Director of Planning and Community Development pending review by the Marquette County Central Dispatch; and
- 4) The applicants shall construct the southern curve on the private road in accordance with the comments provided by the Marquette County Road Commission; and
- 5) The applicants shall obtain a driveway permit from the Marquette County Road Commission; and
- 6) The applicants are required to provide certification from a surveyor/engineer that the private road standards of the Zoning Ordinance have been achieved at the conclusion of construction; and
- 7) A zoning compliance permit shall not be issued until all of the above conditions are met; and
- 8) Land Division Approval is required from the Assessor for the creation of individual parcels off from the road and may require the modification of the lots as shown; and
- 9) The applicants shall comply with the conditions and requirements of all other agency regulations; and
- 10) The applicants are shall obtain Marquette County Health Department review of well and septic considerations for any proposed lots prior to road construction; and
- 11) A covenant shall be established on the deeds for any parcels created off from the private road mandating that all outside lighting be downwardly directed to prevent the trespass of light on adjacent property; and
- 12) The applicants shall submit a drainage plan to be approved by Township staff and the Marquette County Road Commission prior to road construction; and
- 13) The covenant shall also reflect a requirement for yearly application of dust control materials.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

#### EXTENSION OF PRELIMINARY PLAT – ELDERWOOD SUBDIVISION.

John Greenberg moved, John Trudeau second that the Township Board approve a 1 year extension from today's date to the preliminary plat approval for the Elderwood Subdivision with the following conditions:

1. The preliminary plat be amended to show a 30 foot wide non-motorized pathway easement that connects Ladyslipper Lane and Trillium Circle; and
2. The revised preliminary plat is subject to review and approval by the Director of Planning and Community Development

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

Hill moved, Greenberg second to appoint Joy D. Verlinden as an alternate member of the Chocolay Township zoning board of appeals. This appointment is a three year term, up for reappointment in May 2008, as per MCL 125.288(1).

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

#### DEVELOPING PASSPORT SERVICE.

Trudeau moved, Tabor second that the Township Clerk is authorized to establish a Passport Issuance Office in the Township office and proceed to make arrangements for the staff to be trained and the proper camera to be purchased.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Britton, Tabor, Hill, Maki, Seppanen.

NAYS: Greenberg.      MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Cathy Peterson – Is against the Township becoming a Passport Agency and is against the Township hiring another person to do grant writing.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – Supervisor to Marquette Branch Prison
- B. Correspondence – Zoning Administrator to Board
- C. Correspondence – Zoning Administrator to ZBA
- D. Correspondence – Cathy Peterson to Board
- E. Correspondence – Mark Maki to Board
- F. Information – MTA Legislative Updates
- G. Publication – *Inside Michigan Politics*

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk





It is with thankful hearts that we extend to Jack and Betty the thanks of a grateful Township for the manner in which they have demonstrated love and grace to friends, family and neighbors alike. For this reason we proclaim Thursday, October 27, 2005 as 'Jack Menhennick Day'.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION– PETER WHITE LIBRARY.

Pam Christenson gave an annual report from the Peter White Library. Our Township Library millage will expire in 2006. She requested that Chocolay Township consider library millage at the same election in 2006 as the other surrounding Townships. Clerk Hill said that the August 2006 primary would be the preferred date.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 AMENDMENT NO. 5 REIMBURSEMENT FOR BYRNE GRANT.

Greenberg moved, Trudeau 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 December 13, 2004, for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Department Capital Outlay 101.305.957	\$ 11,001.36	+7941.00	\$ 18,942.36

REVENUE

State of Michigan 101543	\$0	+7941.00	\$ 7,941.00
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ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 AMENDMENT 6 REIMBURSEMENT FOR MDOT TRAFFIC GRANT.

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 December 13, 2004, for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed 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	\$175,164.55	+3,136.00	\$178,300.55

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
State of Michigan 101.543	\$ 7,941.00	+3,136.00	\$ 11,077.00

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOTGUN PURCHASE.

Britton moved, Hill moved to approve the purchase of two new Benelli shotguns for the Police Department at a cost of \$1,900.00. This will be paid from the capital improvement fund, police department account 401.305.957.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – TOWNSHIP SIGNS.

Trudeau moved, Tabor second, that the Charter Township of Chocolay Board authorize the Township Supervisor to purchase two "Municipal Complex" signs and four "Welcome" signs, incorporating the design recommended by the Charter Township of Chocolay Planning Commission, from Signs Unlimited and associated materials at a cost not to exceed \$1,290.00 to be taken from Zoning/Planning Commission Capital Improvements Fund 401.805.957, and install the signs at the locations recommended by the Charter Township of Chocolay Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP.**

Trudeau moved, Britton second that the Charter Township of Chocolay enters into a mutual aid agreement with Marquette Township Fire Department.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

**DELINQUENT SEWER USER LIST TO WINTER TAX ROLL.**

Greenberg moved, Hill 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 2005				
Name	Tax ID Number	Address	City, State, Zip	Amount Due
Ray & Margaret Sprowl	52-02-212-001-00	209 Corning Street	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
D & M Realty	52-02-440-009-00	133 Carmen Drive	Mqt MI 49855	686.12
Susan Racine	52-02-215-006-00	156 East Fairbanks	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
Ken Kerekes	52-02-216-014-00	131 East Wright	Mqt MI 49855	32.57
Linda Morgan	52-02-216-015-00	161 East Wright Place	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
Oliver Burns	52-02-455-046-00	225 Judy Street	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
Mark Chudy	52-02-215-015-00	115 Kellog Street	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
Richard Hillock	52-02-305-034-00	172 Riverside Road	Mqt MI 49855	142.38
Steve Johnson	52-02-206-012-00	2424 U S 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	155.94
Walt Racine	52-02-251-012-00	2801 US 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	536.96
Wahlstrom Enterprise	52-02-107-007-00	5043 U S 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	7,030.61
Wahlstom-Sweetz'N'Treatz	52-02-107-007-00	5045 U S 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	1,910.85
Steve Wahlstrom- Lark	52-02-107-004-00	5063 U S 41 South	Mqt MI 49855	1,223.24
Robert Vidlund	52-02-455-004-00	120 Veda Street	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
David Blackburn	52-02-106-032-00	232 Van Epps	Mqt MI 49855	142.38
Kevin Small	52-02-207-010-00	219 West Fairbanks	Mqt MI 49855	298.32
Jason Bernard	52-02-107-074-00	740 Willow Road	Mqt MI 49855	597.20
Kenneth Johnson	52-02-206-006-00	320 West Main Street	Mqt MI 49855	119.20
Renee Rintamaki	52-02-210-008-00	310 West Terrace	Mqt MI 49855	198.98
Joseph Stanaway	52-02-208-005-00	341 West Terrace	Mqt MI 49855	208.88
Marilyn Kremer	52-02-208-003-00	371 West Terrace	Mqt MI 49855	298.88
Jeff Bushey	52-02-208-002-00	387 West Terrace	Mqt MI 49855	80.52
Kristine Dionne	52-02-106-043-00	110 West Wright Pl	Mqt MI 49855	298.88
Total Delinquent Amount				15,751.83

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

**LAKE SUPERIOR ARENA COMMITTEE.**

Britton moved, Trudeau second to adopt a letter of support to the Lake Superior Arena Committee.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Trustee Trudeau – Commented on Lake Superior Partnership and signage in Harvey and Beaver Grove.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

- A. Correspondence – Supervisor to DNR Director
- B. Correspondence – Yelle to LaJuenesse/Township Board
- C. Information – MDEQ Violations
- D. Information – Fire Department Monthly Reports – July, August, and September 2005
- E. Information – MTA Legislative Updates
- F. Publication – *Inside Michigan Politics*

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

November 7, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, November 7, 2005 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, John Trudeau, Don Britton, Ken Tabor, Dan Maki.  
ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sanders, Dennis Stachewicz, Martin Caceres, Greg Zyburt, Gary Johnson, Sharon Roshak, Mike Disch.

**MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 2005.**

Greenberg moved, Trudeau second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 24, 2005 are approved as presented.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling \$35,221.59 checks numbered 12559– 12608 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

Supervisor Seppanen stated that he wanted to bring item X.B up for discussion at this point in the meeting. Trustee Britton would have some comments. Trustee Britton requested that the Board table this item until the December meeting to allow the DNR to have their meeting in November that would deal with speed limits on the snowmobile trail.

Britton moved, Trudeau second to table the snowmobile ordinance until the December 12, 2005 Board meeting.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Mark Maki – Complaints on sign violations - Cathy Peterson property on U S 41 and Van Buren property on County Road 480. Also had a complaint on his freedom of information request addressed by the Clerk.

Joe Holman – Disappointed with the Board for tabling the snowmobile ordinance.

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

- 1) Planning Commission Minutes – 10/10/05
- 2) CABA Minutes – 09/21/05

**SUPERVISORS REPORT.**

1. Ron Yesney, DNR was in the audience and explained to the Board that the DNR has applied for a grant to resurface the bike path. He also commented that the DNR will meet at the end of November to discuss state owned trail and speed limits on the trails. Any decisions will be passed on to the NRC in December and action could take place in January 2006.

**CENTRAL LAKE SUPERIOR WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP.**

Carl Lindquist and Larry Gould representing the Central Lake Superior Watershed discussed projects and grants the partnership has worked on that affect Chocolay Township. The partnership appreciates Chocolay Township's financial participation.

**ANNUAL ROAD RANKINGS.**

Dennis Stachewicz explained the annual road inspection and road rankings memo to the Board.

Britton moved, Hill second to accept the annual road ranking as presented by staff and forward the list to the Chocolay Township Planning Commission.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Maki commented on two small road projects that he feels should be addressed. Riverside Road hill going onto Lakewood Lane and a low spot in South Big Creek near a cul-de-sac.

**DESIGNATION OF PRIME PROFESSIONAL – MARINA WATER TRAIL ACCESS SITE.**

Trudeau moved, Britton second that the Chocolay Township Board concurs with staff and designates Upper Peninsula Architects and Engineers to act as the Prime Professional for the development of the Chocolay Township Water Trail Access Site.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

ARBOR DAY MINI GRANT.

Tabor moved, Hill second that the Chocolay Township Board hereby supports the enhancement of recreational facilities within the Township and therefore supports the application of a DNR Arbor Day Grant.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3 FY2005 – STATE OF MICHIGAN SHORELINE RESTORATION GRANT.

Hill moved, Greenberg second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvement fund receipts within the Township in December 2004 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
State of Michigan 401.543	\$0	+\$71,481.88	\$71,481.88

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Recreation Capital Outlay 401.708.957	\$18,828.48	+\$71,481.88	\$90,310.36

ROLL CALL.

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4 FY2005.

Maki moved, Greenberg second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvement fund receipts within the Township in December 2004 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
State of Michigan 401.543	\$71,481.88	+\$476.64	\$71,958.52

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Police Training 401.306.957	\$2,518.48	+\$476.64	\$ 2,995.12

ROLL CALL.

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005  
AMENDMENT 7 ALCOHOL GRANT.

Greenberg 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 December 13, 2004, for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Salaries 101.305.702	\$178,300.55	+\$220.82	\$178,521.37

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous 101.698	\$ 11,077.00	+\$220.82	\$11,297.82

ROLL CALL.

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

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.

Greenberg moved, Maki second to expend \$113.50 from police training for the defensive tactics training manuals. This will be paid from the police training account in the Capital Improvements Fund 401.306.957.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD.

Tabor moved, Maki second to authorize the Fire Department to accept the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant with the Township's match not to exceed \$1,300.00.

AYES: 7          NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

General Fund

Revenues – No change.

Salaries – No change.

Township Board – No change.

Supervisor – No change.

Election – No change.

Assessor – No change.

Clerk – No change.

Board of Review – No change.

Treasurer – No change.

Township Hall & Grounds – No change.

Other General government – No change.

Police – No change.

Fire – No change.

Streets – No change.

Sanitation – No change.

Recreation & Grants – No change.

Community Center – No change.

Recreation & Property – No change.

Zoning – No change.

Planning Commission – No change.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No change.

Capital Improvements Fund

Expenditures – No change.

Wastewater Fund

Revenues – No change.

Expenditures – No change.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Joe Holman – Commented on the snowmobile ordinance.

Sally Lynch – Feels that speeders on the snowmobile trail are from out of town and a posted speed limit would stop that problem. Agrees that the hill on Riverside going down to Lakewood Lane is a problem.

Sharon Roshak – Locals do speed on the snowmobile trail.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Correspondence – Supervisor to Save The Lakeview Arena Committee
- B. Correspondence – DNR to Larry Merrill
- C. Correspondence – Mark Maki to Township Board
- D. Information – Police Department Monthly Reports – April-September 2005
- E. Information – Marquette County 2006 Budget Adopted Local Unit Tax Rates
- F. Information – MTA Legislative Updates
- G. Publication – *Inside Michigan Politics*

There being no further business, Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk

December 19, 2005

A Regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, December 19, 2005 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Item F1 was added to the agenda, Budget Amendment for Election Department.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Sanders, Dennis Stachewicz, Martin Caceres, Greg Zybert, Gary Johnson.

**PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET.**

The public hearing for the FY2006 budget was opened at 7:01 pm.

Dan Chartier, CABA - Asked the Board if there was any budget appropriation for beautification in the Township. Supervisor Seppanen replied that funds did not permit the Township from participating at this time. The public hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

**MINUTES –November 7, 2005.**

Greenberg moved, Tabor second that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 7, 2005 are approved as presented.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

Hill moved, Maki second that bills totaling \$975.00 checks numbered 12609– 12618 are approved for payment. Clerk Hill noted that these checks are the payroll for the recent general election; they should be reimbursed by the school district.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

Tabor moved, Trudeau second that bills totaling \$55,959.47 checks numbered 12619– 12650 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

Hill moved, Britton second that bills totaling \$10,636.64 checks numbered 12651– 12670 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

Hill moved, Tabor second that bills totaling \$19,320.96 checks numbered 12671– 12695 are approved for payment.

AYES: 7      NAYS: 0      MOTION CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Olive Hillier - Wants the Township to post snowmobile speed limit signs on the roads in Harvey, just off the trail.

Dan Chartier, CABA – Wants the Township to budget for Township beautification. Can the Township do anything about burying cable lines in Harvey?

**ADOPTION OF FY2006 BUDGET. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.**

Greenberg moved, Tabor second, that

Whereas, the Township Supervisor has submitted a complete itemized budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006, and ending December 31, 2006, 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 December 10, 2005; and

Whereas, a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on December 19, 2005, at the Chocolay 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, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006, in the amount of \$1,387,096.00 for the General Fund, in the amount of \$284,806.00 for the Sewer Fund and in the amount of \$54,405.00 in the Capital Improvements Fund.

2. The Township Board does hereby appropriate the sum of \$1,387,096.00 for general operating expenses and capital improvements of the Township to be used for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006, and ending December 31, 2006.

3. The Township Board does hereby appropriate the sum of \$284,806.00 to defray the expense of the operation and debt retirement of the Sanitary Sewer System for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006, and ending December 31, 2006.

4. The Township Board does hereby levy 4.8185 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: Tabor, Maki, Hill, Trudeau, Britton, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: None ABSENT: None.

Supervisor Salary.

Hill moved, Tabor second that the salary for the office of Supervisor shall be set in the amount of \$14,447.00 for the Fiscal Year 2006, which begins January 1, 2006, and ends December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Salary

Trudeau moved, Britton second that the salary for the office of Treasurer shall be set in the amount of \$8,403.00 for the Fiscal Year 2006, which begins January 1, 2006, and ends December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Salary

Tabor moved, Maki second that the salary for the office of Clerk shall be set in the amount of \$11,396.00 for the Fiscal Year 2006, which begins January 1, 2006, and ends December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee's Per Diem

Britton moved, Greenberg second that the per diem for the office of Trustee shall be set in the amount of \$50.00 per meeting for the Fiscal Year 2006, which begins January 1, 2006, and ends December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS REPORTS.

Planning Commission Minutes – 10/31/05.

NMPA Minutes – 10/26/05.

CABA Minutes – 10/19/05 and 10/27/05.

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

1. Snowmobile Trail. The NRC will be meeting in early January with our Trail Speed on their agenda.

2. Road Commission – They have not contacted me about the new cost for the last summer road construction. Dennis, Martin, and I have walked part of Silver Creek and have concerns about the quality of work. We will not pay the bill until without further discussion. I have contacted our attorney and I am prepared to address the issues with them once we get the bill.

3. Adjacent Property – I have contacted the adjacent property owner about our driveway concerns and about a possible purchase. There has been no further contact and I suspect that this indicates that they are not interested in selling.

4. KBIC 2% - We received a smaller check than the last one that covers the Fire contract and leaves about \$10,000 for our other capital concerns. Mary has deposited the money in the appropriate capital accounts till we decide what the money will be used for.

5. Recreational Survey – This has just gone out to the Marquette City, Chocolay, and KBIC Housing residents. Board members requested a copy of the survey.

6. Partnership - We have met with the Partnership and they have started the process of working on opening up more communication with the townships. No specific action is planned for at this moment.

PUBLICATION AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #56 – SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE.

Britton moved, Trudeau second, that the Chocolay Township Board authorizes the publication of Ordinance #56 – Regulation of Snowmobiles and schedule a public hearing for Thursday, January 19, 2006, with one



change in the Ordinance; on the times of regulation. Was 8:00 pm. – 8:00 am CHANGE to 10:00 pm. to 8:00 am.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

REDUCTION OF WASTEWATER FEES – MARQUETTE MOTOR LODGE.

Greenberg moved, Hill second that under Wastewater Ordinance #39-9-D-2a the sewer bill for Marquette Motor Lodge be reduced to 1 equivalent user until April 2006 or until the units are reopened for business.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

SOCIAL SECURITY PRIVACY POLICY.

Hill moved, Trudeau second that the Chocolay Township Board does hereby adopt the Social Security privacy policy #01-05 as presented.

AYES: 7                      NAYS: 0    MOTION CARRIED.

AWARD BID FOR ICE RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

Maki moved, Greenberg second to award the bid proposal for ice rescue equipment for the Fire Department to Michigan Rescue Concepts for a total of \$4,526.00; the funds shall come from the Fire Department Capital Improvements Fund budget 401.340.957.

ROLL CALL.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – 2006 POLICE CHIEF’S CONFERENCE.

Britton moved, Greenberg second, to expend \$607.36 for the Police Chief’s Conference in Grand Rapids, February 8-10, 2006. This would come from the Capital Improvements Fund – Police Training 401.306.957.

ROLL CALL.

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 – AMENDMENT NO. 8 TREASURER DEPARTMENT SALARIES.

Trudeau 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 December 13, 2004, 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
Treasurer Department			
Salary	\$25,308.00	+\$3,200.00	\$28,508.00
101.253.702			
Contingency			
101.285.951	\$34,530.00	-\$3,200.00	\$31,330.00

ROLL CALL.

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5 FY2005 – PASSPORT CAMERA REBATE.

Hill moved, Greenberg second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated capital improvement fund receipts within the Township on December 13, 2004 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
401.698	\$86,424.22	+\$300.00	\$86,724.22
EXPENDITURE			
Clerk	\$ 4,960.48	+\$300.00	\$ 5,260.48
401.215.957			

ROLL CALL.

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005 – AMENDMENT NO. 9 – ELECTION VOTER I D CARD REIMBURSEMENT.

Hill 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 December 13, 2004, 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:

REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
State of Michigan 101.543	\$11,077.00	+\$1,157.09	\$12,234.09
EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Election Department Postage 101.190.728	\$1,000.00	+\$1,157.09	\$2,157.09

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS.

Seppanen moved, Hill second that Martin Caceres be re-appointed as a primary to the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Greenberg second that Dennis Stachewicz be re-appointed as an alternate to the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Trudeau second that Greg Seppanen be re-appointed to the East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Greenberg second that Martin Caceres be re-appointed as an alternate to the East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Britton second that Dennis Stachewicz be re-appointed as an alternate to the East Marquette Solid Waste Disposal Authority for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Greenberg second that Tina Fuller be re-appointed to the Personnel Committee for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Maki second that Mary Kratzke be re-appointed to the Personnel Committee for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Hill second that Don Britton be re-appointed to the Personnel Committee for a term to run from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007 (Two year terms for Board Members).

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Seppanen moved, Greenberg second that Martin Caceres be appointed as an alternate to the Utility Review Committee for a term to run January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2009 (Four year term).

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2006 TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES.

Greenberg moved, Britton second that the Township Board approves the 2006 Township meeting dates schedule as proposed.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

MDOT – TOWNSHIP SIGN REQUEST.

Britton moved, Tabor second that

WHEREAS, The Charter Township of Chocolay Board is attempting to make an investment in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Charter Township of Chocolay Board is attempting to make improvements to the physical appearance of the US-41/M-28 Corridor through the Village of Harvey as outlined in the Charter Township of Chocolay Comprehensive Plan and the US-41/M-28 Comprehensive Corridor and Access Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the signs will be placed in an area that has been identified by the Michigan Department of Transportation as an “Aesthetic Project Opportunities Area”; and

