Board of Trustees Meeting
Charter Township of Bloomfield
April 9, 2007

PRESENT: Barnett, Buckley, Devine, Payne, Roncelli, Savoie, Stefanes
Also present, Attorney Derk Beckerleg

ABSENT: None

ITEM #2 Conservation Proposal – The Study of Consolidation of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Birmingham and Bloomfield Township

Supervisor Payne made the presentation.

Top priority has been placed on the police and fire departments for Township residents. However, with increasing costs it is getting more difficult for the Township, and local municipalities in general, to fund these departments in order to provide the highest level of service. Increasing taxes, reducing the service level, receiving additional state funding and state revenue sharing were mentioned as possible avenues to provide supplementary financial support, but were discarded as unacceptable or unpredictable.

Another option is to consolidate services where cost savings may be realized. The purpose of this study is to examine if this alternative is feasible. The goals of this study are to realize cost reduction and service enhancements. If this proposal were to take effect, changes would be implemented over time and seamless to Township citizens.

Birmingham was chosen due to common borders shared with the Township, similar demographics, compatible management structures and comparable staff requirements.

The study of a possible consolidation will be a very long process with the Township residents aware of each development.

MOTION by Barnett and SUPPORT by Roncelli to APPROVE the Consolidation Proposal.

AYES: Barnett, Buckley, Devine, Payne, Roncelli, Savoie, Stefanes
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, JANET M. RONCELLI, TOWNSHIP CLERK of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at their regular meeting held on April 9, 2007.

JANET M. RONCELLI
TOWNSHIP CLERK