Northfield Township Board Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street October 13, 2009

▶ Motion: Smith moved, Rowe supported, that in accordance with established Police Department policy, a roster of *Eligible Candidates for Promotion* be published to expire on October 14, 2010, listing the remaining sergeant candidates in mathematical order. Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote, Dockett opposed.

4. Joining Salem Township for Joint Code Enforcement

▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Rowe supported, that code enforcement on a joint level with Salem Township proceed regarding property with the parcel number. 02-25-400-021. **Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote**

5. Hiring of Planner

Board members expressed opinions about the planning consultants who made presentations in September. At Iaquinto's request, Mozurkewich said she will ask presenter Nanney to submit a proposal for providing services on a retainer basis before this is discussed again by the Board.

6. Purchase of Park Area Lots from Washtenaw County

▶ Motion: Rowe moved, Wilson supported, that Northfield Township purchase the lots as shown on the letter from the County Treasurer: parcels 02-08-201-007, 02-08-201-008, 02-08-240-018, 02-08-276-038, and 02-08-279-003, for a total value of \$3,648. Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Munivest Accounts

Dante DeMiro of Munivest provided information and answered questions about the Township's investments with his firm.

2. Cost Sharing at 9101 Main Street with Northfield Human Services (NHS)

The Board discussed the proposal for Northfield Human Services (NHS) to share the operating expenses for the Township's building at 9101 which it shares with the Senior Center.

Nancy Enloe, NHS Board President, appeared on NHS's behalf and discussed the history of their use of the building.

3. Recommendation and Presentation from Transition Committee

Iaquinto presented the recommendations of the Transition Committee to move the Township offices into the first floor of the Public Safety Building (PSB) and that the Township sell 75 Barker Road and seek input from Northfield Human Services (NHS) about their interest in purchasing it. Costs and implications of this option and others were discussed. The Board discussed the financial and other implications of the various options.

Ryan Burke, President of the Firefighters Association, said they would prefer that the Township offices be relocated to the second floor of the PSB, and said the Firefighters Association is very unhappy with this plan. Gary Wellings spoke in favor of the space sharing recommendation and said this is a time when the Township's community needs to work together in this severe economic downtown.

▶ Motion: Iaquinto moved, Mozurkewich supported, that the expenditure of \$50,000 to relocate the Township Offices to the Public Safety Building be approved as presented. Motion carried 6—1 on a voice vote, Manning opposed.

4. Hiring Policy

▶ Motion: Iaquinto moved, Manning supported, that the Northfield Township Hiring Policy be approved as presented.

Dockett asked that some spending limits be set. He suggested \$1,000 for any of the items listed. Smith noted that should not apply to item 1, pre-approved contract labor. Iaquinto and Manning accepted that amendment.

▶ Amended motion: Iaquinto moved, Manning supported, that the Northfield Township Hiring Policy be approved, with the addition of a spending limit of \$1,000 for items 2, 3, and 4.

Amended motion carried 6—1 on a voice vote, Rowe opposed.

5. Spending Policy

Mozurkewich asked that this be postponed to the next agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mozurkewich referred to the information which had been provided about WATS and Urban County.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments.