

The Concord Township Board met in the Township Office at 121 Grove Street, on March 11, 2019.

Members present: Supervisor Al Cavasin, Treasurer Judy Clark, Clerk Sheryll Dishaw, Trustee Carr and Trustee Jim Bush

Absent: None

Also Present: Aaron Losey, Cindy Franssen, Ken Wyatt from The Albion Recorder, and Deputy Jacobson.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cavasin at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was honored led by Trustee Carr.

Clerk Dishaw presented the board with the February 11, 2019 Concord Township Board minutes for approval. With no objections Supervisor Cavasin declared the minutes approved.

Public Comment:

- Aaron Losey was present to inform the Board that he will be running for County Commissioner in 2020.
- Ken Wyatt asked if he could take a picture of the new board for the paper.

Clerk Dishaw presented the Board with the bills for February 2019 in the amount of \$8,219.43. With no questions or objections Supervisor Cavasin declared the bills approved.

Reports:

- Treasurer Clark gave the financial condition of the township, the general fund balance is \$271,783.67. The revenues for February were \$58,130.30 with expenditures of \$15,094.67.
- Treasurer Clark gave the February 2019 Fire Report. Total bills including payroll was \$4817.50. There were 22 runs in January 2019, (10 Township, 8 village, 2 Mutual Aid and 2 Training). Fire Stabilization report for January 2019 had a balance of \$169,449.00. Motorola will replace all the unsafe radios for no charge. However, the State of Michigan is charging \$65.00 per radio to reprogram them at a total cost of \$1,690.00
- Deputy Larry Jacobson gave the Police report. There were a total of 39 calls for the month of February; 14 in the Township, 19 in the Village and 6 backup calls.
- Trustee Carr reported that the Planning Commission did not meet in March, due to lack of members being able to attend.

With no objections, Supervisor Cavasin accepted the reports as presented.

Unfinished business:

- New phone system has been installed.

New Business:

- Motioned by Clark, supported by Bush to pass the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution as required by the new AMAR regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Carr, Dishaw, Cavasin, Clark and Bush. Nays – None. Resolution was approved.
- Motioned by Dishaw, supported by Clark to adopt Ordinance #33, the Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments in Concord Township Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes- Dishaw, Clark, Cavasin and Carr. Nays-Bush. Ordinance was adopted.
- Clerk Dishaw read a letter from Linda Miller on behalf of Dave Miller's family thanking the Board for their support and love.

Board Member Comments:

- Trustee Carr – none.
- Trustee Bush – none.
- Treasurer Clark explained that the Dwight and Lucille Aldrich estate has donated \$3000 in the past two years to the cemetery. She is proposing using the money to purchase new steel posts with vinyl lettering for the identification of the blocks at the cemetery.
- Clerk Dishaw reported that the Concord School District will have a May 7, 2019 election for the Sinking Fund Millage Renewal.
- Assessor Dishaw reminded the Board that the March Board of Review will be Tuesday, March 12th, and Wednesday, March 13th.

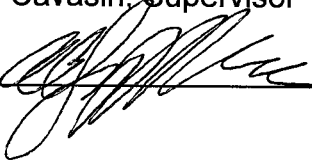
Supervisor Comments:

- Appointment of Cindy Franssen to the Planning Commission. Motioned by Cavasin, supported by Clark to approve the appointment. Motioned was approved.
- Board was informed that Seasonal Weight Restrictions became effective at 6:00 am on Monday, March 11th.
- Discussion on the road projects for this summer to be completed by Jackson County Road Department of Transportation. Motioned by Dishaw, supported by Clark to accept the contract as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-2. Motioned was approved. Motioned by Clark, supported by Cavasin to approve the payment of \$37,696.49 to Jackson County Road Department of Transportation. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motioned was approved.
- Brief discussion was held on the possibility of using other contractors for road repair. Supervisor Cavasin asked Trustees Carr and Bush to look into other avenues for road repair.
- Motioned by Clark, seconded by Carr to approve the additional amount of \$1677.64 to go with the grant of \$1678.00 for the purchase and installation of a security system in the township office. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion was approved.
- The process of obtaining quotes for the permit tracking document is still on going.

- The Township clean-up day will be May 18th. Hanover-Horton Township will be hosting the tire clean up, date to be announced.

Motion by Bush, supported by Clark to adjourn at 6:50 P.M. Motion was approved.

Al Cavasin, Supervisor



Date:

4/18/19

Concord Fire Board Minutes – March 20, 2019

Board Members Present: Meeks, Lauer, Norris, Bush & Clark

Board Members Absent: None

Other Present: Chief Lloyd Mosher

The March 20, 2019 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was honored, a quorum declared and agenda approved. Minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Chief's Agenda:

Review of runs for the month of February 2019: 17 Runs (12 Township, 1 Village, 2 Mutual Aid & 2 training) with a payroll of \$1,940.00.

Review of bills for February 2019
Vehicle Supplies – Fuel – 100.18
Internet & Phone (Bundle) – 81.29
Electric – 87.31
Natural Gas – 195.61
Water/Sewer/Garbage – 120.11
Building Maintenance – 975.00

Total Bills Paid: \$1,559.50

Bills were accepted as printed.

Fire Stabilization report showed \$167,939.46 at the end of February 2019.

Chief's Report:

Old Business:

Chief Mosher reported that the 800MHz Radio System is still not up and running. Pulaski Township voted to not merge with the Concord Village/Township Fire Department.

New Business:

Chief's review was held with Bush saying that Lloyd is doing a great job. Meeks feels that the Department is great and brags about Concord Fire Department all of the time. Clark likes the way that the Department is running so smooth with little to no personnel problems. Lauer has no complaints and feel the Department is running fairly smooth. Lloyd said that he enjoys his position with the Concord Fire Department.

Discussion on equipment: Rescue needs to be replaced as well as Engine 1. Will be discussing more in the near future as to what needs to be replaced first and which piece of equipment can last longer.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Next meeting is to be held on April 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Meeks made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Bush supported. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Judy Clark, Secretary



CONCORD BLOTTER 2019



Jackson County Sheriff's Office Report - Concord Detachment MARCH

PATROL DAYS IN MARCH: 22

PATROL HOURS WORKED: 176

TOTAL DISPATCHES:	45
Concord VILLAGE:	25
Concord TOWNSHIP:	16
Calls OOA (Out of Area / Back-up)	4

	<i>Village</i>	<i>Township</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Calls for Service	25	16	41
Through 911 Dispatch	11	9	20
Thru Local Means	14	7	21
Traffic Stops	9	8	17
Citations	2	1	3
Verbal Warnings	5	5	10
Motorist Assists	2	2	4
FULL Reports	3	1	4
CHARGE Packages	3	0	3
'Add Narratives'	22	9	31
In-Custody Arrests	0	0	0
Citation Arrests	0	0	0
Warrant / Admin. Arrests	0	0	0
Prop. & Vacation checks	14	18	32
Ordinance Visits	7	2	9
PARKING TICKETS	0	---	0
COURT Appearances	1	1	2

- 911 calls when I was NOT on-duty - 10 (4 village / 6 township)

Deputy Larry Jacobson / Badge# 5606 – Concord Detachment

<u>Type of complaints</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Larceny Complaints	0	0	0
Simple Assaults	0	0	0
Fraud / I.D Theft Complaints	0	0	0
Animal Complaints	2	5	7
Verbal Arguments (TWS)	2	1	3
Domestic Situations	2	1	3
Child Custody / CPS Complaints	0	1	1
Drug Complaints	2	0	2
MDOP Complaints	0	0	0
Trespassing Issues	1	1	2
Alarms	0	0	0
Illegal Dumping Complaints	0	0	0
Traffic Crashes	0	5	5
Traffic Issues (Trees, lines)	2	0	2
B&E (Burglary)	0	0	0
Personal Welfare Checks	4	1	5
Suspicious Situations (BOL's)	2	1	3
Peace Officer	2	0	2
Lost/Found Property	0	0	0
Tagged vehicles (48 hrs to tow)	0	0	0
VIN Inspections	2	0	2
Computer Crimes & Scams	0	0	0
Natural Deaths	0	0	0
Landlord / Tenant Disputes	1	0	1
Ordinance Complaints (NEW)	2	0	2
Noise Complaints	1	0	1
Misc. Disp. (Assists)	0	0	0

**Deputy Larry Jacobson / Badge# 5606 – Concord
Detachment**



Speed watch 2019: Direct from the mouth of the speeder –

- On S. Main St. @ Harmon St. 57 in a 25 – “.. I’m afraid of the dark.”
- On N. Concord Rd. near King Rd. – 76 in a 55 – “.. I was bored.”

blight

The Village & the Township each have some spring-cleaning events coming up that would make a wonderful segue into the issue of blight! What better opportunity to clean things up around your house or yard! Call the village or township offices for details.

**Deputy Larry Jacobson / Badge# 5606 – Concord
Detachment**

December 5, 2018

Mr. Al Cavasin, Supervisor
Township of Concord
P.O. Box 321
Concord, Michigan 49237

As you know, our firm audited the Township's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 and expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. Further, because it is allowed under state statute to have a biennial audit, the Township was not required to have an audit of its year ended June 30, 2018 financial statements; it's next regularly scheduled audit will be for the year ending June 30, 2019.

At your request, we visited the Township's office on December 5, 2018 to perform certain procedures related to the departure of the long-time Treasurer. These measures included the following:

- We obtained the July 1, 2017 trial balance report from the Township's accounting software (i.e., the "beginning balances" for the latest unaudited fiscal year) and agreed those balances to the fiscal year 2017 audited ending balances.
- We obtained the June 30, 2018 trial balance report from the Township's accounting software (i.e., the "ending balances" for the latest unaudited fiscal year) and scanned the accounts for any unusual or unexpected balances/items, noting none. We further compared balances to final budget and prior year balances; no unusual or unexpected items were noted.
- We obtained the bank statements and reconciliations, as applicable, for each account as of June 30, 2018 and agreed the ending balances to the trial balance report; no unusual or unexpected reconciling items were noted.
- We obtained the bank statements and reconciliations, as if applicable, for each account as of October 30, 2018 (the most recent month end date then available) and agreed the ending balances to the trial balance report; no unusual or unexpected reconciling items were noted.
- We scanned the general ledger detail from July 1, 2018 through October 30, 2018 noting no unusual or unexpected items.

We were not engaged to perform an audit of the financial statements and/or to render an opinion or any assurance on the Township's financial statements, internal controls or compliance. It is possible that matters may come to the auditors' attention that were not detected by the above procedures when the next audit is conducted.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to the Township regarding this matter. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or additional needs.

Sincerely,

Rehmann Robson LLC



Mark Kettner, CPA, CGFM

**CONCORD MICHIGAN
FROM 07/1/2018 TO 06/30/2019
APPROVED 06/11/2019**

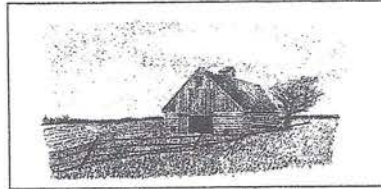
	2018-2019 BUDGET	12/10/2018 ADJ	4/8/2019	TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT
EXPENDITURES				
TOWNSHIP BOARD	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
SUPERVISOR	\$10,600.00			\$10,600.00
ASSESSOR	\$27,000.00			\$27,000.00
ELECTIONS	\$4,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,100.00	\$6,100.00
CLERK	\$19,500.00			\$19,500.00
DEPUTY CLERK	\$2,200.00			\$2,200.00
TREASURER	\$21,500.00			\$21,500.00
DEPUTY TREASURER	\$6,240.00		-\$1,400.00	\$4,840.00
ATTORNEY	\$4,500.00			\$4,500.00
POLICE & COURT TIME	\$38,398.00		\$300.00	\$38,698.00
FIRE	\$61,300.00		\$620.00	\$61,920.00
CEMETERY	\$47,000.00			\$47,000.00
OFFICE RENT	\$7,200.00			\$7,200.00
TOWNSHIP ROADS	\$72,842.28			\$72,842.28
PERMIT EXPENSE	\$9,000.00			\$9,000.00
PLANNING	\$7,500.00			\$7,500.00
BOARD OF REVIEW	\$950.00			\$950.00
AUDIT	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$620.00	\$1,880.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$15,345.00			\$15,345.00
TOTAL	\$365,575.28	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$368,575.28
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$64,253.52			\$64,253.52
ROADS	\$72,842.28			\$72,842.28
ADM FEES	\$26,365.75			\$26,365.75
STATE REIMB FOR SUMMER TAX	\$4,195.00			\$4,195.00
STATE FUNDS	\$138,500.00	\$11,500.00		\$150,000.00
PPT REIMBURSEMENT	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
CEMETERY	\$19,500.00			\$19,500.00
ELECTIONS	\$0.00			\$0.00
INTEREST	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00		\$4,900.00
BUILDING PERMITS	\$10,500.00			\$10,500.00
SALE OF ASSETS	\$0.00			\$0.00
ORDINANCE FINES	\$100.00			\$100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,500.00			\$5,500.00
NEEDED TO BALANCE BUDGET	\$18,418.73	-\$12,000.00		\$6,418.73
TOTAL	\$365,575.28	\$3,000.00		\$368,575.28

TOWNSHIP BOARD:

BOB JONES, SUPERVISOR
KRIS RUNYON, CLERK
THERESA RISKE, TREASURER
CRAIG DAWSON, TRUSTEE
BILL HAIRE, TRUSTEE

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March 12, 2019

Concord Township

Al Cavasin, Supervisor

P.O. Box 236

Concord, MI 49237

Supervisor Cavasin and Board Members,

To further the discussions between yourself, Village President Bush and myself along with Concord Fire Chief Mosher and Pulaski Fire Chief Riley, the Pulaski Township board recently held a meeting with most of the members of our fire department to go over the pros and cons of merging the Pulaski and Concord fire departments. Those opinions expressed were discussed at our regular board meeting last night.

We are all in agreement that the value of current partnerships for joint purchases to utilize bulk-purchase discounts and for joint trainings to provide enhanced continuing education for our department members are beneficial to all of our communities and budgets. We hope these practices will continue into the future. However, our board decided, and voted accordingly, against merging the Pulaski and Concord fire departments. It was felt that it was in the best interest of our residents to maintain our individual department through our voted millages while continuing to support both of our communities, and the entire county, through the county-wide mutual aid agreement of which we are all part of.

These meetings have been a great example of our communities working together to support all of our goals in the best interest of all our residents. I look forward to our continued collaborative relationships.

Sincerely,

Bob Jones, Supervisor

Pulaski Township

Concord Fire Department
Incident Summary Listing

February 2019

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Run</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Amount</u>
R19-021	2/1/19	321	Emergency Medical	3605 Albion Rd	TWP	\$45.00
F19-022	2/2/19	1937	Cancelled Enroute-(Unknown)	Bath Mills & Albion Rd	TWP	\$158.00
R19-023	2/4/19	1931	Emergency Medical	16607 Schultz Rd	TWP	\$120.00
TRAIN	2/4/19	1900	Training	428 Homer Rd	Twp/ Village	\$192.00
R19-024	2/4/19	2159	Emergency Medical	5329 Albion Rd	TWP	\$90.00
R19-025	2/7/19	2223	Assist JCA	533 Hanover St	Village	\$75.00
R19-026	2/8/19	150	Emergency Medical	3665 Albion Rd	TWP	\$45.00
R19-027	2/8/19	653	Hazard In Roadway	Hutchisson Rd	TWP	\$45.00
F19-028	2/9/19	1902	Mutual Aid- Structure Fire	324 Elizabeth St	Parma Twp	\$143.00
R19-029	2/9/19	1813	Mutual Aid- CPR	515 S Union St	Parma Twp	\$105.00
F19-030	2/12/19	602	PDA- Tree On Truck	13946 Apring Arbor Rd	TWP	\$45.00
TRAIN	2/17/19	900	Training- Ice Rescue	428 Homer Rd	Twp/ Village	\$350.00
F19-031	2/18/19	1701	MVA	Cornell & Albion Rd	TWP	\$98.00
F19-032	2/18/19	1857	Assist PD	10888 Spring Arbor Rd	TWP	\$113.00
F19-033	2/24/19	1340	Remove Hazard- Tree Down	3665 Albion Rd	TWP	\$113.00
F19-034	2/24/19	2157	Structure Fire	10944 Spring Arbor Rd	TWP	\$173.00
R19-035	2/28/19	1246	Emergency Medical	13330 Cornell Rd	TWP	\$30.00

Village Total Cost	\$75.00
TWP Total Cost	\$1,075.00
Twp/ Village	\$542.00
Mutual Aid	\$248.00

- 5 Twp Medicals
- 0 Village Medicals
- 1 Vehicle Accidents(Twp.)
- 0 Vehicle Accidents(Village.)
- 0 Village Fire calls
- 2 Public Service Assist- JCA---PD
- 2 Twp Fire calls
- 2 Mutual Aids
- 1 Cancelled Enroute
- 2 Training
- 0 False Call
- 2 Hazard/ Weather

Total \$1,940.00

Fire Stabilization March 2019

Beginning Balance 2019	143,964.26
January Interest	43.52
February Interest	49.96
March Interest	50.71
April Interest	
May Interest	
June Interest	
July Interest	
August Interest	
September Interest	
October Interest	
November Interest	
December Interest	
Public Donations	
1st Quarter Payments	30,279.38
2nd Quarter Payments	
3rd Quarter Payments	
4th Quarter Payments	
Worker's Comp Refund	
Cost Recovery Income	
MML Refund (Liability +Property Pool)	
Miscellaneous	
Total Beginning Balance + Revenues	174,387.83
January Expenses	4,838.16
February Expenses	1,559.50
March Expenses	2,437.15
April Expenses	
May Expenses	
June Expenses	
July Expenses	
August Expenses	
September Expenses	
October Expenses	
November Expenses	
December Expenses	
Total Expenses	8,834.81
Balance as of March 31, 2019, 2019	165,553.02

APRIL 2019		
VENDOR	REASON	AMOUNT
CREDIT CARD	CHANGE NOTICES POSTAGRE	\$ 17.15
CONSUMERS	MARCH USAGE FOR OFFICE	\$ 141.42
CONSUMERS	MARCH USAGE FOR CEMETERY	\$ 32.47
GREENSTONE	APRIL RENT	\$ 600.00
BUTTERS EXCAVATING & LAWN	MONTHLY FEE FOR CEMETERY	\$ 2,358.33
VILLAGE OF CONCORD	WATER/GARAGE FOR CEMETERY	\$ 51.94
VILLAGE OF CONCORD	WATER/SEWER/GARAGE FOR OFFICE	\$ 86.60
SEMCO ENERGY	MARCH USAGE FOR OFFICE	\$ 104.91
APEX SOFTWARE	RENEWAL FOR APEX ASSESSING SKETCHING PROGRAM	\$ 215.00
THE SALESMAN	MARIJUANA RECREATION ORDINANCE	\$ 55.68
ACCUSHRED	FIRST QUARTER SHREDDING	\$ 55.00
BASORE INSPECTIONS LLC	MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS FOR MARCH	\$ 60.00
JACKSON COUNTY TREASURER	APRIL POLICE CHARGES	\$ 3,315.32
SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP	BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE	\$ 107.77
FAHEY SCHULTZ BURZYCH RHODES	LEGAL FEES FOR FEBRUARY	\$ 615.00
SHERYLL DISHAW	CLERK'S LUNCHEON REIMBURSENT	\$ 11.00
FRONTIER	MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	\$ 164.51
WOW	INTERNET SERVICES	\$ 195.50
H THOMAS ELECTRIC INC	MARCH INSPECTIONS	\$ 120.00
VILLAGE OF CONCORD	SECOND QUARTER FIRE PAYMENT	\$ 15,139.38
JUDY CLARK	TREASURER'S LUNCHEON/POSTAGE	\$ 12.47
		\$ 23,459.45

**RESOLUTION
CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING PLAN**

**CONCORD TOWNSHIP,
JACKSON COUNTY,
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

Minutes of a Board meeting of the Concord Township Board, County of Jackson, State of Michigan, held on the 8th day of April 2019 at 6:00 pm prevailing local time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Board of the Municipality of Concord Township, County of Jackson, State of Michigan has independent power to manage risk and acquire insurance coverage to protect the interests of the residents of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Chapter 124 of the Michigan Compiled Laws (P.A. No. 38, 1982, Section 2) authorizes local units of government, including townships to contract jointly to provide cooperative action relative to enumerated insurance coverages and risk management services; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities of the State of Michigan have joined together to form a risk management and insurance program under the name of “Michigan Township Participating Plan” in accordance with an Agreement entitled “Michigan Township Participating Plan Cooperative Action Agreement” (the “Agreement”), originally dated as of April 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to appoint an elected official of the municipality to serve as the municipality’s Member Representative to the Michigan Township Participating Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Municipality hereby appoints Al Cvasin, Township Supervisor to serve as the municipality’s Member Representative. All immunities and privileges of the governmental office held by the municipality’s Member Representative shall apply to the decisions of the municipality’s Member Representative while acting as a municipal Member Representative to the Michigan Township Participating Plan. This designate does not nominate your board member as an official candidate for election. Nominations must be cast on the official nomination form.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Sheryll A. Dishaw, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Board of the government of Concord Township, County of Jackson, State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2019 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Sheryll A. Dishaw, Township Clerk

Date:

Township Clerk

From: "legislation" <legislation@michigantownships.org>
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 9:36 AM
To: "Michelle Hart" <michelle@michigantownships.org>
Attach: nonpartisan issues attachment.pdf; nonpartisan resolution attachment.pdf
Subject: MTA Board of Directors requests action by your board



To: Michigan Townships Association Member Boards
From: Larry Merrill, MTA Executive Director
Date: March 19, 2019
Re: Option for Nonpartisan Township Offices

The Michigan Townships Association Board of Directors requests action by your township board on the attached resolution regarding a time-sensitive legislative policy issue.

Over the years, township officials have suggested to MTA that elective Michigan township offices should be nonpartisan. Consistent with long-standing policy and bylaws, the Michigan Townships Association Board of Directors put the question before the membership at the MTA Annual Meeting in 2012, where it was voted down by the MTA membership in attendance. However, a state representative intends to introduce and actively promote legislation to make nonpartisan township offices *optional* to townships. As an option rather than a mandate, the bill creates a policy dilemma for MTA between continued policy guidance on the question based on the 2012 Annual Meeting vote that did not address a nonpartisan option, and MTA's core value supporting the principle of local control. Also, a considerable period of time has lapsed since the membership voted to oppose nonpartisan elections and arguably the perspective of township officials may be different now.

MTA will need take a position on the optional nonpartisan election bill in the near future, even if that position is neutral. Because the MTA board has already finalized and provided notice to the membership of the proposed 2019 Policy Platform, the upcoming Annual Meeting is not conducive to ascertaining how the broadest spectrum of MTA member boards and their communities would value the opportunity to hold nonpartisan township elections.

To ascertain perspectives of the MTA membership, the MTA Board of Directors is asking *member township boards* to put this issue on the agenda to discuss and take a position at a township board meeting. The MTA board is taking this unusual step with the hope that the issue be framed in terms of a position that best reflects the values of townships as communities as opposed to what is in the best political interest of incumbent officials.

MTA is requesting that township clerks forward this memo to all members of their township boards and that if there is interest among the board to indicate a policy preference, to discuss the issue in the same manner that the board considers other pertinent issues, take a vote on the attached resolution, and **return the resolution to MTA by April 30, 2019**. The MTA bylaws do not allow this method of reaching out to members to be binding on the board of directors or staff in directing the association's legislative policies, but the association will take the input it receives seriously.

To assist your board in its discussions, a table is attached listing the pros and cons of partisan and nonpartisan elections that have been expressed to MTA, as well as the perceptions of MTA leaders. The list may not be all-inclusive and is not intended to influence whatever position your board may take.

As always, thank you for your time, thoughtful review and anticipated response on this matter.

Issue: Should Michigan townships have the option of holding township board member elections on the nonpartisan ballot?

Arguments <u>Supporting</u> Optional Nonpartisan Township Elections	Arguments <u>Opposing</u> Optional Nonpartisan Township Elections
Township elective offices in some other states are nonpartisan.	Partisan elections are inherent in the culture and traditions of Michigan township government.
Nonpartisan offices are an option available to cities as a charter provision.	Cities have home rule; townships and counties are statutory governments.
Township officials should be elected on merit, not party affiliation.	Party affiliations help voters know a candidate's values.
As some communities become more politically polarized, party affiliation disadvantages candidates who identify with community's minority party.	Township board composition should change as electors' expectations and ideologies change.
Township issues seldom align with political party ideologies.	Township boards decisions can reflect an expansive or a limited role of government consistent with party ideologies.
Veteran township officials are at risk of losing elections as their communities shift political party alignments.	Township boards should change as their electors change. It is not MTA's role to defend incumbents.
Partisanship has compromised the effectiveness of state and national legislatures. Townships should be allowed to insulate themselves from partisan divisiveness.	Partisan local elections are instructive to voters as to how state and national partisan elections work.
The preponderance of township officials of a certain party compromises MTA's influence with lawmakers of the other party.	Partisan identification strengthens MTA's political clout by leveraging party influence on public policy.
A potential solution to "voter fatigue" would be to move township elections to the gubernatorial elections, but there is no assurance that the legislation will accomplish this.	Because the nonpartisan section is at the bottom of a long ballot, "voter fatigue" results in fewer votes in the nonpartisan section of the ballot. There is no assurance that township elections will move away from presidential elections.

RESOLUTION

At the meeting of the Concord Township Board, the following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the township board is on record in _____ to legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.

The reason(s) for the board’s position is/are as follows:

Roll Call vote

Supervisor:	Yes___	No___
Clerk:	Yes___	No___
Treasurer:	Yes___	No___
Trustee:	Yes___	No___
Trustee:	Yes___	No___

The motion was declared _____ adopted _____ not adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true statement of an action taken by the Concord Township Board at an official meeting of said board on April 11, 2019.

Sheryll A. Dishaw
Township Clerk

Date:

VAN WERT RD. TRAFFIC PROJECT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u># of vehicles</u>	<u>Fastest Speed</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Stops</u>	<u>Tickets</u>	<u>Box Trucks</u>	<u>Semi</u>	<u>60+</u>	<u>% over 60</u>
9/13/2018	1200-1230	8	59	44.5	0	0	0	1	0	0.00%
---	1430-1500	11	70	51.6	1	0	0	1	2	0.18%
9/14/2018	1030-1130	11	59	50.7	0	0	0	2	0	0.00%
---	1430-1515	9	56	46.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
9/18/2018	1445-1545	13	61	50.9	0	0	0	1	1	0.07%
9/19/2018	1530-1630	14	55	49.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
9/20/2018	1415-1500	13	56	50.8	0	0	1	0	0	0.00%
9/21/2018	1315-1400	10	54	48.9	0	0	1	0	0	0.00%
9/25/2018	1430-1500	7	56	49.3	0	0	0	1	0	0.00%
9/26/2018	1415-1500	16	61	48.3	0	0	0	1	1	0.06%
9/27/2018	1415-1500	11	74	48.9	1	1	0	0	1	0.09%
9/28/2018	1445-1530	14	60	47	0	0	0	0	0	0.07%
10/1/2018	1415-1500	14	57	46.6	0	0	0	2	0	0.00%
10/3/2018	1330-1415	12	54	45.76	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
10/4/2018	1530-1600	10	56	46.28	0	0	1	1	0	0.00%
10/17/2018	1430-1500	15	54	43.67	0	0	1	0	0	0.00%

10/18/2018	0900-0930	7	63	50.28	0	0	0	0	2	28.50%
10/19/2018	1515-1600	16	61	51.06	0	0	0	1	1	0.06%
10/23/2018	1515-1600	17	59	50.07	0	0	1	0	0	0.00%
10/24/2018	1430-1500	11	52	49.54	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
10/25/2018	1430-1500	6	52	47.53	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
10/30/2018	1445-1515	9	51	46.24	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
10/31/2018	1545-1615	16	56	46	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
11/8/2018	1300-1330	12	61	50.17	0	0	1	1	2	0.04%
TOTALS		282	74	45.78	2	1	6	11	10	0.04%

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April 8, 2019

Concord Township Board Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, 6:00 P.M.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Minutes for March
- 4) Public Comment
- 5) Budget Revision
- 6) Bills
- 7) Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Fire Report
 - c. Police Report
 - d. Planning Commission Report
- 8) Unfinished Business
 - a. Audit
- 9) New Business
 - a. Nonpartisan Resolution
 - b. Nominating Supervisor to Participating Plan Resolution
- 10) Board Member Comments
- 11) Supervisor Comments