



**ACME TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
4:00 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2005**

Meeting called to Order at 4:02 p.m.

Members present: B. Boltres, D. Dunville, W. Kladder, B. Kurtz, E. Takayama, F. Zarafonitis

Members excused: P. Scott

Motion by Kladder, support by Zarafonitis to enter closed session to discuss litigation in CCAT v. Acme Township vs. The Village at Grand Traverse, LLC. and Meijer, Inc. because discussions in open session would have a detrimental impact on the township's financial position. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Public meeting recessed at 4:03 p.m.

Motion by Takayama, support by Kladder to exit closed session at 4:24 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None noted.

Motion by Kladder, support by Takayama to approve the closed session meeting minutes from March 1, 2005. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Kladder, support by Takayama to adopt Resolution #R-2005-02 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

Noelle Knopf, 5795 US 31 North, asked if the Board discussed any written legal material or opinions while in closed session. Bzdok replied that he has recommended that the Board not answer questions relative to the session.

Jim Johnson, 6774 Bates Road asked why the minutes were not read into the record. He stated that at public meetings he has attended, the minutes are always read aloud before approval. Bzdok stated that he will not recommend that the minutes of a closed session meeting be read into the record, which would defeat the purpose of a closed session and is an action for which there is no legal precedent.

Margie Goss, 4105 Bay Valley Drive, stated that the last public meeting she attended was the last Board meeting. She stated that she was not informed prior to that time regarding what Bob Garvey and the Farmland & Open Space Preservation Committee have been working on. She understands that at the Board meeting it was proposed that the township fund 25% of a position at a non-profit group in the area which is accustomed to overseeing a similar program in Peninsula Township. She believes that the Michigan Land Use Institute, the GTRLC and NMEAC were included in the group of entities to be funded. Does she understand that the township will be paying \$10,000 per year to these groups for help us run our new farmland preservation program? She believes enough expertise exists on the Board to implement this ordinance that the community was generous enough to pass. She objects to the adoption of the motion to enter into the contract, and would like the need for spending the money to be demonstrated. She thinks we can accomplish the task without encumbering the township to groups that should have less say than she does. She believes they already have more say than she does. If the idea was brought up and passed within the space of a few minutes, that is not "citizen driven" and she believes she should have more input into the process.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.