

**Michigan Townships Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 21, 2010**

RECAP

President Linda Towsley called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

President Towsley requested an item be added to the agenda:

- Honorary Life Member vote and awards presentation

MOTION: Jim Stover moved, and it was supported, to approve the agenda with the additional item added.

Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.

Larry Merrill gave an overview of the House GOP proposal on government consolidation.

President Linda Towsley gave the following report:

- Linda Towsley, Jack Randolph and Larry Merrill attended an ASAE conference in January. The Board self-assessment survey questions were a result of this conference.
- Larry Merrill, Pauline Bennett, Joe Zurawski and Linda Towsley attended a Large Township meeting with the ten largest townships in Michigan. Their plan is to continue meeting every other month. The goal is to provide a forum for the supervisors to share information as well as for MTA to listen to concerns and address their needs.
- The MTA Legislative Conference was a successful event this year.
- May Spring Regional Meetings will be coming soon, beginning in the U.P.
- Linda encouraged Board members to promote Township Governance Academy classes.
- The NATaT conference will not be held the week after Labor Day. It will be held September 15-17, 2010.
- The Board was reminded of the upcoming U.P. Summit.

House Minority Leader Kevin Elsenheimer gave a presentation on the House GOP report "A Comprehensive Solution Without Raising Taxes". The Board held a Q&A session on this proposal with Representative Elsenheimer.

MOTION: Arlene Hill moved, and it was supported, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

- a) Seating of Guests
- b) January Executive Committee Report, January 19, 2010
- c) January Board of Directors Minutes, January 29, 2010
- d) MTA Annual Meeting Report, January 29, 2010
- e) Executive Committee Report, February 26, 2010
- f) Local Authority Committee Report, March 16, 2010
- g) Finance Committee Report, March 26, 2010
- h) Conference Committee Report, April 1, 2010
- i) Treasurer's Report

Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.

Late Committee Reports: Linda Towsley gave a verbal report on the April 21 Executive Committee meeting:

- Update on two Legal Defense Fund cases and the action taken for each.
- Informed the Board of the Executive Committee recommendation for the District 24 Director position vacated by Randi Holthouse.
- Update on the Consumers Energy Rate Case Intervention and contributions from townships.

MOTION: Gene Jorissen moved, and it was supported, to approve the Executive Committee minutes of April 21.

Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.

It was the recommendation of the Executive Committee to nominate AL Boggs, supervisor of Rome Township, as the District 24 Director upon Randi Holthouse's resignation May 10. It was noted that Al Boggs will do a great job serving in this position.

MOTION: Randi Holthouse moved, and it was supported, to approve the nomination of Al Boggs to the District 24 Director position effective May 10, 2010.

Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.

MOTION: Linda Preston moved, and it was supported, to designate Randi Hothouse as an Honorary Life Member of the MTA.

Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.

Recognition of retiring Board members:

- Linda Towsley presented a Glacier Award and Honorary Life Member award to both Randi Holthouse and Colleen Schwartz for their outstanding contributions to MTA. (Colleen Schwartz was designated as an MTA Honorary Life Member at the January 2010 Board meeting.)

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.