

Charter Township of Portage

Houghton, Michigan

"Progress our Goal"

The Second Public Hearing & Special Meeting Minutes

To Review The 425 For Meijer Store

When: November 1, 2018 (Thursday)

Where: 47240 Green Acres Road, Houghton, MI 49931

Time: 7:00 P.M

Bd. Members Present: John O., Bill F., Bill B., Peggy A., Bruce P. (Twp. Supervisor), Amy S. (Twp. Clerk), Betsy S. (Twp. Treasurer)

Public Present: Two members of the public were present – one Twp. resident and one non-twp. resident.

Discussion Items:

>> Twp. Supervisor Called Hearing to Order at 7:02 P.M.

>> The Twp. Supervisor went over the Conditional Transfer of property 425 agreement that was agreed to with the City of Houghton and used on other occasions, like Applebee's, to supply the needed building site for those business. In addition to the land transfer other issues like taxes, fire and police protection, water and sewer faculties. Any kind of future development along the highway will probably require a "425" agreement with the City of Houghton. Under article V– Section 5.6 – if the Meijer's store is not built within ten years the land reverts back to the Twp. The City gets their millage rate on the completed store/lot and the Twp. gets it's 3 mills on the convenience store and the remaining part of the lot. The only thing the Twp. agrees to supply is the sewer hookup – the rest of the services will all be supplied by the City. The 425 agreement is designed for about forty years and then it will need to be renegotiated. Lastly, by doing this 425 agreement, both the Twp. and the City of Houghton are working more on a "regional basis". Letters of support for the 425 agreement were then read immediately after the Supervisor's comments.

>> Public Comments: One member of the public was opposed to the conditional land transfer stating that she thought that corner was a very valuable asset and that the Twp. should retain it for a series of small, local entrepreneurs, and not a big "box store". She was also very concerned with "local" store owners being damaged by the moving in of another "big box store".

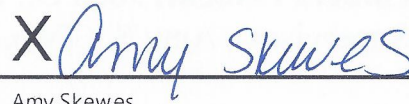
>> Due to the lack of public attendance, (2) were present – the Board of Trustees opted to hold another public hearing on the acceptance of the 425 agreement with the City of Houghton.

Adjourn Public Hearing: Bill B. motioned at 7:32 PM. Seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Bruce Petersen
Supervisor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Skewes", written over a horizontal line.

Amy Skewes
Clerk

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Sign IN Sheet

- 1.) Scott Rubich
 - 2.) Leslie Griffith
 - 3.) Barbara Petersen
 - 4.) Lora Repp
 - 5.) Linda Kulison
 - 6.) Friederike Dost
 - 8.) Rosemary Drier
 - 9.) Tom Herda
 - 10) William Heikkinen
- Emily Shaw
Petra Huentemeyer