

Charter Township of Portage  
Public Hearing to Review 425 for Meijer Store  
October 23, 2018

The Charter Township of Portage held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Portage Township Hall.

**Call to Order:** The hearing was called to order by Bruce Petersen at 6:00 PM

**Pledge Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Petersen

In attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Tressa Alvarado, Treasurer Betsy Smith and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, and John Ollila. Absent: Bill Fink.

**Present the Proposed 425 “Conditional Transfer of Property Agreement” for Taxation Purposes with the City of Houghton for the New Meijer Store:** 3 mills would be collected for the township on the developed property and 11 mills would be collected for the city. Sewer will be provided by the township. Will connect with the Green Acres Road sewer project and will not have any development cost, will be prorated into the grant money the township will get from Rural Development. Grant money will not be used to pay for Meijer hook up fee. The township property will be a majority of the parking lot and a gas station/convenience store, the 3 mills of tax money would come from only that portion of the development. 425 is based on a 40 year agreement with the city. If Meijer does not build within 10 years, the property will revert back to township jurisdiction. Township will receive sewage from commercial source, which would help pay for the cost of Green Acres Road sewer. In a dark store scenario, the litigation would fall on the city.

**Public Comments:** Norma Veurink asked about what the size of the store and if it will be mostly grocery or if they will be selling other things. Concern about how many local business will go out of business/lose business, and how many empty stores and empty mall that we have.

Plan is 75% grocery, 25% will be sporting good, clothing, etc., no fast food. There will be a gas station/convenience store, which is what will be on the Portage Twp. property.

Emily Shaw suggested that 10 years is too long to tie up the property while Meijer decides if they will build. Concerned about the impermeable surface and how rain water retention would be handled.

Looking at same amount of water coming off of the site as in an undeveloped condition. Retention basins will be metered out in the same amount of flow that would normally be expected based on soils, slope, rainfall events, etc. The structure will be following the code of the existing City of Houghton stormwater ordinance. The agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement by the City of Houghton and Portage Twp.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Ollila and seconded by Bingham to adjourn to special meeting at 6:45pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Attendance:**

Emily Shaw

Norma Veurink

Charter Township of Portage  
Special Meeting to Review 425 for Meijer Store  
October 23, 2018

The Charter Township of Portage held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Portage Township Hall.

**Call to Order:** The hearing was called to order by Bruce Petersen at 6:45 PM

In attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Tressa Alvarado, Treasurer Betsy Smith and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, and John Ollila. Absent: Bill Fink.

A motion was made by Ollila and seconded by Bingham to have a second public meeting on November 1, 2018 at 7pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

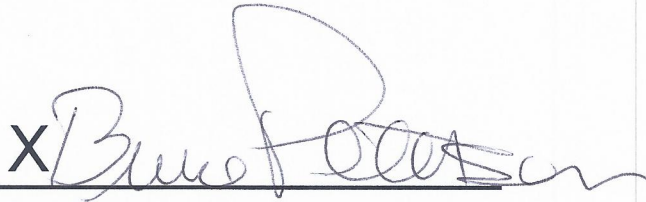
**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Ollila and seconded by Bingham to adjourn at 6:47pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Attendance:**

Emily Shaw

Norma Veurink

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Bruce Petersen  
Supervisor

X



Tressa Alvarado  
Clerk