

February 17, 2010

A Special meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Chocolay Township Office, 5010 U. S. 41 South, Marquette, MI. Supervisor Seppanen called the Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Greg Seppanen, Arlene Hill, John Greenberg, John Trudeau, Mark Maki, Ken Tabor.

ABSENT: Sue Carlson.

AGENDA.

Trudeau moved, Greenberg second to approve the agenda.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

MERS DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN.

Mike Tackett and Tony Radjenovich from Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan were present to answer questions on the MERS plan.

The Board had questions on:

- How the IRS looked at employee contributions
- Unfunded liability
- Employees leaving before the unfunded liability is paid off
- Pension plan enhancements
- Amortization rates

The Board agreed to move forward with the MERS Pension Plan and direct staff to prepare a resolution containing the following:

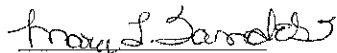
- The employer will maintain a 10% gross wage contribution rate
- Employees will contribute 2.5% of gross wages until the plan is 100% funded
- Plan changes will not be considered until the plan is 100% funded
- The unfunded liability will be amortized over a 5 year period with progress reviewed annually
- Prior to any plan change, an actuarial report shall be acquired to ensure affordability and if that assurance is not given, the enhancement will not be approved
- Plan enhancements will not be considered if the cost of the plan exceeds 12.5% of gross payroll- 10% employer/2.5% employee
- When a plan change is considered, the unfunded liability shall be paid within a 5 year period

PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Clerk

  
Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk