

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION 04-01-09

A RESOLUTION TO PLEAD FOR THE BRIDGEWATER DRAIN PROJECT TO BE SELECTED FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the specific funding under the Federal Stimulus Package is targeted toward those projects that will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and create sustainable communities as a by-product; and,

WHEREAS, the land in Bridgewater Township's business community and the surrounding properties had very poor drainage that caused raw sewage to come up through the ground; and

WHEREAS, those businesses and residents were required to finance a sewer system to protect and secure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Township business community and the residents in and around it have already been bearing an unreasonable burden paying between \$120 - \$1,080 per month in sewer fees to pay for the sewer's operation and maintenance and to finance the township's debt to Washtenaw County; and,

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township's current request for federal stimulus funding for our drain project is based on the fact that this drain district is made up of these same businesses and residents who are already unduly burdened by necessity with their sewer bills; and,

WHEREAS, the recent decision-making process that was used to narrow down projects for federal stimulus funding was to recommend infrastructure projects that were already "on hold" as part of the state's Revolving Fund Projects under the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Drain Project does not fit under the umbrella of those departments although the project does otherwise meet the criteria to receive federal stimulus funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Drain Project is truly shovel-ready under the federal stimulus guidelines because all of the necessary engineering has already been completed; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Project Cost Spreadsheet enumerates the unreasonable additional burden estimated for Washtenaw County to complete the Bridgewater Drain Project to be between \$450 - \$9,000 annually for our businesses and residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Drain Project is in critical need of funding to sustain our community.

NOW, THEREFORE WE RESOLVE that the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees plea to Representative Pam Byrnes along with the Michigan House of Representatives with which she serves to recommend to Governor Granholm that Bridgewater Drain Project be selected to receive federal stimulus funding in the amount of \$900,000.

Motion made by Trustee Mull and seconded by Trustee Riley to adopt the above Resolution.

Upon roll-call vote, the following members voted

YEA: Carver, Faust, Mull, Oliver, Riley

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Supervisor declared Resolution 04-01-09 to plea to Representative Pam Byrnes along with the Michigan House of Representatives with which she serves to recommend to Governor Granholm that Bridgewater Township's Drain Project be selected to receive federal stimulus funding in the amount of \$900,000.

Certification:

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Bridgewater, held on April 2, 2009, the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting was given, and the meeting was conducted, pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Michigan Public acts of 1976, as amended.

Cynthia Carver,
Bridgewater Township Clerk
