

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2015**

Supervisor Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Supervisor Schmitt, Clerk Tischler, Treasurer Mooney and Trustees,  
Cook, Nelson, Scarcello and Walsh

Absent: None

Others Present: Sandra LaJoie, Deputy Clerk, Beverly Hills  
Joseph Hlavaty, Bingham Farms

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Schmitt mentioned the sign ordinance regulations made by the Federal Government. Supervisor Schmitt noted Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley, P.C. have been rated top attorneys for the third year in a row. Supervisor Schmitt added in either January or February the Board will need to discuss and or review the Animal Control Ordinance for fees and other provisions.

Supervisor Schmitt reminded the Board the January meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. - Budget session.

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk Tischler commented the 2016-17 Preliminary Budget information has been supplied as an information item, along with a listing of line items by department noting vendors or items supported by the line item.

Clerk Tischler mentioned other additional information items of interest are #12-54 – MERS Quarterly Statement and #12-62 the Township Holiday Schedule for 2016.

Clerk Tischler noted information item #12-52 – State Update on Voting Systems and suggested consideration to be given to allocating funds for Election equipment purchases in the 2016/17 Budget.

Clerk Tischler commented new Voter ID Cards were mailed to all active registered voters in Precinct 3 notifying them of the change in their polling location. The Beverly Hills Village Clerk has also placed notification in the Village's Newsletter and notice has also been put on the Township's Website.

Clerk Tischler mentioned a request was made at our October meeting to have minutes of Planning Commission meetings provided to the Board. The August minutes were provided in the November information items listed as #11-53.

Clerk Tischler stated 938 dog licenses have been issued as of November 30<sup>th</sup> compared to 909 at this time last year and 42 cat licenses have been issued compared to 48 last year.

Clerk Tischler mentioned an e-mail she received regarding Straight-Ticket Voting Elimination. Clerk Tischler commented the House Elections Committee reported legislation today eliminating the voters' ability to choose a party's slate of candidates with a single selection on the ballot and tie-barred it to "secure no-reason" absentee voting.

Clerk Tischler added the elimination of straight-ticket voting Senate Bill 13 cleared the committee 5-2. A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 13 can be added to this evening' agenda.

Clerk Tischler stressed to the Board the importance of opposing Senate Bill 13 and how it would cause frustration for not only voters but Clerks.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mooney commented to date, just under 96 ½ % of the summer tax collection and 10 ½ % of the winter tax collection has been received.

Treasurer Mooney noted in May of this year, the Board approved a new agreement with the County for accepting credit card payments. Part of the new agreement included a clause that returns some of the fees collected to the Township. Treasurer Mooney added at the time, it was not known how much that would generate but the Township collected \$923.28 for the summer tax collection to date.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT CONTAINED ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

No one wished to be heard.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Supervisor Schmitt requested 19a be added to the agenda- Discussion and Possible Resolution Appointing Harold Marderosian to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Clerk Tischler requested that 19b be added to the agenda- Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 13.

**Motion** by Mooney, supported by Walsh, to approve the agenda as amended.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Supervisor Schmitt offered the October 13<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes for approval.

**Motion** by Nelson, supported by Scarcello, to approve the October 13, 2015 Board meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR TOWNSHIP BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017:**

**Motion** by Cook, seconded by Scarcello, the following Resolution be adopted:

The Southfield Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing with regard to the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Township Budget on February 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at the Township Hall located at 18550 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Southfield Township, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Tischler, Mooney, Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES:**

Supervisor Schmitt commented the Township Poverty Standards Guidelines provide the potential for the Board of Review to grant property tax reductions for persons with assets less than a quarter of a million dollars, and whose income does not exceed the federal poverty income standards as of 12-31-15.

**Resolved** by Tischler, supported by Walsh, that Southfield Township adopt, in conformity with the federal poverty income standards as of 12-31-15, the following income standards for its 2016 poverty guidelines:

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Poverty Guidelines</u>
1	\$11,770
2	15,930
3	20,090
4	24,250
5	28,410
6	32,570

7	36,730
8	40,890
For each additional person	4,160

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Mooney, Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KATHLEEN MECHIGIAN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Supervisor Schmitt commented Kathleen Mechigian's term on the Planning Commission expires on March 14, 2016. Mechigian resides in Bingham Farms, has been a diligent member, and has agreed to accept reappointment.

Supervisor Schmitt added the Commission members are required to have staggered terms, and this maintains the term balance, as well as the geographical balance.

**Resolved** by Cook, supported by Mooney, to reappoint Kathleen Mechigian to the Southfield Township Planning Commission from March 15, 2016, through December 31, 2018.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL HEISEL BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER:**

Supervisor Schmitt noted Michael Heisel a resident of Franklin, who was recently appointed to serve on our Board of Review, has tendered his resignation as he is in the process of moving to the Carolina's.

A motion is necessary to accept Mr. Heisel's resignation.

**Motion** by Mooney, supported by Tischler, to accept the resignation of Michael Heisel from the Southfield Township Board of Review with regret and wish him and his family well in their move to new surroundings.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF ALBERT BEKE TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW:**

Supervisor Schmitt commented since Board of Review member Michael Heisel moved and resigned mid-term a replacement has to be appointed to fill that position for the remainder of the term. Albert Beke, a Franklin resident has submitted an application (copy attached), and appears to be eminently qualified. Generally, BOR members are appointed for two-year terms, which begin on January 1st of odd-numbered years. Thus this appointment, to fill the unexpired term, would only fill the unexpired portion of the term. Appointment of Mr. Beke would fulfill our goal of having each village represented on the BOR.

**Resolved** by Cook, supported by Tischler, to appoint Albert Beke to the Southfield Township Board of Review for a term beginning December 9, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney, Cook  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP GROUP PENSION PLAN:**

Clerk Tischler explained the reason for the Resolution and proposed the following Resolution for adoption:

Board discussed the following points prior to adopting the Resolution:

- Discussed the change in age and penalties.
- Noting the plan is a defined contribution not a defined benefit.
- Discussed how the plan works.
- Discussed the reason for the amendment to the Group Pension Plan.
- Questioned the amendments impact on the Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan.
- Discussed the Vesting time frame.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP GROUP PENSION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of MICHIGAN was held

on December 8, 2015 pursuant to consent to hold the meeting, such consent indicated by the signatures of all Trustees to these minutes, and

**WHEREAS,** those present at the meeting constituting of the Administration Supervisor Schmitt, Clerk Tischler, Treasurer Mooney and all of the Trustees of the Township, Trustees Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, and

**WHEREAS,** the Supervisor announced that the first order of business was the consideration by the Board of an amendment to the organization’s existing 401 (a) Plan and after an explanation of the terms of the proposed change, a motion was made, supported and it was unanimously adopted, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Southfield Township Board of Trustees amend the 401 (a) Plan, as follows: Change the Normal Retirement Age to 55.

**FURTHER BE RESOLVED,** that the amendment above be effective December 9, 2015.

Clerk Tischler answered all questions and after general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to pass this Resolution.

**Motion** by Mooney, supported by Nelson, that the above motion was duly made, supported and ~~unanimously~~ adopted. To amend the Southfield Township Group Pension Plan

**Roll Call: Board of Trustees:**

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Phillip Schmitt, Supervisor

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Daniel Nelson, Trustee

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Sharon Tischler, Clerk

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Paul Scarcello, Trustee

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Janet Mooney, Treasurer

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Robert Walsh, Trustee

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Bonnie Cook, Trustee

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Sharon Tischler, MMC, CMMC  
Southfield Township Clerk

Supervisor Schmitt and Clerk Tischler answered all questions and after general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to pass this Resolution.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney, Nelson  
Nays: Cook  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF STEVEN CROYLE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Supervisor Schmitt proposed the following Resolution for adoption:

Supervisor Schmitt noted Commission Member Michelle Bruner has resigned from the Board and since she is no longer a resident of the Township, this has created a vacancy. Steven Croyle of Bingham Farms has generously agreed to accept the appointment.

Croyle will fill Bruner's unexpired term ending 12/31/2015 and be reappointed for a full three year term.

**Resolved** by Schmitt, supported by Cook, to appoint Steven Croyle of Bingham Farms, to the Southfield Township Planning Commission with a term, expiring December 31, 2015 and reappoint to a three year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney, Cook, Nelson, Scarcello  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Supervisor Schmitt asked Trustee Walsh, Chair of the Compensation Committee to present the Compensation report to the Board.

Trustee Walsh commented the Compensation Committee consisting of Trustee Walsh, Chair, Trustee Nelson and resident Jack Fahlen met on November 12, 2015 at the Township Hall. The Compensation Committee made the following recommendations, noting the minutes of the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP COMPENSATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

Trustee Walsh, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Township Hall, with the full committee in attendance.

Present: Committee Members Trustee Robert Walsh, Chair, Trustee Dan Nelson, and Township Resident Jack Fahlen

Others Present: Supervisor Schmitt (who once again graciously agreed to act as recording secretary), Clerk Tischler, and Treasurer Mooney.

Walsh opened the discussion by saying that the Consumer Price Index and Social Security reflected zero inflation; the economy was poor, unemployment while down was not truly reflective of the actual situation, and the Township's fund balance was being used to balance the budget. Notwithstanding the aforesaid:

**MOTION** by Walsh, supported by Nelson, that the Compensation Committee recommends 2% salary increases to all full-time employees and elected officials, exclusive of the Trustees, effective April 1, 2016.

Walsh opened the floor to discussion by the Committee and audience. Nelson questioned salary rates and advocated for a fixed increase instead of a percentage.

Fahlen stated he would support a 2% increase.

Yes: Walsh, Fahlen

No: Nelson

**Motion** passed 2-1.

Fahlen advocated updating or revamping the "Recommended Pay Ranges With Steps" as provided in the Policy and Procedures Manual. After discussion and historical review:

**MOTION** by Fahlen, supported by Walsh, to recommend the Township Board investigate updating or revising the "Step Policy".

**Motion** carried unanimously.

Walsh asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard. Treasurer Mooney waxed on the quality of the staff and how they are appreciated.

There being no further business, the Chair wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and closed the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

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Robert Walsh, Chair

*These minutes are not official. The Compensation Committee has not approved them.*

The Board discussed the following points prior to receiving and filing the draft minutes:

- The reason Trustee Nelson voted against a 2% increase
- Performance increases
- How the Committee arrived at 2%
- Longevity

After general discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the minutes of the Compensation Committee meeting, dated November 12, 2015 as the report of the Committee.

Joseph Hlavaty asked which Board reviews the compensation for Precinct Workers and Board of Review members.

Trustee Walsh responded compensation for Precinct Workers and Board of Review members is reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

**Motion** by Schmitt, supported by Walsh, to receive and file the Draft of the minutes of the Compensation Committee meeting, dated November 12, 2015, as the report of the committee.

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2016:**

**Resolved** by Cook, supported by Walsh, the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to MCLA 41.95 (3), which provides that in a Township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Southfield Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the Township Supervisor to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor has served the Township since 2007 and has been elected to serve the Township,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the salary for the office of Township Supervisor for Fiscal Year 2016 is set at \$23,854.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Tischler, Mooney, Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh  
Nays: Schmitt  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY OF TOWNSHIP CLERK BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2016:**

**Resolved** by Mooney, supported by Schmitt, the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to MCLA 41.95 (3), which provides that in a Township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Southfield Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the Township Clerk to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk has served the Township since 1984 and has been elected to serve the Township,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the salary for the office of Township Clerk for the Fiscal Year 2016 is set at \$73,556.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Tischler, Mooney, Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER:**

**Resolved** by Schmitt, supported by Tischler, the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to MCLA 41.95 (3), which provides that in a Township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the Township Board shall be determined by the Township Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Southfield Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the Township Treasurer to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has served the Township since 2007 and has been elected to serve the Township,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the salary for the office of Township Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2016 is set at \$59,637.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Mooney, Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF UPDATING CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY FOR SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP:**

Clerk Tischler mentioned the Salary Committee during its deliberations suggested the Classification and Compensation Study performed by the Michigan Municipal League which was done in 1996 at a cost of \$2,516 be updated. [See Exhibit A for attached proposal]

After general discussion, a motion was made by Mooney, and supported by Walsh, to table this item for six months.

**Motion** passed 6-1 Nay-Tischler

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND RESTATEMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP'S GOVERNMENTAL NON-ERISA RETIREMENT PLAN:**

Clerk Tischler explained the Internal Revenue Service requires retirement plan sponsors to restate their plan documents at regular intervals. We are currently within an IRS mandated restatement cycle and must update our group retirement plan document.

Clerk Tischler added this adoption agreement replaces our current plan document. The restatement is required to bring the plan into compliance with the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and other legislative and regulatory changes. The new plan is primarily a restatement and consolidation of previously adopted good faith amendments and does not result in substantive changes to our plan's operation. It will not result in any new fees or changes to our plan or participants.

Clerk Tischler noted to satisfy the restatement requirement, we must approve the attached resolution and authorize signing the documents where indicated.

Attached are the resolution and copy of our plan, as well as a copy of the acceptability letter of the plan by the Department of the Treasury – Internal Revenue Service.

Clerk Tischler proposed the following Resolution for adoption:

**SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION TO AMEND  
AND  
RESTATEMENT OF NON-ERISA RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Resolved** by Tischler, supported by Mooney, the following Resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the following is a formal record of action taken by the governing body of Southfield Township, and

**WHEREAS**, with respect to the amendment and restatement of the Southfield Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan, the following Resolutions are hereby adopted, and

**WHEREAS BE IT RESOLVED** that the plan be amended and restated in the form attached hereto, which Plan is hereby adopted and approved, and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the authorized signor of the Municipality be and is hereby, authorized and directed to execute the Plan on behalf of the Municipality dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK:**

I, Sharon Tischler, being the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Township of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify and declare that the foregoing is a true and correct Copy of the Resolution to amend and restatement of the Southfield Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan adopted by the Township of Southfield Board of Trustees at a regular meeting thereof held on December 8, 2015.

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Sharon Tischler, Clerk  
Southfield Township

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Phillip Schmitt, Township Supervisor/Date

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Sharon Tischler, Township Clerk/Date

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION APPOINTING HAROLD MARDEROSIAN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Supervisor Schmitt commented long time Zoning Board of Appeals member Gary Rentrop, our “Township only” member, moved from the Township and thus is ineligible to serve the remainder of his term, which would have expired in December 2016.

Harold Marderosian, a resident of the unincorporated portion of the Township has generously agreed to accept appointment to the ZBA.

ZBA members are required to have staggered terms, and appointing Mr. Marderosian to the ZBA through 2016 satisfies the term and geographic balance of the Board.

**Resolved** by Cook, supported by Walsh, to appoint Harold Marderosian to the Southfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals through December 31, 2016.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Cook, Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB 13:**

Clerk Tischler presented the following Resolution for adoption with changes:

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 13**

**Resolved** by Tischler, supported by Cook, to adopt the following Resolution:

At a Regular Meeting of the Southfield Township Board of Trustees held on Monday, December 8, 2015, at the Township Hall, 18550 W. 13 Mile Rd., the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, similar legislation was enacted in 1964 and 2001, and both times Michigan voters have overturned such legislation by voter referendum; the attempt to make this pending legislation “referendum proof”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of County Clerks (MACC) and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) are organizations which represent those committed individuals who administer our elections; both MACC and MAMC and the Michigan Townships Association are all opposed to this legislation; and the MAMC states that passing this bill into law will “cripple” precincts and “lead to voter anger;” and

**WHEREAS**, a study published by The Pew Charitable Trust states that the State of Michigan already has the sixth longest voting lines in the country, where voters have to wait an average of 22 minutes to vote in the last presidential election and in some cases up to 4-hours, and has some of the longest ballots in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal clerks fear that this bill would lead to more spoiled ballots, increasing wait times even further; and

**WHEREAS**, voters who choose the straight-party option currently have the ability to vote for members of any other party, should they so choose; and

**WHEREAS**, although this bill affects partisan elections, this is not a partisan issue as it would have a major impact on both major political parties. Of the 220,412 straight ticket ballots cast statewide in the 2014 election, there were 108,211 Republican ballots cast and 109,711 Democratic ballots cast; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of hiring additional poll workers would be squarely on the local communities, despite the state legislature not having restored its shared revenue obligations to said local communities, in effect making this an unfunded mandate from the State; and

**WHEREAS**, pending companion legislation, Senate Bill 639, would even further restrict the right and the ability of a citizen to exercise their vote.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southfield Township Board of Trustees believes that voting and public participation is necessary and vital to a successful democracy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon its passing this Resolution shall be expeditiously transmitted to: SEMCOG and its Member Communities; the Michigan Municipal League; the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; the Michigan Association of County Clerks; the Oakland County Clerks’ Association; Governor Rick Snyder; Representative James Townsend; Senator Marty Knollenberg; Speaker of the House Kevin Cotter; House Minority Leader Tim Griemel; Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof; Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich; the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Senate Committee on Elections and Government Reform; and the Chair and Vice Chairs of the House Committee on Elections; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Southfield Township Board of Trustees strongly encourages the state legislature to tackle more pressing election issues such increasing access to the voting booth by implementing such measures as “No Reason” absentee voting; and

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK:**

I, Sharon Tischler, being the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Township of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify and declare that the foregoing is a true and correct Copy of the Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 13 adopted by the Township of Southfield Board of Trustees at a regular meeting thereof held on December 8, 2015.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Nelson, Scarcello, Walsh, Schmitt, Tischler, Mooney, Cook  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

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Sharon Tischler, MMC, CMMC  
Southfield Township Clerk

**Resolution** Declared Adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF OCTOBER EXPENDITURES:**

**Motion** by Walsh, supported by Scarcello, to approve the October expenditures as follows:

101 General Fund	\$ 36,394.87
703 Tax Fund	<u>\$ 463,553.48</u>
	\$ 499,948.35

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES:**

**Motion** by Walsh, supported by Scarcello, to approve the November expenditures as follows:

101 General Fund	\$ 33,604.80
703 Tax Fund	<u>\$ 130,200.95</u>
	\$ 163,805.75

**Motion** carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

No one wished to be heard.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

Trustee Scarcello expressed an interest in the classification study and Trustee Scarcello would like to see the Board take action in 2016.

Trustee Walsh noted South Oakland County Water Authority will meet tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. the City of Southfield.

Treasurer Mooney wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and congratulations to Michigan State.

Supervisor Schmitt mentioned to the Board anyone can go to [MichiganTownships.org](http://MichiganTownships.org) and compare the various salaries of public officials by jurisdictions.

Supervisor Schmitt commented that if a young person is interested in landscaping, Southfield Township can cover them with workman's compensation. Supervisor Schmitt wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Clerk Tischler commented budget documents were supplied in your information items. Clerk Tischler added in the near future the Board will need to discuss allocating funds for new Election equipment. Clerk Tischler mentioned Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk, is researching various financial ways the county could loan the money to jurisdictions. Clerk Tischler wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Trustee Scarcello inquired about whether or not we received the budget information.

Clerk Tischler responded yes as information item # 12-59.

Trustee Cook wished everyone Happy Holidays and commented she is looking forward to her first budget session in January of 2016.

Trustee Nelson mentioned he explained to ~~a resident about Southfield Township at Books-A-Million. Trustee Nelson asked if there was a tragedy in the Township who is responsible.~~ the manager of Books-A-Million about Southfield Township.

Trustee Nelson asked the Supervisor if a need arose for a S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) team where would they come from.

Supervisor Schmitt responded they would come from the County.

Supervisor Schmitt responded Oakland County and the County Emergency Management Plan would go into effect.

Trustee Nelson commented on the reason why he voted no on the recommended increases in salary for the staff. Trustee Nelson explained everyone is doing a great job, however we are dipping into our fund balance. Trustee Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Scarcello commented that is why he would like to have the Board take action on the Classification Study in 2016.

Supervisor Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Phillip Schmitt, Supervisor

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Sharon Tischler, Clerk