

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

A Special meeting of the Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Zurawski. The American Flag pledge was recited. The meeting was held at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Road, Milan, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing as per PA 198 to hear comments regarding 2 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate applications submitted by Toyota Motor & Engineering, N.A., Inc.: amend existing IFTE Certificate and a request for a new certificate to equip the EMC.

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Supervisor Joe Zurawski, Treasurer Sally Donahue, Trustee Jane Kartje, Clerk Helen Neill, Trustee Jill Hargrove. Absent: Trustee Gary Zajac, Trustee Wayne Meier.

Others Present: Six, (list on file).

Short Public Comments (*three minutes or less*) None.

MOVED BY DONAHUE to approve the Charter Township of York Board of Trustees Special meeting agenda for February 10, 2009. SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: none. VOICE VOTE: AYE: 5; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-2

MOVED BY DONAHUE to open the Public Hearing concerning the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate applications received from Toyota Motor & Engineering North America, Inc. at 7:02 p.m. SECONDED BY NEILL. Discussion: none. ROLL CALL VOTE: HARGROVE, AYE; KARTJE, AYE; DONAHUE, AYE; ZURAWSKI, AYE; NEILL, AYE; NAY: NONE; ABSENT: ZAJAC, MEIER. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-2.

Supervisor Zurawski declared the Public Hearing open and gave the representatives from Toyota an opportunity to make a presentation and the public an opportunity to comment. Mr. Bruce Brownlee, Toyota Technical Center Senior Executive Administrator, thanked the Board for allowing Toyota to make application for these exemptions. Toyota is continuing with their investment in York Township and would like to be considered for tax abatement for a period of time until they do pay taxes in full.

Comments & questions from the Public:

Resident: asked about what the exemptions entail.

Response: 1) a request to add a 2nd building, Safety Test Building, to the existing IFTE Certificate for the original office building; 2) a request to add new equipment to the Electromagnetic Chamber within the Safety Test Building. Both applications are asking to abate 50% of the taxable value on buildings only, the land is taxed at the full rate.

Resident: asked if the taxes for residents will go up in the future at some point in time to support this?

Response: that will not happen, this is for a 12-year period, then Toyota will pay full tax rate.

Resident: Does this normally go on?

Response: Yes. If residents remain in the same house, taxes will only increase based on consumer price index or 5%, whichever is less per State Law-development doesn't affect residential taxes.

Resident: Taxes keep going up and up every year.

Response: Concept behind IFT exemption is that these are investments that create jobs unlike residential units, bringing jobs into the community. The Township has not increased the operating millage from one mill, only voter-approved public safety millage has been added. This project is on former State-owned land that was not on the tax rolls during that time, now it is on the tax roll.

Resident: What kinds of jobs are going to be guaranteed for this 50%? Will the community get these jobs?

Toyota: announced that 400 jobs by 2010; 300 additional jobs have been brought to York Township, mostly engineering.

Board: Clause in IFT states that if Toyota falls short of the 400 jobs, York can request that tax amount back and reject the IFT.

Supervisor Zurawski asked a second time if there were any further comments or questions. None voiced. As required, he asked a third time for any comment from the public on the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption certificate applications. None were voiced.

MOVED BY DONAHUE to close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. concerning the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate applications received from Toyota Motor & Engineering North America, Inc. SECONDED BY HARGROVE. Discussion: none. ROLL CALL VOTE: MEIER, AYE; ZAJAC, AYE; NEILL, AYE; ZURAWSKI, AYE; DONAHUE, AYE; KARTJE, AYE;HARGROVE, AYE; KARTJE, AYE; DONAHUE, AYE; ZURAWSKI, AYE; NEILL, AYE; NAY: NONE; ABSENT: ZAJAC, MEIER. MOTION CARRIED 7-0-0. Supervisor Zurawski declared the Public Hearing closed.

Public Comments: *(five minutes or less)*
None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Zurawski adjourned the Special Board of Trustees meeting of February 10, 2009 at 7:13 p.m.

Helen Neill, Clerk

Joseph Zurawski, Supervisor

Approved: _____

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