

**Northfield Township Board Meeting
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street
October 14, 2008**

which means the Township Board should take action on that. He asked that the Board ask the Township attorney to draft such an ordinance for consideration. Burns said they are happy to do that. He asked if the Board would like this to be a misdemeanor or civil infraction. He said the MTA makes it a criminal infraction which makes violators eligible for a jury trial and requires evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, where as a civil infraction requires only a preponderance of evidence. He said he can include both options in a draft ordinance.

Shink said she would prefer that civil infractions apply because she thinks criminal penalties should apply when personal injury is involved. She added that historic buildings in this community are endangered, and she is concerned how these will be treated in a blight ordinance. She asked that the proposed ordinance be reviewed by the County's historic preservation planner.

Gordon thanked Renee Mulcrone and her Planning Commission subcommittee for preparing this information.

**4.
Consider a Motion to Authorize
Circuit Court Litigation**

Township Attorney Matt Hagerty referred to information about zoning violations in the AR district. He noted that attempts have been made to resolve this to avoid litigation, and they are now asking for authorization to begin circuit court proceedings to abate the violation.

- ▶ **Motion:** Cicchella moved, Wojtys supported, that the Board authorize the Township attorney to initiate circuit court proceedings in this matter of zoning violations in the AR district.

In answer to questions from Gordon, Cicchella and Hagerty said there have been complaints about the commercial operation at this location. A Board member asked that specifics about the property be included in the motion.

- ▶ **Amended Motion:** Cicchella moved, Wojtys supported, that the Board authorize the Township attorney to initiate circuit court proceedings in the matter of zoning violations in the AR district on parcel02-26-100-027, 6201 Earhart Road, against defendant Connelly.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

**5.
Update Investment Policy**

Wilson said after consultation with the Township's controller, she is recommending that Bank of America and Munivest Financial be added to the list of banks the Township can bank with. She said she is recommending this to give her more options for investing Township funds.

Shink said she would have liked to see information in the packet about who drafted this policy and when. She asked if the Township attorneys have reviewed it. **Wilson said the original policy was drafted by the Township attorney in 2003 or 2004.**

- ▶ **Motion:** Wilson moved, Shink supported, that the proposed update to the Township Investment Policy—adding Bank of America and Munivest Financial Group to the list of approved financial institutions for Township deposits—be approved as presented.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

**6.
Identity Theft Prevention Program**

Wilson said she attended a class on this issue and learned that when confidential information is sent out by the Township on a postcard the identity of the recipient cannot be used in the address, but when the information is inside an envelope the name can be used. She referred to the proposed policy she had drafted.

- ▶ **Motion:** Wilson moved, Wojtys supported, that the proposed *Identity Theft Prevention Program* be adopted as presented. **Motion carried 7—0 on a roll call vote. Resolution adopted.**

**7.
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes**

Wilson reported three payments had been made since the last report. Gordon asked how much is still outstanding. Wilson said a lot. Shink said since this is on the agenda Wilson should have come prepared with specific information. Wilson said she was busy preparing other information.

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- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Shink supported, that the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of September 23, 2008, be accepted as amended, and to dispense with the reading.
Motion carried 7—0 on a voice vote.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Board Voting Record. Wayne Dockett said Cicchella has voted like a Northfield Neighbor the last four years. Cicchella said the record shows he has not always voted with that group.

Library. Wayne Dockett said the library has more money than anyone. Ron Loyd, Director of the Northfield Township Library, said the library does have substantial savings. He said much of that comes from Green Oak