

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
DATE 10/26/2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Abrams in the Swartz Creek City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers Present: Abrams, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker.

Councilmembers Absent: Binder.

Staff Present: City Manager Paul Bueche, City Clerk Juanita Aguilar, Finance Officer Mary Jo Clark.

Others Present: Boots Abrams, Tommy Butler, Sharon Klein, Shirley Oliver, John Gilmore.

Resolution No. 091109-01

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath
Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council excuse the absence of Councilmember Binder due to a trip to Washington DC sponsored by the Verterans.

YES: Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 091109-02

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council hereby approve the Minutes, as presented, for the Regular Council Meeting, held October 26, 2009, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 091026-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Krueger

Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda, as presented, for the Regular Council Meeting of October 26, 2009 to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder.

NO: None. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager's Report

Resolution No. 091026-03

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker

Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the City Manager's Report of October 26, 2009, to be circulated and placed on file.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks.

NO: None. Motion declared carried.

All other reports and communications were accepted and placed on file.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Adopt Refuse & Recyclable Collection Policy

Resolution No. 091026-04

(Tabled)

Motion by Councilmember Hicks

Second by Councilmember Hurt

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek is a Michigan HRC Municipal Corporation authorized by statute to provide a variety of public services, including the collection of refuse and recyclables; and

WHEREAS, the City levies 1.75 mills on all real and personal property in the City and contracts for the weekly collection of refuse and recyclables, such levy being sufficient in the return of revenues to collect refuse and recyclables from residential properties only; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a policy for the collection of refuse and recyclables.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Move the City of Swartz Creek establish policy, as follows, for the contracting, collection and management of refuse and recyclables:

- The City, in accordance with its purchasing ordinance, shall set specifications and bid for the service of refuse and recyclable collections in the City;
- All such collection of refuse and recyclables shall be limited to single family or two family dwellings;
- A residential dwelling is identified as an individual unit in a recorded condominium association, plat or other similar defined parcel or group of parcels, provided that the unit dedicates garage or other concealed storage space for the storage of waste bins to said unit;
- All eligible properties must have direct curb-side access to a public street, or a private street that is recognizable as such by the City. Associations, or other eligible dwellings located on private streets, shall enter into an agreement with the City that provides for insurance, indemnity and access to the City and its contractors, in order to be eligible for pickup by the City's carrier.
- Commercial, industrial, institutional, office, apartment properties of more than two units, and manufactured home communities, shall not be eligible for waste collection services.

Discussion Took Place.

Resolution No. 091026-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Councilmember Hicks

I Move the City of Swartz Creek table the decision to adopt a Refuse & Recyclable Collection Policy.

YES: Krueger, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt.
NO: Porath. Motion Declared Carried.

Cedar Creek Garbage Collection Agreement

Resolution No. 091026-06

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Binder
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the City of Swartz Creek approve the collection of garbage, refuse and

recyclables, in the Cedar Creek Town Homes Complex, a Condominium Association, located at 9279 Miller Road, and further, direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Cedar Creek Town Homes owner Danny Nemer, a copy of the agreement as follows:

REFUSE – WASTE – GARBAGE & RECYCLABLE COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Between

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK

And

CEDAR CREEK TOWN HOMES CONDOMINIUMS LLC

This Agreement made this 26TH day of October, 2009, by and between the City of Swartz Creek, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, with principal offices at 8083 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473 (the "City") and Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, owner Mr. Danny Nemer, with principal offices at 9279 Miller Road, Swartz Creek Michigan 48473 (the "Developer" or the "Association").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, *the Developer is the owner – operator for Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums, with principal offices at 9279 Miller Road, Swartz Creek Michigan 48473, more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto; and*

WHEREAS, *the Developer has requested that the City provide garbage collection services for the residents of Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums; and*

WHEREAS, *the City has the authority but is not required by law to provide garbage collection service to the residents of Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums; and*

WHEREAS, *the City has established a policy for the collection of garbage and determined in an open session of a regular City Council Meeting that Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums meets the criteria of the City's policy for the collection of garbage, waste, refuse and recyclables; and*

WHEREAS, *the City is willing to provide such service in response to the Developer's request only if the Developer agrees to release and indemnify the City and hold it harmless from any liability arising out of the City's delivery of such service.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *in consideration of the mutual undertakings of the parties hereto, as set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged by each of them, the parties hereto agree as follows:*

1. PROVISION OF GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE

The City hereby agrees to provide the residents of Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums with curbside garbage collection service consistent with the City's policy for such services and the providing of the same service to residents of the City outside of private developments and along public streets. Such service will be provided to the residents of Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums on the same terms and conditions and subject to all of the same requirements as are established from time to time by the City and the City's garbage collection contractor for the collection of garbage and rubbish. Such garbage and rubbish collection service shall include curbside pick-up of recyclable materials and compostable materials if and to the extent such programs are implemented by the City for residents of the City outside of private developments and along public streets.

2. DEVELOPER'S COMMITMENTS

The Developer agrees on behalf of the residents of Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums that the residents will comply with all requirements for the provision of garbage collection service such as are promulgated by the City or the City's garbage collection contractor, including any and all requirements regarding curbside pick-up of recyclable materials and compostable materials, and will pay the same charges, if any, for such services as may be charged residents of the City outside of private developments and along public streets.

3. RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

The Developer agrees to release and indemnify the City, its contractors, agents and assigns, and hold it and them free and harmless from any and all liability, claims, loss, damage, including any damages to the Developer's roads, water and sewer lines caused by the provision of garbage collection services, or damages of any kind arising by reason of any death, injury or property damage sustained by any person, including, but not limited to, the Developer or any agent or employee of the Developer, or any resident of the Cedar Creek Town Homes Condominiums Development.

To that end, the Developer shall maintain in effect a general liability insurance policy or policies insuring against damages to persons or property in such reasonable amounts as shall be acceptable to the City and the City shall be named as an additional insured on said policy. Such policy shall also contain a provision requiring the insurer to give the City ten (10) days notice of termination of said policy for any reason. A current copy of the said policy shall be on file with the City Clerk at the main offices of the City of Swartz Creek.

4. WHOLE AGREEMENT

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and shall be deemed to supersede and cancel any other agreements between the parties relating to the transactions herein contemplated. None of the prior and contemporaneous negotiations, preliminary drafts, or prior versions of this contract leading up to its execution and not set forth herein shall be used by any of the parties to construe or affect the validity of this contract.

5. AMENDMENTS

This Contract may be amended or modified only by a document in writing executed by both the City and the Developer.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Contract shall become effective the 27th day of October, 2009.

7. TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Contract shall be automatically renewed from year to year. Should either of the parties hereto wish to terminate this Agreement, written notice of such intent by registered mail shall be given to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Contract.

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK

By: _____
RICHARD B. ABRAMS, Mayor

By: _____
JUANITA AGUILAR, City Clerk

CEDAR CREEK TOWN HOMES CONDOMINIUMS

By: _____

DANNY NEMER, Owner / Operator

Approved as to Form:

Richard Figura
City Attorney

Discussion Took Place.

YES: Porath, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

Assessor's Contract Renewal

Resolution No. 091026-07

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Hurt
Second by Councilmember Krueger

I Move the City of Swartz Creek approve an agreement with Landmark Appraisals, of Flint, Michigan, agreement as follows:

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSESSOR SERVICES

This Agreement ("Agreement"), made and entered into this 26th day of October, 2009 by and between the **City of Swartz Creek**, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, with principal offices at 8083 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek Michigan 48473 ("City") and, **Landmark Appraisal Company**, G-3247 Beecher Road, Suite 800, Flint Michigan 48532 ("Landmark").

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain Landmark, as an independent contractor, to perform the duties as its certified assessor; and

WHEREAS, Landmark has qualified personnel with the proper State CMAE certification to act in that capacity for and on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish, by this Agreement, to define their respective rights and responsibilities during the term of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto, acting by and through their duly authorized representatives, **HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION I: BASIC SERVICES OF LANDMARK

Landmark shall perform the following service for and on behalf of the City.

1.1 General Duties:

Landmark shall be required to perform all duties of an assessor pursuant to City Charter, Michigan statutory and case law, Michigan State Tax Commission rules, regulations and policies, and all other rules and guidelines established for the proper performance of said position, as same may from time to time be amended, while this Agreement is in effect, and

shall conduct and perform same in accordance with all applicable standards of professional conduct required of such Assessors. If material changes in the laws, statutes, rules, guidelines or City Charter during the term of this Agreement result in a substantial additional work burden on Landmark, Landmark and the City agree to enter into good faith negotiations regarding possible amendments to this Agreement. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "substantial additional work burden" shall be determined to exist by mutual agreement of Landmark and the City. If they cannot agree as to whether a substantial additional work burden has been imposed upon Landmark, Landmark and the City shall select a mutually agreeable mediator/arbitrator who shall facilitate the negotiations to assist the parties in reaching such a determination, and if an impasse is reached in such negotiations, shall make said determination. The determination of the mediator/arbitrator shall be final, however, said mediator/arbitrator shall not have authority to establish the amount of additional compensation, if any.

1.2 Office Hours:

During the term hereof, Landmark shall maintain office hours at City Hall at the above address, as follows:

- A. Landmark shall devote at least one workday each week to maintaining office hours at the City offices for public appointments. The parties shall specifically agree upon a regular schedule for the maintenance of such office hours. In the event Landmark is unable to be present for office hours on the appointed days, it shall notify the City of the fact as soon as is reasonably practicable and an alternative day shall be substituted.
- B. If the specified office days of Landmark fall on a day recognized as a holiday for City employees, then it will be recognized as a holiday by Landmark.

1.3 Public Relations/Customer Service:

Landmark shall work with and advise property owners in the ad valorem taxation system in an attempt to eliminate adversarial situations and establish positive public relations. The parties acknowledge that holding specific office hours for the public is valuable in the process of providing high quality customer service. The City wants to ensure that members of the public and City staff that need information from Landmark, or wish to speak to Landmark, are able to do so on a relatively convenient basis. In that regard, in addition to the hours specified in Paragraph 1.2, Landmark agrees to meet with or contact residents and City staff members beyond normal office hours as appropriate to address their tax assessment-related concerns. Phone calls and answers to emails and faxes will be responded to in a timely manner, with every effort made to respond to same within 24 hours of receipt by Landmark.

1.4 New Construction/Loss Adjustment:

During the term of this Agreement, Landmark shall physically observe all new construction and real estate improvements through cooperation with the Zoning Administrator and will review all building permits. A copy of all building permits shall be provided for Landmark's use. All permits shall be provided with the correct permanent parcel identification number entered thereon. Likewise, Landmark shall physically observe damaged or destroyed properties with respect to the making of any loss adjustments as shall be necessary in the performance of her duties.

1.5 Economic Condition Factors (ECF):

During the term hereof, Landmark shall review and prepare new land values and economic condition factors (ECF) by areas and apply these factors to property records so that the current assessment is reflected as 50% of true cash value on the assessment record.

1.6 “Proposal A” Requirements:

The requirements of Michigan Public Act 415 of 1994 and all related property tax reform legislation amendments and updates shall be followed and monitored as required. This includes by example, but is not limited to, the filing of all associated reports and forms to fulfill the following requirements:

- A. Approve or deny homestead and agricultural exemptions;
- B. Track property transfer affidavits, matching them with deeds within 45 days of being filed;
- C. Apportion the homestead portion of a combination-use building;
- D. Determine the homestead status of parcels resulting when homestead parcels are split or; and
- E. Calculate both assessed and tentative taxable values for all parcels, taking into consideration losses, new construction and replacement in any given year.

1.7 Assessment Roll Preparation and Records:

Landmark shall enter the assessments onto the Ad Valorem and Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) assessment rolls and prepare the warrant authorizing the collection of taxes by the City Treasurer. Landmark, in cooperation with the City Treasurer, City Clerk and Finance Officer shall also enter any delinquent City utility payments onto the appropriate rolls. Assessor shall prepare, obtain and maintain, as necessary or desirable, such property cards, photographs, measurements, sketches, records and documents to meet all requirements set by the City and/or the State of Michigan regarding such assessment rolls and shall organize same on a basis that will provide easy access and comprehension of the information contained in each respective file and regarding each respective roll. Such information shall be entered into the City’s records system in a reasonable timely fashion.

1.8 Reports:

The City may require Landmark to prepare periodic reports and/or address the City Council regarding the overall activities, progress, problems and corrective measures regarding the various aspects of the duties of Landmark, under this Agreement. The City shall have the right at any time to require Landmark to make available to the City, within 48 hours of notice being provided, all records and documents developed and maintained by Landmark under the terms of this Agreement for review and/or audit. All time spent in the preparation and presentation of such reports or in gathering and making information available to City by Landmark shall be deemed a part of the services contracted under the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

1.9 Board of Review:

Landmark shall keep records regarding the March Board of Review session in accordance with City Charter, attached hereto as “Exhibit A”.

Landmark shall advise and provide adequate information to the Board of Review members as to how the assessments, capped and taxable values were determined to allow them to determine how best to decide a taxpayer’s appeal; such information shall include the following:

- A. Sales map indicating all neighborhood increases or decreases
- B. Sales “comparable” book to include the following:
 - 1. Current picture
 - 2. Sales price versus assessment at time of sale

3. Building permits issued before or after the sale.

Landmark shall also maintain records for the July and December Boards of Review and shall advise and provide adequate information to the Board of Review members as to how the assessments, capped and taxable values were determined

1.10 Sales and Appraisal Studies:

Landmark shall prepare sales studies using available data, evaluate all equalization and/or appraisal studies, and respond as appropriate.

1.11 Forms:

Landmark shall file all forms fully completed with the Genesee County Equalization Department, State Tax Commission and other agencies and entities, as required, in a timely manner.

1.12 Defense of Appeals:

This Section shall apply to real and personal, IFT and ad valorem property tax appeals.

The City shall retain ultimate control of all litigation and settlement negotiations. Landmark shall operate under the direction of the City Manager in any litigation regarding a tax appeal, including appeals to the Small Claims Division.

Landmark shall defend all appeals to the Small Claims Division of the Michigan Tax Tribunal. This shall include, but not be limited to, filing necessary petitions, preparing and submitting such material, statistics and other information as is necessary to properly defend any such appeal, and appearing at all hearings and meetings as are required for the purpose of defending said appeal. The City hereby authorizes Assessor to settle, where Landmark deems it appropriate or advisable, any appeal where the difference in SEV is \$150,000 or less. All the foregoing regarding appeals to the Small Claims Division is deemed to be included the services compensated pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement. If, in the opinion of the City, additional outside consulting services are needed, the City shall be responsible for the cost of such services.

In all other potential appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or State Tax Commission, Landmark shall provide as part of the services included under the terms and provisions of this Agreement, such time and effort as is necessary to properly provide to the City information, documents, analysis and advice as may be required in the determination of Landmark or the City to forestall the formal filing of an appeal or to settle a disputed case up to the date of the filing of a petition appealing a decision of the City or any of its agencies or boards to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or State Tax Commission. After the filing of said petition, Landmark shall be available to the City for such further assistance as is required by the City in the defense of such appeal. Landmark shall be available as an expert witness on behalf of the City in any proceedings. In the event of the termination of this Agreement and the necessity for the services of Landmark for purposes of consulting, review of information, analysis or expert testimony after the date of termination, Landmark shall be available, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, for assistance in the defense of such appeals, provided, same shall not apply to appeals filed in the Small Claims Division of the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Landmark shall keep the City Manager informed of all appeals and provide the City Manager with recommendations, the manner in which the appeals are to be handled, proposed settlements and other similar advice.

The above provisions of this Paragraph 1.12 regarding appeals shall apply equally to any appeal of a personal property tax assessment.

1.13 Reappraisal Program:

Landmark shall continue to reappraise parcels in the City each year, as time permits, to ensure proper assessments when parcels are “uncapped.” Maintenance renovations to structures are to be tracked so that said costs can be claimed as “new construction” when property is sold rather than treated as an increase in value that is subject to “uncapping” and results in the possibility of a Headlee rollback. The State Tax Commission recommends regular re-inspection of each property, preferably every five years. Landmark shall work to meet guidelines and standards of the Tax Commission.

1.14 Personal Property Statements, Canvas and Audits:

Landmark shall prepare and maintain the mailing list for personal property tax statements and maintain records for personal property including data entry and calculation of depreciated values and their extension within each statement. Landmark shall conduct a personal property canvas to ensure equity among business owners within the City. Landmark is required to perform random personal property audits when warranted by questionable data or lack of submitted data.

1.15 Equalization Increases:

Landmark shall strive to eliminate across-the-board increases in property values by applying any increases received through the Genesee County Equalization Department to appropriate areas by using the economic condition factors hereinabove described, by adjustment of individual property assessments to 50% of true cash value, or as required by the State Tax Commission, in order to achieve maximum equity by class, and in accordance with the latest laws and regulations then in force.

1.16 Land Division Applications:

Landmark shall work with and assist the City Zoning Administrator in reviewing property descriptions, land division and combination applications for compliancy with local ordinance and the Michigan Land Division Act. Such combinations and divisions shall be placed on the assessment rolls in a timely fashion.

1.17 Assessor Certification:

Landmark shall be, and maintain a minimum certification as a Level III Assessor in the State of Michigan.

1.18 Transportation and Equipment:

Landmark shall provide all necessary transportation and field equipment to perform the services and meet the requirements of this Agreement.

1.19 Indemnification/Employment:

The parties hereto acknowledge that all personnel that may or might be utilized by Landmark in the performance of his/her duties hereunder shall, for all purposes, be considered employees of Landmark and not employees of the City. Landmark shall be responsible for Worker’s Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, state and federal withholding and payment of personnel. Landmark shall indemnify the City and hold the City harmless from any claim, cause of action or other liability that may or might arise by virtue of any claim of any employee of Landmark relating to his/her employment by, or as Landmark.

1.20 Preparation of DDA and Reporting:

Landmark shall be responsible for the recording of any property value changes, new or loss, on the ad valorem and IFT rolls relating to the designation of properties within the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

1.21 Assessor's Recommendations:

Landmark shall prepare periodic recommendations and conclusions regarding the current state of the City's assessment rolls, by class, together with specific recommendations concerning actions that, in the opinion of Landmark, should be taken in order to achieve maximum equity in the assessment rolls and compliance with all State Tax Commission rules, regulations and guidelines.

1.22 Security of Information:

If any documents, data, drawings, specifications, photographs, property cards, summaries, accounts, reports, software applications or other products or materials are held in the possession of Landmark outside of the City offices, then Assessor shall be under an affirmative duty to provide adequate security to safeguard said materials from fire, theft and other hazards of a like nature or type, while same are in possession of Landmark. This may include, but not be limited to, providing for a fire proof safe or vault in which to store same, preparing and holding duplicates of same in the possession of Landmark, but separately or providing same to the City for possession.

1.23 Optional Services:

Landmark is not responsible for determination and preparation of special assessment rolls for City projects such as sewer, street, drain, etc. The City may request Landmark to perform such services at a rate of compensation agreed to by separate agreement. Landmark shall, however, report outstanding special assessments, properly completed, on forms required by the State Tax Commission, and same shall be deemed part of the services required by this Agreement.

SECTION II: TERM OF AGREEMENT

2.1 Contract Period:

Landmark shall commence performance of the services herein required on November 1, 2009. Unless sooner terminated, this Agreement shall, by its terms, expire October 31, 2010.

2.2 Mutual Right of Termination:

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other, United States Certified / Registered Mail, return receipt requested, at the addresses as indicated within. This right of termination is specifically exercisable at the sole discretion of either party, and requires no just cause nor other reason or justification for the exercise thereof. The effective date of such termination shall be ninety (90) days from the date of mailing of such notice.

2.3 Termination for Cause or Breach:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary on this Agreement, either party may immediately terminate this Agreement in the event of material breach by the other. In such case, either party may seek such remedies as shall be available, at law or equity.

2.4 Notice of Termination:

Upon receipt of notice of termination or upon termination of this Agreement by expiration of its term, Landmark shall immediately deliver to the City the originals and original copies of all data, paper and computer files, drawings, specifications, reports, value estimates, summaries and other information and materials as may have been accumulated by Landmark in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process and same shall be in unaltered form, readable by the City. In the event of the failure or refusal of Landmark to

forthwith deliver the above referenced materials, documents and files, City may seek a Circuit Court order compelling the production of same forthwith, and Landmark herein expressly waives notice of hearing thereon agreeing that a mandatory injunction may immediately issue due to the fact that the failure to receive the stated materials, documents and files will result in irreparable harm to the City without leaving the City an adequate remedy at law, thereby entitling the City to an immediate judgment in its favor in this regard. The City shall be entitled to damages from Landmark for any information, materials or documents that are turned over to the City in unusable or altered form.

2.5 Amendment/Renegotiation:

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit or abrogate the rights of the parties to modify or amend this Agreement at any time hereafter, provided however, that no such amendment or modification shall be effective unless in writing and duly executed by both parties hereto, through their authorized representatives.

If the Agreement is not reviewed or extended prior to its expiration date and the City desires to have Landmark continue on a month-to-month basis, the fee will be that which existed for the final month of the original term, being October 31, 2010.

SECTION III: PAYMENT

3.1 Compensation for Basic Services:

During the term of this Agreement, the City agrees to pay to Landmark, for performance of the Basic Services set forth in Section I of this Agreement, an amount equal to \$26,800 yearly (twenty-six thousand, eight hundred dollars). Landmark shall invoice the City an amount equal to \$2,233.33 on a monthly basis, net due 20 days.

3.2 Pro-ration of Payments on 90-Day Termination:

In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 2.2, the City shall pay Landmark to the date of termination on a prorated daily basis for any part of a month for which services have been rendered by Landmark and for which no compensation has been received.

SECTION IV: CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Basic Data:

The City shall provide access to Assessor to property description files as currently exist as of the date of execution of this Agreement, containing initial information such as property number, legal description, owner and address information, as well as all data that the City may possess concerning such properties (i.e. measurements, sketches, photographs, etc.)

4.2 Office Equipment:

The City shall provide Landmark with appropriate tax parcel maps, office space and furniture, telephone, voice mail, personal computer, printers, copying machine, fax machine and office supplies (as defined in Paragraph 4.5) as reasonably needed during the duration of this Agreement. Assessor acknowledges that some of the equipment (i.e. fax, printers, copying machine) is shared among all administrative office personnel and Landmark will not have exclusive use of such equipment.

Landmark shall have access to the City's computer network for the use of the following software products: BS&A Equalizer Assessing & Tax Modules, MS Word, Excel Spreadsheets, Arcview, Pictometry or any other similar software that may assist in maintaining quality assessing records. Landmark shall not use any other software within the City's network, download, or upload any software to the City's network, except with the City

Manager's prior approval. Landmark shall be liable for any adverse consequence upon the City's computer network or function caused by any software introduced in the network by Landmark without prior consent of the City.

Landmark agrees that City equipment shall be used only for the purposes of fulfilling Assessor's obligations under this Agreement and shall not be used for personal reasons or to conduct other business not authorized under this Agreement.

4.3 Computer:

The City shall supply computer hardware, software and peripherals to perform the property pricing and valuation. The City will maintain the hardware, software and peripheral equipment through a regular maintenance program. The City will back up the system on a daily basis with alternate tapes or disks. Any data loss not due to the negligence of Landmark as a result of hardware or software malfunction will be replaced at the City's expense.

4.4 Map Maintenance/Tax Roll Printing:

The City shall assume the responsibility for printing, stuffing and mailing of the assessment change notices, assessment rolls, tax bills, maps, etc. during the term of this Agreement. Landmark shall develop and maintain land value maps showing dates of property sales, sale amounts and ratio to the current estimated value of the property.

4.5 Office Supplies:

The City shall provide Landmark with office supplies, including computer paper, file folders, hanging folders, new State Tax Commission Assessor's Manual Volumes I and II, assessment notices and forms, postage and such other supplies as shall be necessary for the performance of Assessor's responsibilities hereunder.

4.6 Existing ECF Areas:

The City will provide Landmark with all currently existing information as available in the City files concerning previously completed E.C.F. studies and subsequent conclusions reached by the former City Assessors.

4.7 Preparation of DDA and Reporting:

The Finance Director shall be responsible for the compilation and reporting of all necessary data, forms and documents relating to the operation, tax increment capture and financial condition of the D.D.A.

4.8 Legal Counsel:

The City shall supply legal counsel, at its expense, for Small Claims and full Tax Tribunal hearings, should the need arise.

SECTION V: RE-APPRAISAL, NON-BASIC SERVICES

5.1 Additional Services (Pricing/Reappraisal):

In the event that the City desires to implement some or all of the recommendations made by Landmark as herein contemplated, the City may request and Landmark shall provide such services as are desired by the City, provided however, an addendum to this Agreement, reduced to writing and executed by both parties, shall set forth the terms and provision under which the additional services shall be rendered. Such addendum shall specify the nature, extent and timetable for the performance of such additional services and establish the rate of compensation therefor.

5.2 Implementation/Responsibility:

The parties acknowledge that it shall be the sole responsibility of the City to determine the nature and extent of implementation of Landmark's recommendations under this Section or any other additional, non-basic services. To that end, the City assumes responsibility for defense of any claim, cause of action or other proceeding that may or might be instituted by the Michigan State Tax Commission, or other entity, arising from any failure, or alleged failure, to implement such recommendations.

SECTION VI: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

6.1 Relationship Between City and Assessor:

In the fulfillment of the services provided herein Landmark and his/her employees, agents and officers shall be at all times be deemed in a relationship of independent contractor to the City.

6.2 Indemnification/Insurance:

Landmark shall secure and maintain general liability and property damage, unemployment, errors and omissions, workers' disability compensation, automobile liability and any other insurance required by law for Landmark, or his/her employees, agents or officers as will protect him/her and the City from claims under the Worker's Compensation Acts and from claims for bodily injury, death or property damage that may arise from his/her negligence or that of his/her employees in the performance of services under this Agreement or failure to properly perform his/her duties as Assessor. Landmark shall save the City harmless and indemnify the City from any claims for bodily injury, death or property damage that may arise due to his/her acts or negligence or that of his/her employees in the performance of services under this Agreement or that arise from error or omissions to properly perform duties as Landmark. Landmark shall, however, have no liability arising out of adjustments to assessments or other actions by Landmark, the City's Board of Review and/or the Michigan Tax Tribunal if such adjustments or actions result from honest differences of opinion regarding the value of the subject property and if Landmark established the assessment pursuant to professional assessment standards. Said policies shall be in such minimum amounts as shall from time to time be acceptable to the City or as set by the City.

A Certificate of Insurance incorporating such requirements and naming the City and its officers and employees as an Additional Insured Party and Certificate Holder along with a certificate showing its premium has been paid and a copy of the policy shall be filed each year with the City Clerk. Any such insurance policy shall provide the City will be given at least thirty (30) days advance notice before cancellation of the policy. The coverage's provided by the General Liability and Automobile Liability policies of Landmark shall be primary to any insurance maintained by the City.

6.3 Non-Assignability:

The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that, inasmuch as the Agreement is in the nature of a Personal Services Contract, and as the City's decision to contract with Landmark is based in part on the perceived expertise and ability of Landmark, it is agreed that Landmark's duties and obligations hereunder may not be assigned, transferred nor conveyed without the advance written approval of the City. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent Landmark from employing such employees or agents, as Landmark shall deem reasonably necessary to assist him/her in the performance of obligations under this Agreement. Also, in the event that vacation, illness, injury or incapacity in any form, whether elective or imposed, should cause Landmark to be unable to personally fulfill the terms and obligations of this Agreement for a period exceeding three (3) calendar weeks (21 days), Landmark shall provide the City, at Landmark's expense, a certified Level III Assessor to perform any and all such functions as required by this Agreement for the complete term of

the absence or incapacity. The City reserves the right to approve or reject, without cause and at its sole discretion, any Assessor designee named to "fill-in" for Landmark for a period exceeding two (2) calendar months (60 days), and to consider, as mutually agreed by the parties hereto, that a rejection of said Assessor designee shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement pursuant to the "material breach" provision of Section 2.3 herein.

6.4 Professional Standards:

Landmark shall be responsible, to the highest levels of competency presently maintained by other practicing professional assessors and appraisers, for the professional and technical soundness, accuracy and adequacy of property valuations, drawings, property inspection data and all other work and materials furnished under this Agreement. At the time of commencement of performance, Landmark shall be properly certified, equipped, organized and financed to perform the services required by this Agreement. Subject to compliance with the requirements of this Agreement, Landmark shall work independently.

6.5 Ownership of Documents:

All documents, data, drawings, specifications, photographs, property cards, summaries, accounts, reports, software applications and other information, products or materials produced or held by Landmark, of whatsoever nature or type, in connection with this Agreement shall be the sole property of the City with the City having sole and exclusive right, title and interest in any and all records, compilation, documents, papers, maps or manuscripts pertaining to or prepared pursuant to this Agreement. All of the foregoing shall be forwarded to the City at its request and may be used by the City as it sees fit. The City agrees that if any of the foregoing, prepared by Landmark, are used for purposes other than those intended by this Agreement, the City does so at its sole risk and agrees to hold Assessor harmless for such use. All services performed under this Agreement shall be conducted solely for the benefit of the City and will not be used for any other purpose by Landmark without written consent of the City. Any information relating to the services shall not be released without the written permission of the City. Landmark shall act and preserve the confidentiality of all City documents and data accessed for use in Landmark's work products to the extent allowed or required by law. Any requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act shall be immediately forwarded to the City Manager for a proper determination of the response to be provided.

6.6 Validity:

If any paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and the remainder of this contract shall remain in force.

6.7 Survival:

All express representations, indemnifications or limitations of liability made in or given in this Agreement shall survive the completion of all services of Assessor under this Agreement or the termination of the Agreement for any reason.

6.8 Controlling Law/Venue:

This Agreement is to be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. It is mutually agreed that, in the event of any proceeding, at law or at equity, arising under this Agreement or breach thereof, that the venue of any such action shall be in the County of Genesee and the State of Michigan.

6.9 Authorization:

The respective signatories hereto expressly acknowledge that this Agreement is made and entered into with full authority of the City of Swartz Creek Council and Landmark Appraisal

Company and that the persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the respective parties have been duly authorized and empowered to make and enter into this Agreement by said Council and said Assessor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN:

LANDMARK APPRAISAL CO:

By: _____
Richard Abrams, Mayor

By: _____
Mark R. MacDermaid, Partner

By: _____
Juanita Aguilar, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:

Richard J. Figura
City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
City of Swartz Creek, Charter Provisions, Taxation

CHAPTER 9. TAXATION*

***State law references:** General property tax act, MCL 211.1 et seq., MSA 7.1 et seq.

Section 9.1. Power to tax--Tax limit.

The city shall have the power to assess taxes and to lay and collect rents, tolls, and excises. During the first five years of the existence of the city, the annual general ad valorem tax levy for municipal purposes shall not exceed one-half of one per cent (5 mills) of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city as determined by the City's Assessor and Board of Review, or one-quarter of one per cent (2 1/2 mills) of such assessed value, as equalized by the State of Michigan, as required by law, whichever basis of limitation will result in the lesser taxation upon the taxable property in the city. Thereafter, the levy shall not exceed one per cent of the said assessed value as determined by the City's Assessor and Board of Review, or one-half of one percent (5 mills) of such value as equalized by the State of Michigan, as required by law, whichever basis of limitation will result in the lesser taxation upon the taxable property in the city, unless the proposition to approve an increase above the tax rate so limited is first approved by the electors of the city. No such increase shall cause the total tax rate to exceed two per cent of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide for annually levying and collecting taxes, MCL 117.3(g), MSA 5.2073(g).

Section 9.2. Subjects of taxation--Tax procedure.

(a) The subjects of ad valorem taxation for municipal purposes shall be the same as for state, county, and school purposes under the general law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, city taxes shall be assessed, levied, and collected in the manner provided by law.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide that subject of taxation for municipal purposes shall be the same as for state, county and school purposes under general law, MCL 117.3(f), MSA 5.2073(f); property subject to taxation, MCL 211.1 et seq., MSA 7.1 et seq.

Section 9.3. Exemptions.

The power of taxation shall never be surrendered or suspended by any grant or contract to which the city shall be a party. No exemptions from taxation shall be allowed, except such as are expressly required or permitted by law.

State law references: Property exempt from taxation, MCL 211.7 et seq., MSA 7.7 et seq.

Section 9.4. Tax day.

Subject to the exceptions provided or permitted by law, the taxable status of persons and property shall be determined as of the thirty-first day of December, or such other date as may subsequently be required by law, which shall be deemed the tax day. Values on the assessment roll shall be determined according to the facts existing on the tax day for the year for which such roll is made, and no change in the status or location of any such property after that day shall be considered by the Assessor or the Board of Review.

State law references: Designation of tax day, MCL 211.2, MSA 7.2; time, place and method of assessment, MCL 211.10 et seq., MSA 7.10 et seq.

Section 9.5. Personal property--Jeopardy assessment.

If the Treasurer finds or reasonably believes that any person who is, or may be, liable for taxes upon personal property, the taxable situs of which was in the city on tax day, intends to depart or has departed from the city; or to remove or has removed therefrom personal property which is, or may be, liable for taxation; or to conceal or conceals himself or his property; or does any other act tending to prejudice, or to render wholly or partly ineffectual the proceedings to collect such tax, he shall proceed to collect the same as a jeopardy assessment in the manner provided by law.

State law references: Jeopardy assessment of personal property taxes, MCL 211.691 et seq., MSA 7.51(1) et seq.

Section 9.6. Preparation of the assessment roll.

Prior to the date of the meeting of the Board of Review in each year, the Assessor shall prepare and certify an assessment roll of all property in the city. Such roll shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements of law, and may be divided into volumes, which the Assessor shall identify the number for purposes of convenience in handling the assessment roll and for locating properties assessed therein. The attachment of any certificate or warrant required by this chapter to any volume of the roll, either as an assessment roll or as a tax roll, shall constitute the attachment thereof to the entire roll, provided the several volumes are identified in such certificate or warrant. Values of property set forth on the assessment roll shall be determined according to recognized methods of systematic assessment.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide for preparation of assessment roll, MCL 117.3(i), MSA 5.2073(i); assessment roll, MCL 211.24 et seq., MSA 7.24 et seq.

Section 9.7. Board of Review.

(a) A Board of Review is hereby created, composed of three members who have the qualifications of holding elective city office as set forth in Section 4.4 of this charter.

(b) The members of the Board of Review shall be appointed by the Council, and may be removed for reasons of nonfeasance or misfeasance by the vote of five members of the Council. The first members shall be appointed during the month of January, 1960, for terms expiring on July 1, 1961, 1962, and 1963. Thereafter one member shall be appointed in the month of May of each year, for a term of three years, commencing on the following July first.

(c) The Board shall, annually, on the first day of its meeting, select one of its members chairman for the ensuing year. The Assessor shall be Clerk of the Board, and shall be entitled to be heard at its sessions, but shall have no vote on any proposition or question.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide for a board of review, MCL 117.3(a), MSA 5.2073(a).

Section 9.8. Duties and functions of Board of Review.

For the purpose of revising and correcting assessments, the Board of Review shall have the same powers and perform like duties, in all respects, as are, by law, conferred upon and required of boards of review in townships, except as otherwise provided in this charter. At the time, and in the manner provided in the following section, it shall hear the complaints of

all persons considering themselves aggrieved by assessments. If it shall appear that any person or property has been wrongfully assessed or omitted from the roll, the Board shall correct the roll in such manner as it deems just. Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than the Board of Review shall make any change upon, or addition or correction to, the assessment roll. The Board shall make no such changes, additions, or corrections after it has certified the roll as provided and required by Section 9.11 of this chapter. The Assessor shall make a permanent record of all proceedings of the Board and enter therein all resolutions and decisions of the Board. Such record shall be filed with the Clerk on or before the first day of September following the meeting of the Board of Review.

Section 9.9. Meetings of Board of Review.

(a) The Board of Review shall convene at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the third Monday in March in each year at a place designated by the Council, or on such other date as may subsequently be required by law for the meeting of boards of review in cities, and shall meet at the same time and continue in session from day to day for not less than three days for the purpose of considering the assessment roll of the city.

(b) The Board of Review may examine on oath any person appearing before it respecting the assessment of property on the assessment roll. Any member of the Board may administer the oath.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide for meeting of board of review, MCL 117.3(i), MSA 5.2073(i).

Section 9.10. Notice of meetings.

Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the Board of Review shall be published by the Assessor not less than one week nor more than three weeks prior thereto.

Section 9.11. Certification of roll.

After the Board of Review has completed its review of the assessment roll, and not later than the Tuesday following the fourth Monday in March, or such other date as may subsequently be required by law, the majority of its members shall sign a certificate to the effect that the same is the assessment roll of the city for the year in which it has been prepared, as approved by the Board of Review, which certificate, when attached to any volume of the roll shall constitute a conclusive presumption of the validity of the entire roll, as provided in Section 9.6 of this chapter. In the event that the Board of Review shall fail or refuse to so review the assessment roll of the city, such roll, as prepared and presented to the Board of Review by the Assessor shall be the assessment roll for the year for which it was prepared and shall stand as though it had been certified by the Board of Review.

State law references: Completion of review of assessments prior to first Monday in April required, MCL 211.30a, MSA 7.30(1).

Section 9.12. Validity of assessment roll.

Upon the completion of the assessment roll, and from and after midnight ending the last day of the meeting of the Board of Review, or the first Monday in April, whichever date first occurs, it shall be the assessment roll of the city for county, school and city taxes, and for other taxes on real and personal property that may be authorized by law. It shall be presumed by all courts and tribunals to be valid, and shall not be set aside, except for cause set forth by law.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide for levy, collection and return of state, county and school taxes, MCL 117.3(i), MSA 5.2073(i).

Section 9.13. Clerk to certify levy.

Within three days after the Council has made the appropriations for the ensuing year, the Clerk shall certify to the Assessor the total amount which the Council determines shall be raised by general ad valorem taxation, together with such other assessments and lawful charges and amounts which the Council requires to be assessed, reassessed, or charged upon the city tax roll against property or persons.

Section 9.14. City tax roll.

After the Board of Review has completed its review of the assessment roll, the Assessor shall prepare a tax roll, or a combined assessment and tax roll, to be known as the "City Tax Roll." Upon receiving the certification of the several amounts to be raised, assessed, and charged for city taxes, as provided in the preceding section, the Assessor shall proceed forthwith, (1) to spread the amounts of the general ad valorem tax according to and in proportion to the several valuations set forth in said assessment roll, and (2) to place such other assessments and charges upon the roll as are required and authorized by the Council. For convenience, the city tax roll may be divided into two or more volumes.

Section 9.15. Taxes a debt and lien.

The taxes on real and personal property shall become a debt to the city from the owner or person otherwise to be assessed, on the tax day provided by law. The amounts assessed on any interest in real property shall become a lien upon such real property on the first day of July next subsequent to the tax day, and shall so remain, until paid. Said tax liens shall take precedence over all other claims, encumbrances, and liens upon said personal property whatsoever, whether created by chattel mortgage, title retaining contract, execution, or upon any other final process of a court, attachment, replevin, judgment, or otherwise, and no transfer of personal property assessed for taxes shall operate to divest or destroy such lien, except where such property is actually sold in the regular course of retail trade.

Section 9.16. Tax roll certified for collection.

After spreading the taxes and placing other assessments and charges upon the roll, the Assessor shall certify the tax roll, and attach his warrant thereto directing and requiring the Treasurer to collect, prior to March first of the following year, from the several persons named in the roll the several sums mentioned therein opposite their respective names as a tax, charge, or assessment. Said warrant shall grant to and vest in the Treasurer, all the statutory powers and immunities possessed by township treasurers for the collection of taxes. The tax roll shall be delivered to the Treasurer on or before the thirtieth day of June.

State law references: Collection of taxes, MCL 211.44 et seq., MSA 7.87 et seq.

Section 9.17. Tax payment date.

City Taxes shall be due and payable on July first of each year.
(Amended by electors 4-3-67)

Section 9.18. Taxes due--Notification thereof.

The Treasurer shall not be required to make personal demand for the payment of taxes but, upon receipt of the city tax roll, he shall forthwith mail a tax statement to each person named in the tax roll, which mailed statement shall be a sufficient demand for the payment of all taxes assessed. Neither the failure on the part of the Treasurer to mail such statement, nor the failure of any person to receive the same, shall invalidate the taxes on the tax roll or release any person or property assessed from the liabilities in this chapter in case of nonpayment.

Section 9.19. Tax payment schedule.

The Council shall provide, by ordinance, the tax payment schedule for city taxes, the times when the same may be paid without the addition of collection fees or interest, and the amount of collection fees and interest to be added thereafter. All amounts collected as collection fees and interest shall be paid into the city's treasury for the use and benefit of the city.

Section 9.20. Failure or refusal to pay personal property tax.

If any person shall neglect or refuse to pay any tax on personal property assessed to him, the Treasurer shall collect the same by seizing any personal property of such person, to an amount sufficient to pay such tax, together with any charges and interest added thereto, wherever the same may be found in the State. No property shall be exempt from such seizure. He may sell the property seized, to an amount sufficient to pay the taxes and all charges, fees, penalties, and interest, in accordance with statutory provisions. The Treasurer may also sue the person to whom a personal property tax is assessed, in accordance with the powers granted to him by law.

State law references: Failure or refusal to pay tax, MCL 211.47, MSA 7.91.

Section 9.21. State, county and school taxes.

For the purposes of assessing and collecting taxes for state, county, and school purposes, the city shall be considered the same as a township and all provisions of law relative to the collection of, and accounting for, such taxes and the penalties and interest thereon shall apply. For the purpose of collection of state, county, and school taxes, the Treasurer shall perform the same duties and have the same powers as township treasurers under state law.

State law references: Mandatory that Charter provide for levy, collection and return of state, county and school taxes, MCL 117.3(i), MSA 5.2073(i); state law relative to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, MCL 211.1 et seq., MSA 7.1 et seq.

Section 9.22. Protection of city lien.

The city shall have power, insofar as the exercise thereof shall not conflict with or contravene the provisions of law, to acquire such an interest in any premises within the city, by purchase at any tax or other public sale, or by direct purchase from or negotiation with the State of Michigan or the owner, as may be necessary to assure to the city the collection of its taxes, special assessments, charges, and any interest thereon which are levied against any lot or parcel of real property or to protect the lien of the city therefor, and may hold, lease, or sell the same. Any such procedure exercised by the city to assure the collection of its taxes or the protection of its tax or other liens shall be deemed to be for a public purpose. The Council may adopt any ordinance which may be necessary to make this section effective.

Section 9.23. Collection of delinquent taxes.

All taxes and charges, together with fees, penalties, and interest upon real property on the tax roll, remaining uncollected by the Treasurer on the first day of March following the date when the roll was received by him shall be subject to one of the following procedures:

- (1) The real property against which such taxes and charges are assessed shall be subject to disposition, sale, and redemption for the enforcement and collection of the tax lien against the same in the method and manner which may be provided by ordinance. The Council may provide by ordinance the procedure for the sale and redemption of real property for such unpaid taxes and charges, together with fees, penalties, and interest, by judicial sale on petition filed in behalf of the city. Such procedure shall correspond substantially to the procedure provided by law for the sale by the State of tax delinquent real property and redemption therefrom, except that the acts performed by state and county officers shall be performed by appropriate city officers and that city tax sales shall be held not less than thirty nor more than ninety days prior to the date of corresponding tax sales under the general law.
- (2) If no ordinance is in effect pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, such taxes shall be returned to the County Treasurer, to the extent and in the same manner and with like effect as provided by law for returns by township treasurers of township, school and county taxes. Such returns shall include all the additional assessments, charges, fees, penalties, and interest hereinbefore provided, which shall be added to the amount assessed in said tax roll against such property or person. The taxes thus returned shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes returned to the County Treasurer are collected, in accordance with law, and shall be and remain a lien upon the property against which they are assessed until paid.

Section 9.24. Disposition of real property held by city.

When the city has acquired any interest in property to protect the city's tax lien thereon, the owner of any interest therein by fee title, as mortgagee, or as vendor or vendee under a land contract, shall have the right to purchase the city's interest therein, upon payment to the city of the amount of money which the city has invested therein in the form of taxes, special assessments, charges, fees, penalties, interest, and costs, paid by the city to protect its title in such property. After the lapse of ninety days after the date that the city acquires title to any such property, the Council may remove the same from the market by determining that such property is needed for and should be devoted to public purposes, naming such purposes, or may sell the same at a price which shall be not less than the market value, as determined.

And further, direct the Mayor and City Clerk to endorse and execute this agreement on behalf of the City.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Shumaker, Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

Approve Agreement, Swartz Creek—Clayton Township Fire Protection

Resolution No. 091026-08

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Porath
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the City of Swartz Creek approve the 2009-2011 Fire Agreement between the City of Swartz Creek and the Township of Clayton, agreement as follows, and further, direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City:

**SWARTZ CREEK - CLAYTON TOWNSHIP
AMENDED AND RESTATED
FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 26th day of October, 2009, by and between the City of Swartz Creek, a Michigan municipal corporation with principal offices at 8083 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473 (“City”) and the Charter Township of Clayton, a Michigan public body corporate, with principal offices at 2011 South Morrish Road, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473 (“Township”).

WHEREAS, the City and the Township have for many years jointly provided fire protection services to their geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, the joint provision of such fire protection services was covered by a written agreement; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement between the City and the Township expired on March 31, 2008, but both the City and the Township have continued to provide fire protection services under the terms of that agreement while this new agreement was being developed; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 PA 7 (Ex Sess) [MCL 124.501 et seq] (“UCA”) authorizes two municipalities to enter into an interlocal agreement by which they agree to exercise jointly “any power, privilege, or authority that the agencies share in common and that each might exercise separately;” and.

WHEREAS, section 7 of the UCA [MCL 124.507] provides that such an interlocal agreement “may provide for a separate legal or administrative entity to administer or execute the agreement which may be a commission, board, or council constituted pursuant to the agreement,” and that such administrative entity “shall be a public body, corporate or politic for the purposes of this act;” and

WHEREAS, the City and the Township share in common the power and authority to establish and maintain a fire department and provide fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, as empowered to do so by the UCA, the City and the Township wish to continue to jointly provide fire protection services and operate a fire department to serve the City and the Township and to do so under the terms and conditions of this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto acting pursuant to the authority of resolutions duly adopted by their respective legislative bodies, **HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS**:

1. Establishment of Authority.

Pursuant to the authority of section 7 of the UCA [MCL 124.507] there is hereby established an administrative entity to administer and execute this interlocal agreement, such entity to be known as the "Swartz Creek Area Fire Authority" ("Authority"). The Authority is the successor to and the continuation of that entity heretofore known as the Swartz Creek Area Fire Board.

2. Name.

The Authority shall provide its fire protection services and shall conduct its business under the name, "Swartz Creek Area Fire Department," and shall file a d/b/a certificate to that effect with the Genesee County Clerk.

3. Governance of Authority.

- A. The Authority shall be governed by a board consisting of seven (7) members ("Board") who shall be appointed as follows:
 - 1) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the City, one of whom shall be a member of the City Council. The other City appointees shall be residents of the City and shall hold no other elective City office.
 - 2) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Township, one of whom shall be a member of the Township Board. The other Township appointees shall be residents of the Township and shall hold no other elective Township office.
 - 3) The seventh member shall be appointed on an alternating basis between the parties with the Township making the first such appointment. Such member shall be appointed as and be designated as the "at-large" member. The at-large member shall be appointed for a term of one year commencing on April 1 of each year and at the completion of said term the appropriate appointing authority shall designate its appointee as the at-large member.
 - 4) Except as provided in subparagraph (5), below, no active Swartz Creek Area Fire Authority firefighter, volunteer or otherwise, shall be eligible for appointment to the Board.
 - 5) The Fire Chief shall be an ex-officio member of the Board, but shall have no right to vote on matters coming before the Board.
 - 6) Each of the appointees, including the at-large member, shall hold office until their replacement is appointed as provided herein.
 - 7) Vacancies shall be filled by the appropriate appointing authority consistent with the provisions contained herein related to appointees to the Board.
- B. The Authority shall have the exclusive authority to manage and operate the provision of fire protection services to the City and Township and shall have, except as otherwise provided or limited by the terms of this agreement, such power as may be required for the faithful performance of its duties.
- C. The Authority shall develop and maintain a command structure for the Fire Department which shall be headed by a Fire Chief who shall be appointed by a majority vote of both the township board and the city council and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The terms and conditions of

employment for the Fire Chief shall be set forth in a separate employment agreement. The termination of the Fire Chief by the Board may be overruled by a majority vote of both the township board and the city council, but such votes must occur within thirty (30) days of the termination. The Fire Chief shall be responsible for hiring, managing and firing all personnel of the Authority, none of whom shall be full time employees. The Fire Chief's authority to hire employees is limited to a fixed number of employees as determined at the time that the budget is adopted. No member of the Township Board or the City Council shall be eligible for appointment to, or to serve in, a position as either a full or part time firefighter, whether paid, on call or volunteer.

- D. The Authority shall provide the fire protection services provided for herein through the use of paid on-call firefighters; provided, however, that the Authority shall not have the authority to hire or otherwise retain full-time or part-time personnel without there being funds in the budget for such hiring or retention. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Board from contracting with a volunteer or on-call organization for services on an as needed basis.

4. Bylaws.

The Authority and the Board shall operate under bylaws adopted by the City and the Township. Said bylaws shall provide for the organization of the Board, Board officers, committees, meetings, meeting quorum, voting, and all other organizational and operational matters normally contained in bylaws. Once adopted by the City and the Township, said bylaws may only be amended by agreement of the City and the Township.

5. Fire Halls.

- A. The Township hereby provides the fire hall located at 1494 Seymour Road in the Township at the disposal of the Authority for its use during the effective period of this Agreement.
- B. The City hereby provides the fire hall located at 8100-B Civic Drive in the City at the disposal of the Authority for its use during the effective period of this Agreement:
- C. Such use shall be subject to the following:
 - 1) The City and Township shall each retain ownership of or lease rights to the fire halls so designated and the Authority shall have no power to use or authorize the use of the fire halls for any use other than the provision of fire protection services to the City and Township, unless authority for such other use or activity is obtained in writing, email acceptable, from the City (as to the City's fire hall) or the Township (as to the Township fire hall).
 - 2) The Authority shall not engage in any activity or take any action which will result in a lien, mortgage, or other encumbrance on the title of the City or the Township to their respective fire halls or the land on which they are located.
 - 3) The Authority shall be responsible for maintenance and repairs for the designated fire halls during the effective period of this Agreement.
 - 4) Except for maintenance and repairs, no additions and/or alternations to said fire halls may be made by the Authority without the express prior written approval of the governmental unit owning said structure; provided, however, that upon termination of this Agreement such additions and/or improvements shall become the property of the governmental unit owning the structure.

6. Township Mini Pumper.

The 1979 Mini Pumper, Serial No. W41CT9138438, presently owned by the Township, shall be and is hereby placed at the use of the Authority for the provision of fire services as provided for in this Agreement, subject to the following conditions:

- A. *The Authority shall be responsible for and maintain public liability and property damage insurance upon said vehicle with the Township being named as a co-insured.*
- B. *Said vehicle shall remain titled in the name of the Township.*
- C. *Upon dissolution of the Authority, said vehicle shall be returned to the Township and/or the Township shall have the right to summary repossession of said vehicle. The Authority shall have no control whatsoever over said vehicle upon dissolution of the Authority.*

7. City Mini Pumper.

The 1979 Mini Pumper, Serial No. CKL339B160091, presently owned by the City, shall be and is hereby placed at the use of the Authority for the provision of fire services as provided for in this Agreement, subject to the following conditions:

- A. *The Authority shall be responsible for and maintain public liability and property damage insurance upon said vehicle with the City being named as a co-insured.*
- B. *Said vehicle shall remain titled in the name of the City.*
- C. *Upon dissolution of the Authority, said vehicle shall be returned to the City and/or the City shall have the right to summary repossession of said vehicle. The Authority shall have no control whatsoever over said vehicle upon dissolution of the Authority.*

8. Authority Assets.

- A. *Except as may be provided above as to the fire halls and the mini pumpers, the City and Township shall each have an undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to all assets of the Authority. An inventory of said assets shall be prepared annually by the Authority and filed with the City Clerk and the Township Clerk as provided in subparagraph D, below.*
- B. *All of the assets of the Authority shall be housed at the fire halls designated within this agreement in such quantities, as shall within the discretion of the Authority provide maximum efficient fire protection services for the areas to be provided such service.*
- C. *Assets that are determined by the Board to have no value, due to age or damage, shall be destroyed. Assets that have value, but are no longer needed by the Authority, shall be sold by sealed bid, RFP, auction or online internet auction to the highest bidder. The Board shall create and implement a policy for disposal of such assets. Assets that have been sold shall be logged as such on the annual inventory for at least one year.*
- D. *The Authority shall file an annual inventory of such assets with the City and the Township no later than February 15th of each year.*

9. Additional Assets.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the City or the Township from acquiring such additional equipment and/or providing such additional services as it sees fit to be used within its boundaries. Such additional equipment and/or services provided shall not be subject to the terms of this Agreement and ownership of same shall not be shared.

10. Insurance.

The Authority shall secure and keep in force and effect during the effective period of this Agreement appropriate property damage and public liability insurance insuring its activities in such amounts as it sees fit; however, in no instance shall such limits of insurance be less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) Single Limit Public Liability and Property Damage Policy, with a Three Million Dollar (\$3,000,000.00) Umbrella. In addition thereto the Authority shall secure and keep in force and effect during the effective period of the

Agreement appropriate workmen's Compensation Insurance coverage and any other insurance coverages required by law.

11. Services to Other Governmental Units.

The Authority shall not provide fire protection services to other governmental units, by contract or otherwise, without first obtaining the approval of the City and the Township before such services are rendered; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not extend to the participation by the board in a mutual aid pact with other units of government.

12. Books and Records; Annual Audit.

- A. The Authority shall provide for the keeping of books and records regarding its operation. The keeping of such books and records shall conform to generally accepted accounting principles.
- B. The Authority shall provide for an annual audit of its revenue and expenditures. The auditing firm shall be selected through competitive bidding every 3 years and the same firm shall not be selected for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- C. The audit shall be completed no later than ninety (90) days following the close of the Authority's fiscal year, and a copy of said audit shall be submitted to the City Clerk and the Township Clerk within seven (7) days after its completion.

13. Fiscal Year; Budget.

- A. The fiscal year of the Authority shall be from January 1 through December 31.
- B. Beginning no later than August 1 of each year, the City Manager and the Township Supervisor shall meet with the Fire Chief and develop a draft budget. Such draft shall reasonably reflect the findings and recommendations set forth in the Swartz Creek Area Fire Department Evaluation adopted in January 2008 by the City and the Township. The draft budget shall be submitted to the Authority Board no later than October 1.
- C. The Authority Board shall review the proposed budget of its anticipated expenses, including any suggested amendments, and shall forward same to the City Council and Township Board for approval no later than October 31 of each year. The City and the Township may approve the budget as presented or may approve it with amendments. The final budget shall be in such form as shall be approved by both the City and the Township.
- D. Upon approval of the final budget, the City and the Township shall each appropriate its share of the funding for said budget, and such funds shall be transmitted to the Authority for its use. Once the final budget is approved, such sums as each party are required to contribute shall be a debt of each notwithstanding any subsequent disagreement between the parties.
- E. The Authority shall expend funds pursuant to the adopted budget; provided, however, the Board shall have the authority within a single year, without the approval of the City and Township, to amend line item expenditures by an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount provided for the subject line item in the final budget as approved by the City and the Township, so long as the total budget is not exceeded. Line item budget amendments exceeding ten percent (10%) singularly or cumulatively in a single fiscal year shall require approval of both the City and Township.
- F. The Authority shall not exceed the budget as approved by the City and Township without express prior approval by both the City and Township who, concurrent with such approval, shall appropriate such sums as are necessary to finance such increased expense.

14. Capital Improvement Fund.

Pursuant to the Swartz Creek Area Fire Department Evaluation, adopted in January 2008 by the City and the Township, a Capital Improvement Program Fund (CIPF) is hereby established. The budget for the CIPF

shall be established annually in the same manner and at the same time as the annual operating budget. The City and the Township shall determine an amount to be contributed to the CIPF, said contribution to be appropriated each year at the same time as the annual appropriation for operation of the Authority is made at the beginning of each unit's fiscal year. CIP Funds contributed by the City and the Township shall be held and independently accounted for by the Authority and shall be invested in an interest bearing account. The Authority shall adopt an investment policy that conforms to the State of Michigan's authorized and suitable investments for local units of government (1988 Public Act 239, M.C.L. 129.91) The Authority may not use or expend any funds in the CIPF without the prior approval by a majority vote of both the township board and the city council. The City and the Township, by a mutual agreement of the majority of each governing boards, may elect to deposit any unspent operating funds left over from a previous year budget, into the CIPF.

15. Costs of Fire Runs; Labor Costs.

Except as to the labor costs attendant with each fire run, the entire cost of providing fire protection services as agreed to herein shall be borne by the City and Township equally. As to labor costs attendant with each fire run, it is hereby agreed that such cost shall be borne solely by the party, City or Township, wherein the service is provided. Such costs shall be provided for in the budget required by paragraph 13 hereof. The City and the Township, as suggested in the January 2008 Fire Department Evaluation, shall work to develop a cost recovery ordinance that both municipalities can adopt and implement.

16. Effective Date; Term; Expiration of Term.

The effective date of this agreement is October 26, 2009. The term of this Agreement shall be October 26, 2009 through March 31, 2011. The expiration of this agreement shall not operate to relieve the City or the Township of their financial obligations hereunder. The financial obligations of each party shall continue until all termination activities set forth in paragraph 17, below, are completed.

17. Termination.

Upon termination of this agreement, the Authority shall proceed as follows:

- A. At least sixty (60) days prior to the termination date, the Authority shall cause its last annual inventory to be made current.
- B. The Authority shall cause an appraisal to be made of all of the assets under its control other than the fire halls and the mini pumpers described in sections 7 and 8. Said appraisal shall be made no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination and shall be submitted to the City Clerk and the Township Clerk forthwith.
- C. The Authority shall attempt to assign the assets to the parties consistent with the provisions and intent of this agreement. Upon completion of such asset assignment, the Authority shall recommend same to the City and the Township. Upon agreement of the City and the Township, the Authority shall assign the assets to the parties.
- E. Notwithstanding the termination date and/or its attempts to assign the assets, the Authority shall continue to perform its duties and obligations until the effective date of the termination of this agreement.

18. Negotiated Assignment.

The parties need not wait for the recommendation of the Board as to the division and assignment of assets, but may commence negotiations relative to such division and assignment at any time prior to the termination date; provided, however, that the parties by and through their respective governing bodies, shall meet no less than sixty (60) days prior to effective date of termination, if agreement or assignment of assets has not otherwise occurred, to negotiate assignment of assets and/or the providing for an orderly transition and continuing of fire protection services beyond the termination date.

19. Notices.

Any notice, demand, or communication required, permitted, or desired to be given under this agreement shall be deemed effectively given when personally delivered or mailed by certified mail addressed as follows:

If to the City:

City of Swartz Creek
C/O City Manager
8083 Civic Drive
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
Attention: City Manager

If to the Township:

Clayton Township
C/O Township Supervisor
2011 South Morrish Road
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
Attention: Township Supervisor

The parties may, by notice given hereunder, designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices, demands, or communications may be given.

20. Severability.

If any provision of this agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of this agreement which shall remain in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

21. Entire agreement.

This agreement supersedes all previous or contemporaneous negotiations and/or agreements and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the joint provision of fire protection services in the City and the Township. No verbal statements or prior written materials not specifically incorporated in this agreement have been relied upon by the parties in entering into this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the date first above written.

TOWNSHIP OF CLAYTON

Dated: _____, 2009

By: _____
Bruce Beatty, Supervisor

Dated: _____, 2009

By: _____
Dennis Milem, Township Clerk

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK

Dated: _____, 2009

By: _____
Richard Abrams, Mayor

Dated: _____, 2009

By: _____
Juanita Aguilar, City Clerk

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Abrams, Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

Labor Contract Amendment, 2009-2012 POLC-Police Agreement, Voluntary Layoff

Resolution No. 091026-09

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Krueger
Second by Councilmember Hurt

I Move the City of Swartz Creek approve an amendment to the 2009-2012 Labor Agreement between the City and the Police Officer's Labor Council, addendum as follows:

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
LAYOFF AMENDMENT TO
2009-2012 POLICE OFFICERS'
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 26TH day of October, 2009 by and between the City of Swartz Creek (the "City" and also the "Employer"), Bethany Jaworski (the "Employee") and the Police Officers Labor Council (the "Union");

WHEREAS, the City and the Union are parties to that certain collective bargaining agreement for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 (the "CBA"); and

WHEREAS, for economic reasons, the City contemplates having to lay-off one full time employee in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7, Section 3 of the CBA between the City and the Union, all layoffs are to be "in reverse seniority;" and

WHEREAS, the Employee is employed as a full time police officer in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7, Section 3 of the CBA, the Employee would not be the next person to be laid off from the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Employee has asked the City that she be laid off instead of that officer employee who would otherwise be laid off pursuant to the application of Article 7, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the Union has joined in that request and has asked that the CBA be amended to grant the Employee's desires, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7, Section 3;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Notwithstanding the requirements of Article 7, Section 3 of the CBA, the Employee agrees to be the next bargaining unit employee laid off by the City, even though the Employee would not otherwise be laid off by the application of Article 7, Section 2 of the CBA.
2. The Employee acknowledges that her being laid off by the City contrary to the reverse seniority order would be accomplished by the City in fulfillment of the request made by the Employee herself, which request is joined in by the Union.
3. The Employee acknowledges and understands that such a layoff request on her part is irreversible and that she cannot retract this request or alter her lay off status.
4. When the work force is increased and laid off employees are recalled to work, such recall, including the recall of the Employee, shall be "according to seniority, in reverse order of layoff" as provided for in Article 8, Section 1 of the CBA.
5. The City will not oppose the Employee's efforts towards obtaining unemployment compensation. The Employee and the Union acknowledge that the City has no control in the decision process, so therefore will not hold the City responsible for any decision resulting therefrom.
6. The City, at its sole expense, shall continue to provide medical, dental and eye glass insurance in accordance with Article 22, Section No. 1 of the CBA, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of lay-off.
7. The City, Union and Employee agree that the date of layoff shall be Tuesday October 27, 2009. This agreement shall serve as proper notice of layoff.
8. This agreement is an amendment to the CBA for the 2009-2012 term and is limited to this specific Employee's request only. This agreement is not to be deemed a precedent for any purpose, nor is to be deemed a re-opening of the CBA negotiations for any purpose.
9. The Employee and the Union hereby release the City from any claims of any kind either of them may have as a result of the City accommodating this Employee's request.

(Signature Page to Follow)

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
A Municipal Corporation

By: **Richard B. Abrams**, Mayor

By: **Juanita Aguilar**, City Clerk

POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL

By: **Homer Lafrinere**, Field Representative

EMPLOYEE:

Bethany Jaworski, Employee

BARGAINING TEAM:

GREGORY RACOSTA, Bargaining Team

Richard J. Figura, City Attorney

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Binder, Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Porath, Shumaker, Abrams.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

County Sheriff Request, Resolution of Cooperation, Traffic Services, O.H.S.P. 416 Grant

Resolution No. 091026-10

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Shumaker

Second by Councilmember Hurt

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan provides for funds to the Genesee County Sheriffs' Department for traffic enforcement services through the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek, through its Chief of Police or designee, may elect to use such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Swartz Creek requests that the Genesee County Sheriffs' Department provide such traffic services to the City of Swartz Creek, if so specifically requested by the Chief of Police, or designee.

Discussion Took Place.

YES: Hicks, Hurt, Krueger, Shumaker, Abrams, Binder.

NO: Porath. Motion Declared Carried.

Morrish North Project Update

(Discussion Topic)

City Manager Bueche gave a brief update of the Morrish Road North Project.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

None.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Binder stated that the Air Force statue has been installed at the Veteran's Memorial.

Councilmember Shumaker spoke about DPS worker Dave Wright having 40 years with the City. Mr. Shumaker stated that he believes that Mr. Wright is the longest employee of the City and he believes that the City should recognize him with a certificate or proclamation.

Councilmember Krueger mentioned his concern about what may happen with the racetrack and the impact it would have on the City. Mr. Krueger stated that the cutbacks to the schools may affect the school liaison officer position. Mr. Krueger stated that he attended the rally at the steps of the Capitol, protesting cuts in revenue sharing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Porath spoke about the Racing Commission. Mr. Porath stated that petitions are being signed to get "racino" racing back.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no objection, Mayor Abrams declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Richard Abrams, Mayor

Juanita Aguilar, City Clerk