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## RESOLUTION 04-12: OAKLAND COUNTY'S "Pay Local Taxes.com"

Treasurer Creps stated that Oakland County has developed and internet-based payment procedure, which they call their "Pay Local Taxes.com" program, to permit taxpayers the convenience of using a credit card to pay property taxes. She asked that the Board direct the Township Attorney to review the agreement.

Trustee Boltz questioned if Oakland Township will lose a portion of its tax revenue due to credit card fees. Treasurer Creps responded that if a taxpayer chooses to use this service, they are charged a "convenience fee;" it does not affect the total dollar amount of taxes collected.

Attorney Bricker Kolb stated that another attorney in her office is reviewing Oakland County's agreements for Walled Lake. She will offer her comments at the next meeting.

MOVED BY CREPS, SECONDED BY BOLTZ, to table Resolution 04-12 regarding Oakland County's "Pay Local Taxes.com" program until the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

## OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT -

Attorney Bricker Kolb stated that representatives for Oakland Township, the City of Rochester and the City of Rochester Hills met to discuss an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement regarding the Older Persons' Commission (hereinafter "OPC"). The Board reviewed the proposed amendment. The amendment limits participation in the OPC's programs (except Leisure Travel) or the Activity Center's facilities to persons over 60 years of age. However, it permits the member municipalities, by resolution, to lower this age restriction on a program-by-program basis if they determine that this is in the best interest of the member communities and is not contrary to the intent and purposes for which the OPC was established.

Ms. Bricker Kolb continued that Oakland Township's millage language specifies that the OPC is for senior citizens, and the proposed amendment is in accord with that intent.

Treasurer Creps stated that OPC Director Marye Miller had specifically asked that the municipalities consider the age limit for their health and wellness program. Currently, people who are 50 years and older may participate in this program. The OPC would like to make sure that this remains an *OPC* program as opposed to a *community* program.

Trustee Phillips was concerned that the proposed amendment may open the door to an arrangement whereby the member municipalities are micro-managing the OPC.

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Treasurer Creps said that she does not foresee this as a problem. Supervisor Hoffman added that the OPC's Board has members from all three municipalities and they work through many issues as a board. However, this question regarding the health and wellness program went beyond the scope of authority of that Board. Trustee Phillips said that if the Board sees a number of OPC-related policy decisions that the municipalities are asked to address, he would like to revisit this matter.

Trustee Boltz recalled that some time ago residents had been concerned about the OPC charging a fee for non-residents to use the OPC programs. Treasurer Creps stated that this matter will be reviewed by the OPC Board shortly.

Trustee Boltz wondered how many users will be turned away if the municipalities direct the OPC to only make their health and wellness program available to people who are 60 years or more.

MOVED BY PLATZ, SECONDED BY BOLTZ, to amend the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Rochester and the City of Rochester Hills to clarify language in the Older Persons' Commission agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

## ROCHESTER AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The Board reviewed the July 27th letter from Rochester Area Youth Assistance ("RAYA"), which contains a request that Oakland Township contribute \$6,637 for the 2004-2005 budget year. The Board noted that this has been included in the budget. Oakland Township's representative to RAYA is Bonnie Mackley.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PHILLIPS, to contribute \$6,637 to Rochester Area Youth Assistance to be applied towards their 2004-2005 budget.

MOTION CARRIED!

## PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

The terms of Planning Commissioners Michael Bailey and James Foulkrod will expire on September 14<sup>th</sup>. They have both indicated a willingness to serve another term on the Planning Commission.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY BOLTZ, to reappoint Michael Bailey and James Foulkrod to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, to expire on September 14, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED.