

*From August 9<sup>th</sup> Township Board Meeting Minutes:*

**FIXED ROUTE PUBLIC TRANSIT RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the Central County Transit Authority (CCTA) has notified customers and property owners along West Main that the bus route from 131 to 9<sup>th</sup> Street will be terminated September 6<sup>th</sup>. She commented attempts to negotiate have not been successful; a petition from residents at Evergreen North was received; loss of the route affects Meijer employees and customers. She further noted the Township has a unique situation with one third highly urban and significant rural areas, precinct lines do not align with that distinction, but it would be in the best interest to continue service if we can come to an agreement. She presented a resolution supporting public transit and a good faith offer of \$50,000 annually to restore full service to 9<sup>th</sup> Street and West Main.

Trustee Carr commented she felt this would send the wrong message since the precincts opted in have to pay.

Trustee Taylor commented this sets a precedent for others to opt out; why would CCTA accept, he appreciates this is a good faith offer but not comfortable with using the general fund, it should be a special assessment district.

Trustee Ford commented it seems unusual other precincts are paying in full, if these precincts don't pay.

Trustee Farmer commented we can try not to give them a reason to say no, one mile of service is not worth what is being charged, the Township opted in Precinct 8 looking for an extension of the route, the Township tried to make decisions based on information from CCTA, it was not clear service would be cut.

Public Works Director Elliott commented he felt it is a good faith effort and an opportunity for the CCTA to save face; it is unfortunate they placed the Township in this position, they have abdicated their role as a transportation agency and put things on the Township that are their obligations. He noted having worked in public works professionally he has dealt with public transit and never seen agency make a decision so inappropriate and arbitrary; he is outraged they adopted policy after the Township selected the district.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Farmer to adopt the resolution with funding from the general fund or a special assessment district to start a conversation with the CCTA. Roll call showed Carr-no, Culp-no, Everett-yes, Farmer-yes, Ford-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes, Taylor-no.

*From August 23<sup>rd</sup> Township Board Meeting Minutes :*

**FIXED ROUTE PUBLIC TRANSIT RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised based on the Board resolution adopted at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide \$50,000 from the General Fund or a special assessment district to start a conversation with the Central County Transit Authority (CCTA), discussions have taken place with Meijer and Executive Director Sean McBride of the CCTA to reach an agreement to continue bus service to Meijer.

Trustees Taylor and Carr were opposed to using General Fund revenue. There was discussion the timeline to establish a special assessment district for this year is too short, partnering with Meijer will continue the service for the first year; work is ongoing to seek other funding partners.

Trustee Farmer noted the service was cut after the Board voted on which precincts to opt out.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the CCTA per the resolution adopted by the Board on August 9<sup>th</sup> to maintain bus service to Meijer and continue to explore reimbursement. Carried 6-1 with Carr voting no.