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RESOLUTION # 12-002 TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING DTE ENERGY SMART METERS - ADOPTED

Motion by Turner seconded by Squalls to adopt the following resolution to the Michigan Public Service Commission expressing the Charter Township of Royal Oak Board of Trustees' concern with the installation of DTE Energy Smart Meters and request to explore the health and safety effects:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ROYAL OAK OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Royal Oak Board of Trustees', Oakland County Michigan, held at 21131 Gardenlane, Ferndale, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on January 19, 2012.

The following resolution offered by Turner and supported Squalls.

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has begun the installation of new meters to customers in the Metro Detroit area communities, replacing existing meters with so-called "Smart meters", that is electric meters which will broadcast information to the utility company using radio frequencies; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has indicated that it will, at some point, begin installation of Smart meters in the Charter Township of Royal Oak; and

WHEREAS, Smart meters provide a benefit to utilities by allowing remote meter reading by, among other things eliminating the need for someone to go onto each utility customer's property to read a meter and possibly offering residents lower electric rates at non-peak times; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of people, including residents of the Charter Township of Royal Oak have expressed their concerns to this Board about potential health effects of the Smart meters, as well as other concerns regarding their universal deployment in the Township, and

WHEREAS, although the Township Board is informed that it is without jurisdiction to directly regulate SMART meters, exclusive jurisdiction over them residing with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), the Township Board believes it is appropriate to assist its citizens in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting careful review thereof by the MPSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Michigan Public Service Commission is hereby requested to perform a careful analysis of the potential health and safety effects which may result from the universal installation of

Smart meters for electric and gas utilities.

2. The Michigan Public Service Commission is further requested to consider delaying the deployment of Smart meters pending a conclusion by the MPSC, following careful study and review that such meters are safe and will not have short-term or long-term negative consequences to the health of the citizens of the Charter Township of Royal Oak.
3. The MPSC is asked to carefully examine other concerns regarding the deployment of Smart meters as may be submitted to them by residents of the Charter Township of Royal Oak and the State of Michigan, so as to insure that all aspects of the issues are considered before final determination is made, with respect to such deployment.
4. The MPSC is further asked to consider requiring public utilities to allow customers with appropriate medical documentation and or personal concerns of their individualized risk to opt out of Smart meter installation or removal of Smart meters currently installed at their homes.
5. All resolutions inconsistent with the foregoing resolution be and the same hereby are repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

YEAS: Trustees' Francine Thurman, Donna Squalls, David Ford, Treasurer Cynthia A. Phillips and Clerk Gwendolyn W. Turner

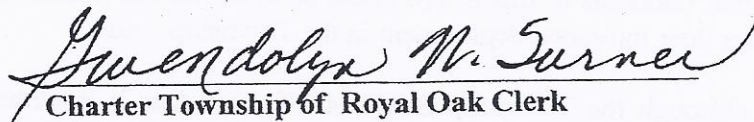
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Frank Miles, Jr. and Supervisor William F. Morgan

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I, Gwendolyn W. Turner, duly elected clerk hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, at a Regular Board of Trustee Meeting held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 21131 Gardenlane, Ferndale, MI and the meeting was published, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act being Act 267, Public Acts of 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available, as required by said Act.


Charter Township of Royal Oak Clerk

