

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN

Northfield Township Board of Trustees February 14, 2017 Communications Addendum

RECEIVED: February 11, 2017. An email from Tony Morfino speaking against hiring a Township Manager.

RECEIVED: February 10, 2017. An email from Michael Cicchella speaking against hiring a Township Manager.

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RECEIVED: February 14, 2017. A phone message from Diane Reding in favor of hiring a Township Manager.

RECEIVED: February 10, 2017. An email from Meredith Counts speaking in favor of completing the non-motorized path on Barker Rd.

Township Manager Position

Tony Morfino <tmorfino@yahoo.com>

Sat 2/11/2017 1:35 PM

To: Jacqueline Otto <ottoj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Janet Chick <chickj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Wayne Dockett <dockettw@Northfieldmi.gov>;
Marlene Chockley <chockleym@Northfieldmi.gov>; Lenore Zelenock <zelenockl@Northfieldmi.gov>; Kathy Manley
<manleyk@Northfieldmi.gov>; Tawn Beliger <beligert@Northfieldmi.gov>;

Members of the Board,

I writing to inform the Board that I am NOT in favor of hiring a Township Manager to replace Mr. Fink. As is well known, a majority of the townships in Michigan do not have a Township Manager. I believe that the Township Supervisor, an ELECTED official, should be allowed to handled management of Northfield Township.

Thanks you

Tony Morfino
4617 Six Mile Rd
South Lyon, Michigan 48178

***The government cannot give to anybody anything
that the government does not first take from somebody else.***

Jennifer Carlisle

From: Marlene Chockley
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Jennifer Carlisle
Subject: FW: township manager

From: Mike Cicchella [<mailto:mike@cicchella.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Jacqueline Otto <ottoj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Janet Chick <chickj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Kathy Manley <manleyk@Northfieldmi.gov>; Lenore Zelenock <zelenockl@Northfieldmi.gov>; Marlene Chockley <chockleym@Northfieldmi.gov>; Tawn Beliger <beligert@Northfieldmi.gov>; Wayne Dockett <dockettw@Northfieldmi.gov>
Subject: township manager

If you recall, I sent you a prior email regarding the hiring of township manager. I have heard back from several of you which I appreciate. Having been a township supervisor gives me a unique perspective about the job. It is a leadership position that cannot be delegated. The community elected the Supervisor to be the leader of the community and do just that lead the community. I have read the manager job description and all that is in there I did as a supervisor and more, of course with the help of some really good people and the board. There is now in place deputies for the clerk and treasury and I am confident under the elected clerk and treasurer supervision that things will be better than before and more efficient. I would ask you, if Marlene is willing, to not hire a manager at this point. It is unfair to expect the Supervisor to be part time and to accomplish all the things required without being compensated. To the extent there is a void the manager will fill it, which defeats the purpose of electing a supervisor. That is one of the reasons that 97% of township do not have one. Our last experience was less than desirable and going forward I would expect the same result with a part time supervisor. I would suggest that you give Marlene a chance to do the job she was elected to do. If for whatever reason that does not work, you always have the option, as it is listed in the MTA structure of township government, to hire a manager. This does not work the other way around. You have the opportunity to save the township several hundred thousand dollars, which would be extremely prudent on your part as the money is needed for other more pressing township needs.

I appreciate those of you, who acknowledge my previous email.

Respectfully,

Michael Cicchella

Jennifer Carlisle

From: Marlene Chockley
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Jennifer Carlisle
Subject: FW: DON'T waste \$100,000 each year on a manager

From: C.D. Tchalo [<mailto:cdtchalo@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 9:09 PM
To: Marlene Chockley <chockleym@Northfieldmi.gov>; Lenore Zelenock <zelenockl@Northfieldmi.gov>; Kathy Manley <manleyk@Northfieldmi.gov>; Tawn Beliger <beligert@Northfieldmi.gov>; Jacqueline Otto <ottoj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Janet Chick <chickj@Northfieldmi.gov>; dockettw@northfield.gov
Cc: C.D. Tchalo <cdtchalo@yahoo.com>
Subject: DON'T waste \$100,000 each year on a manager

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am a proud resident of Northfield Township and I humbly wish to express my thoughts on *NOT hiring an unnecessary manager.*

We DON'T need to waste \$100,000+ of taxpayers' money on a manager each year. I encourage you to simply let Supervisor Chockley, Treasurer Zelenock and Township Clerk Manley do their jobs. *They are competent and can collectively handle what a manager would do. This will save the township's residents huge amounts of tax money.*

Saving taxpayer money is the right thing to do in this case and I support you in doing the right thing. If these thoughts are not enough to support you in doing the right thing, then please see the 3 additional sound facts below.

Thank you for your service to our beautiful township and

Best wishes!

Sincerely,

C. D. Tchalo

Schrum Subdivision

Additional facts:

A. 97% of the townships in Michigan operate without a high-priced manager. We can too. You **FOOLISHLY and NEEDLESSLY WASTED \$400,000 in precious tax dollars on the last unnecessary manager.** That is unconscionable. There is no reason to repeat such horrific and needless waste so please don't hire a new manager.

B. Would any of you waste \$100,000 per year of your own money? I highly doubt it. Since you are a taxpayer, this is **your money**, and since I am a taxpayer, this is **my money**. Please do not waste **our money** on what truly is not needed.

C. Our township residents are watching to see if you will be fiscally responsible or wasteful of **OUR** dollars.

Jennifer Carlisle

From: Jennifer Carlisle
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Board of Trustees
Subject: Resident phone call

I just received a call from Diane Reding – resident of Northfield Township for 51 years. She wanted to voice her opinion that the Township was run better with a manager, and there's a lot coming up that we will need someone in the office that knows how to handle it. She referred to a letter from Jacki Otto in regards to all that was accomplished with a manager and suggested that that letter be made available to the residents. She indicated that she has spoken to many of her neighbors, and most of them did not even know that the manager had left.

Thanks,
Jennifer Carlisle
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Jennifer Carlisle

From: Marlene Chockley
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Jennifer Carlisle
Subject: FW: In favor of non-motorized paths in Whitmore Lake

Jennifer,
A letter for the Feb 14th meeting.
Marlene

From: Meredith Grahl Counts [<mailto:meregrahl@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Marlene Chockley <chockleym@Northfieldmi.gov>; Kathy Manley <manleyk@Northfieldmi.gov>; Lenore Zelenock <zelenockl@Northfieldmi.gov>; Tawn Beliger <beligert@Northfieldmi.gov>; Janet Chick <chickj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Jacqueline Otto <ottoj@Northfieldmi.gov>; Wayne Dockett <dockettw@Northfieldmi.gov>
Subject: In favor of non-motorized paths in Whitmore Lake

Dear Township Board Officers and Trustees,

I'm a Northfield Township resident and I support completing the non-motorized path on Barker. (Within reason) I support any safe thoroughfares that connect our community. Next week I'll be out of town so I wanted to send a note on the issue.

I'd like to be able to walk over from my place on Main Street to visit friends in the Wildwood sub off Barker, but pushing a stroller or pulling a wagon or walking my skittish dog when cars speed by is scary. Eventually it would be great if all the way to the elementary school was accessible by footpath.

As long as it's not truly infringing on private property, Whitmore Lake residents deserve safe paths connecting our residential hubs. I feel like it's good for community health, for pedestrian safety, and to build a sense of community if we can have some good main thoroughfares for walking. More residents could walk to businesses, the library, and the community center.

Our household supports public money going toward this goal because it improves our community. We like the new sidewalk on Main Street from the Middle School building southward. Even in this cold weather we notice more pedestrians on our part of Main Street than we used to.

Finishing the Barker road path would be good planning, so that all the folks who live over there can eventually walk to the new park over by the post office. If we want to attract tax-paying businesses to the area, businesses might be more persuaded to join a town where potential customers are seen walking out and about.

Thanks for all you do, and
Please count me in favor of Whitmore Lake walking paths!

Meredith Counts
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