

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
FINAL
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
Augusta Township Board of Trustees
Vision Statement and Code of Conduct
RESOLUTION 17-04

At a regular meeting of the Augusta Charter Township Board of Trustees, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held in the Board Chambers at 8021 Talladay Road, Whittaker, Michigan 48190, on the 23rd day of January 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees wishes to establish a Vision Statement and Code of Conduct; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopts the attached Augusta Charter Township Vision Statement and Board Member Code of Conduct effective immediately;

Motion to approve Resolution was offered by Domas and seconded by Chie
Roll Call: Aye: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
Motion Passed.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. *Brian Shelby* 1/24/17
Brian Shelby, Augusta Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATE

I, Belynda Domas, the elected and acting Clerk of Augusta Charter Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board, as presented at a meeting on January 23, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as herein set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Belynda Domas 1/24/17
Belynda Domas, Augusta Charter Township Clerk

Augusta Charter Township Vision Statement

Augusta Charter Township in recognition of its responsibilities to each of its constituents and employees makes this pledge as a statement of the Township's values and purpose as we conduct Township business.

- Augusta Charter Township's Board of Trustees will strive to serve Township residents with efficient, lawfully executed and dependable service.
- Augusta Charter Township's Board of Trustees will strive to conduct all its affairs in a manner that is courteous, socially responsible, ethical, and lawful.
- Augusta Charter Township Board of Trustees will strive to respect and protect its residents' rights and welfare for their land, homes, and way of life as far as the laws governing Township authority allows. This includes safe-guarding the Township's history and future interests in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner at all times.

We will always strive to utilize ethical practices and compassion for the needs of those around us and to reflect those ideals in our Township business.

In alignment with the Michigan Association of Townships we have adopted the following pledge for excellence in governance:

We pledge to:

- Insist on the highest standards of ethical conduct by all Board Members, Appointees, Committees, Boards, Contracted Professionals, Vendors and Employees who act on behalf of this township;
- Bring credit and dignity to our public offices through courteous and cooperative board deliberations and through diligent responses to constituent concerns;
- Actively pursue education and knowledge, and to embrace best practices;
- Treat all persons with dignity, respect and impartiality; without prejudice or discrimination;
- Practice openness and transparency in our decisions and actions;
- Collaborate with other government entities and welcome the active involvement of stakeholders to further the township's well-being;
- Communicate to the public township issues, challenges and successes, and welcome the active involvement of stakeholders to further the township's well-being;
- To comply with state and federal statutory requirements;
- Refuse to participate in any decisions or activities for personal gain, at the expense of the best interests of the township;
- Further the understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of American citizenship, democratic government and freedom.

These principles we pledge to our citizens, our state, and to our country.

(Note that these principles are not necessarily statutory requirements, but represent standards for representative and responsive township government.)

Adapted from the Michigan Townships Association sample Mission Statement

Board Member Code of Conduct

Board members shall:

1. Attend all or as many Board meetings as possible and become informed concerning issues to be discussed, and inform the Supervisor of any impending absences from a Board meeting within the time-frame set by the Board;
2. Exercise his or her obligation to vote upon the question unless the Board approves their request not to vote due to a conflict of interest presented to the Board; MCL 42.7 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of the township board who is recorded as present shall vote on all questions decided by the board unless excused by the unanimous consent of the other members present.
3. Adopt policy only after full discussion of the issues at public Board meetings;
4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and the community;
5. Work with other Board members to establish effective policy and to delegate authority for the administration of the township to the superintendent/manager or other appropriate committees or board members.
6. Communicate to other Board members and the superintendent/manager public reaction to Board policy and township programs;
7. Become informed about current township government issues by individual study and through participation in education programs and community meetings /forums providing needed information such as the Michigan Township Association and other associations.
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as township staff and insist on a regular impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using the Board position for personal or partisan gain; and
10. Take no action that will compromise the Board or the township staff and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.