

TOWNSHIP OF BOSTON
COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Boston, Ionia County, Michigan, held at the Saranac Village Office, 27 North Bridge Street, Saranac, Michigan, on the 12th day of July, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Mike Lamphere, Sitzler, Bowen, Olson, Mary Lamphere, Valentine

ABSENT: Members: Harvey

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Valentine and seconded by Member Olson:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 400 AND MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4651 AMENDING THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES ENABLING ACT

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, which would amend Public Act 32 of 1986 entitled the "Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act"; and

WHEREAS, these bills would amend the funding system for 9-1-1 so that all communication devices that have access to 9-1-1, including prepaid wireless devices, contribute equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations; and

WHEREAS, these bills provide a stable funding source for the counties to support their migration to Next Generation 9-1-1 and ongoing operational levels of service for 9-1-1 to its residents; and

WHEREAS, these bills afford the State and Counties collecting 9-1-1 fees a mechanism for court action should any service providers fail to collect and remit the fees; and

WHEREAS, these bills have a mechanism that provides the necessary checks and balances to ensure revenues generated are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS, these authorized expenditures are limited to those directly related to receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls and the subsequent dispatching of responders via a public safety radio; and

WHEREAS, such limitation of expenditures has historically met the criteria established through the courts to define 9-1-1 surcharge as a fee for service directly related to telephone services; and

WHEREAS, any attempt to amend House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 for other State of Michigan general fund purposes not directly related to 9-1-1 may not meet the criteria of a fee for service and could be viewed as a tax increase for the residents of Ionia County, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Boston does hereby offer our support of House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as introduced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Boston opposes Amending House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 to include any additional State of Michigan taxes on telephone service customers under the guise of 9-1-1 surcharge; and

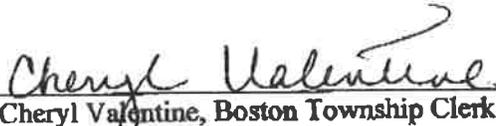
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Richard Snyder, and all Senators and Representatives serving Ionia County.

AYES: Members: Mary Lamphere, Valentine, Sitzer, Bowen, Olson, Mike Lamphere

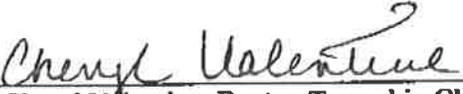
NAYS: Members: Ø

ABSENT: Harvey

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


Cheryl Valentine, Boston Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Boston at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that the public notice of such a meeting was given as provided by law.


Cheryl Valentine, Boston Township Clerk