

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
RESOLUTION 2012-10
DTE ENERGY SMART METER MORATORIUM**

Motion by Trustee Jahr, seconded by Treasurer Budd, that

WHEREAS, DTE Energy (“DTE”) has begun a comprehensive program for the installation of new meters to its customers in the Metro Detroit area, and are expected to eventually replace existing meters within the Township of Van Buren with Smart Meters, which are computerized electronic devices that allow for remote reading via radio frequencies and two-way communication; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has jurisdiction in this matter and is currently reviewing the process of Smart Meter Technology; and,

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2012 the MPSC announced that it was launching an investigation into smart meters (Case # U-17000).

WHEREAS, the FCC has not revised their current standards that pertain to radio frequencies and Smart Meter Technology in the last 30 years; and,

WHEREAS, public utilities have indicated that Smart Meters provide a benefit by providing improved energy efficiency and emergency response time thus eliminating the need for on-site personnel and equipment to read each consumer meter; and,

WHEREAS, a number of Van Buren Township residents and residents from neighboring communities have expressed concerns regarding the Smart Meter Technology; and,

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has offered an opt-out provision for its customers in its response to the MPSC review; and,

WHEREAS, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees believes it is appropriate to assist its concerned residents in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting a careful and thorough review and analysis of the health, safety, privacy and potential cost issues thereof by the MPSC; and,

WHEREAS, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees encourages the Michigan Public Service Commission to review the opt-out provision provided by DTE Energy and allow individual customers to decline smart meter installation in their homes without penalties or additional fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees supports the MPSC’s investigation into DTE Energy’s deployment of smart meters relative to the expressed public concerns over the potential health, safety, and privacy issues with smart meters

and urges the MPSC to include an open public forum for discussion of these issues within the commission's review process on this matter; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees imposes a moratorium prohibiting smart meter installation within the township boundary lines until further notice; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is directed to post this resolution in a prominent location on the Township's website, and to deliver a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Patrick Colbeck, State Representative Dian Slavens, DTE Energy regulatory affairs, SEMCOG, and the Michigan Townships Association.

Yeas: White, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr and Ostrowski.
Nays: None.
Absent: Partridge (excused).
Abstain: None.

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held May 1, 2012.

Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren