

RESOLUTION 17- 574

TOWNSHIP OF NORTHFIELD, MICHIGAN
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHFIELD, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
REGARDING RESIDENTIAL OPT-OUT OF SMART METERS

At a regular meeting of the Northfield Township Board of Trustees held at the Northfield Township Public Safety building, 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, Michigan, on the 10th day of October 2017 at 7:00p.m. there were:

PRESENT Chockley, Manley, Zelanack, Otto, Dockett, Beliger

ABSENT Chick

The following resolution was offered by Beliger, and supported by Dockett

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESIDENTIAL OPT-OUT OF ADVANCED
METER PROGRAMS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "SMART METERS"

WHEREAS, Detroit Edison Company (DTE) has deployed within the Township of Northfield digital advanced meter infrastructure to be henceforth known in this resolution as "smart meters" and

WHEREAS, utility customers in most cases did not give their informed consent to such replacements, and

WHEREAS, many township residents have expressed concerns about the installation of these meters on their homes to Northfield Township officials and to the Northfield Township Board; and

WHEREAS, there has been concern expressed by some residential electric customers that smart meters are overly intrusive into their real-time and historical energy usage, and further question the security and usage of this information; and

WHEREAS, some residential electric customers have concerns that emissions from smart meters may actually be dangerous to their health; and

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bill 4220, written to address the above - mentioned concerns regarding smart meters, has been forwarded to the Committee on Energy Policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the of Northfield Township Board supports the ability of it's DTE customers to opt out of the smart meter program on their homes and to have the choice to retain or obtain an analog meter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Northfield Township Board in recognition of the concerns expressed by residents, urges the Committee Chairs and members of the Energy and Technology in the Michigan House and Senate, respectively, to support the move of House Bill 4220 to the full legislature, for active debate, deliberation, and vote.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Attorney General Bill Schuette, Governor Rick Snyder, House Energy Committee Chairman Gary Glenn, Senate Energy and Technology Committee Chairman Mike Nofs, The Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Association of Counties, Congressman Tim Walberg, State Senator Joe Hune, State Senator Patrick Colbeck, and State Representative Donna Lasinski,

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

AYE: Chockley, Manley, Zelenak, Otto, Beliger, Dockett


NAY: _____

Resolution declared adopted:



Marlene A. Chockley
Northfield Township Supervisor

ATTEST:



Kathleen Manley
Northfield Township Clerk