

RESOLUTION: A Resolution Supporting the Ability of Vassar Township Residents and Property Owners to Elect to Opt-Out of Receiving Advanced Utility Meters (SMART Meters)

WHEREAS, DTE Energy SMART meters (SMART meters) are modern electric meters which send electric meter readings automatically by using a radio frequency network rather than a traditional on-site meter reading method, and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy is actively installing SMART meters throughout southeastern Michigan and has recently mailed letters to local jurisdictions such as the City of Vassar and City of Caro pertaining to the ability of City residents to opt-out of receiving a SMART meter, and

WHEREAS, a number of township residents have expressed concerns regarding negative health conditions that may result from the use of SMART meters, the accuracy of SMART meters, and the possibility that the use of SMART meters may contribute to a loss of personal privacy, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission has recently decided to investigate several aspects pertaining to the use and installation of SMART meters, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission, as a component of this investigation, is requesting that utility companies disclose information regarding the potential adverse health effects associated with the use of SMART meters, and

WHEREAS, the Vassar Township Board of Trustees is charged with securing and defending the overall health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township and their guests,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees hereby supports the ability of its residents and property owners to elect to opt-out of having SMART meters installed. Utility customers who opt-out of the smart meter installation should be able to opt-out with no economic penalty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all power companies and to the Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Attorney General, Representative Terry Brown and Senator Mike Green supporting an investigation of SMART meters.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Clerk Clinesmith and supported by Board Member Trustee Tester.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

“Aye” (5): **Forbes, Clinesmith, Stack,
Gray, Tester**

“Nay” (0): **None**

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Vassar Township Clerk