

**Charter Township of Brighton Township
Transparency in Government
Resolution No. 08 -020**

Whereas, the Federal government in 2006 implemented the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Transparency Act), and

Whereas, the State governments of Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas have all implemented searchable spending database websites, and

Whereas, the Michigan Attorney General's office has created and implemented the "Track your Taxes" website viewable at no cost to the public and the Michigan Secretary of State's office has also implemented transparency measures, and

Whereas, the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees is desirous of implementing Transparency in Government measures to allow the public to review pertinent financial information on how tax dollars are spent, and

Whereas, this would provide Brighton Township residents and taxpayers with information about how their tax dollars are spent by providing access to local government spending through transparency, and would help build greater public trust in local government operations; and

Whereas, the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees has the opportunity to lead the state in a critical area - making detailed information about expenditures of public dollars more easily accessible to the public at the local level,

Whereas, the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees does hereby support greater Transparency in Government,

Whereas, the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees is desirous of implementing Transparency in Government measures but not adding to the bureaucracy, and

Whereas the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees can implement the Transparency measures not by creating new documents but rather utilizing existing documents outlining line item spending which may include check registers, financial reports, and budget information,

Whereas, specific documents that will be provided on the website are, but not limited to, the complete township budget including all budget notes which explain the line items of the budget; all resolutions relating to the annual budget; the rate of pay and benefits, including a breakdown thereof, for all elected officials; any proposed budget including budget notes shall be posted on the website for the entire required posting period prior to adoption.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Charter Township Board of Trustees does hereby commit to implementing Transparency in Government measures by providing web access to line item spending in a searchable format at no additional cost to the taxpayers utilizing existing documents; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees does hereby commit to providing web access to line item spending in a searchable format of existing documents no later than October 1, 2008.

H.E. Bud Prine, Supervisor

Ann M. Bollin, Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ann M. Bollin, Clerk of the Charter Township of Brighton, County of Livingston, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees on the 2nd day of June, 2008.

In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 9th day of June, 2008.

Ann M. Bollin, Clerk
Charter Township of Brighton