STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE

Leighton J. Carlisle III and Jeannie L. Carlisle,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

File No. 16- -CZ Hon, Jennifer A. Mazzuchi

Michigamme Township, and Michigamme Township Supervisor, and Michigamme Township Clerk, jointly and severally,

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, by and through their attorney, Dominic F. Andriacchi, P.C., and for their Complaint, state:

- 1. The Plaintiffs are individuals residing in Champion, Marquette County, Michigan.
- 2. The Plaintiffs are both adults over the age of 18.
- Defendant Michigamme Township is a municipality located within Marquette County, Michigan.
- Defendants Michigamme Township Supervisor and Michigamme Township Clerk are officers and/or board members of Defendant Michigamme Township.
- 5. The events giving rise to this action occurred in Marquette County, Michigan.
- 6. The amount in controversy is within the jurisdiction of this Court, because the Plaintiffs claim damages in excess of \$25,000.
- 7. Defendant Michigamme Township employed both of the Plaintiffs.

- 8. Plaintiff Leighton Carlisle worked for the Defendant from August 1992 until August 2016.
- Plaintiff Jeannie Carlisle worked for the Defendant from April 1999 until February 2013.
- 10. Defendant Michigamme Township had established a retirement pension (Pension) for Michigamme Township board members and/or employees. Pension documents, Exhibit A.
- 11. The Pension was with Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc. Id.
- 12. The Pension was originally established on July 1, 1991. Id.
- 13. The Pension's original effective date was July 1, 1991. Id.
- 14. The Pension was amended on or about April 1, 2009. Id.
- 15. The Pension was amended again on or about April 1, 2011 (2011 Amendment). Id.
- 16. The 2011 Amendment made all of the Defendant's employees eligible to receive Pension funds except township elected officials. *Id*.
- 17. The 2011 Amendment's only condition of eligibility was for the individual to be over 18. *Id*.
- 18. The 2011 Amendment's was effective shortly thereafter. Id.
- 19. The 2011 Amendment required the Defendant to contribute 7.5% of the employee's wages to the Pension. *Id.*
- 20. The 2011 Amendment vested 100% upon entering the Pension. Id.
- 21. The 2011 Amendment provided for lump-sum distributions in cash. Id.
- 22. The 2011 Amendment provided for distributions to be made after the employee's employment was terminated. *Id*.
- 23. The 2011 Amendment named the Defendant's Supervisor and Clerk as Pension Trustees.
- Defendants Supervisor and Clerk signed the 2011 Amendment on February 5, 2010.
 Id.

- 25. On March 14, 2011, Defendant Michigamme Township adopted a resolution passing the 2011 Amendment. *Id*.
- 26. During 2014, the Defendants paid Pension money to the Jean Howe. Carla Skytta Affidavit, Exhibit B.
- 27. Defendant Michigamme Township employed Jean Howe in a dual capacity. Id.
- 28. Jean Howe was on the board as the Defendant's Clerk. Id.
- 29. Jean Howe was also employed as a secretary. Id.
- 30. The Defendants paid Jean Howe Pension money for the two roles she served with the Defendant, both as Clerk and as secretary. *Id*.
- 31. Defendant Michigamme Township's former employee, Carla Skytta, became aware that the Defendants paid Jean Howe as described above. *Id*.
- 32. Defendant Michigame Township employed Carla Skytta in a dual capacity. Id.
- 33. Carla Skytta was on the board as Defendant Michigamme Township's Treasurer. Id.
- 34. Carla Skytta was also employed as a regular employee. Id.
- 35. During a board meeting, Carla Skytta approached the Defendants about the Defendants paying Jean Howe in a dual capacity. Id.
- 36. The Defendants then paid Carla Skytta Pension money for the two roles she served with Defendant Michigamme Township, both as an employee and as a Treasurer. *Id.*
- 37. The Defendants calculated the Pension money payment for Carla Skytta based upon her role as an employee in addition to her time as Treasurer. *Id.*
- 38. On or about June 14, 2015, Defendant Michigamme Township Supervisor, Alvar Maki, amended the Pension again. (2015 Amendment). Tami Seavoy Letter, Exhibit C.
- 39. The 2015 Amendment was designed to effective as of April 1, 2009. Id.
- 40. The 2015 Amendment established the employer was supposed to contribute 7.5% for eligible employees. *Id.*
- 41. The 2015 Amendment excluded Defendant Michigamme Township's hired employees.

 Id.

- 42. The Defendants designed the 2015 Amendment to be a retroactive amendment. *Id*.
- 43. The Defendants' representative, attorney Tami Seavoy, admitted the amendment was designed to be retroactive in a letter dated September 13, 2016. *Id*.
- 44. The Defendants' representative admitted the Defendants were responsible for ensuring a 7.5% reduction occurred for its employees. *Id*.
- 45. The Defendants' representative admitted the Defendants paid both Jean Howe and Carla Skytta Pension money based upon their dual roles. *Id*.
- 46. The Defendants' representative admitted the Pension required payment for both Jean Howe and Carla Skytta as Defendant Michigamme Township's hired employees. *Id*.
- 47. At some point, the Defendants terminated the Pension. Tami Seavoy Letter, Exhibit D.
- 48. At some point, the Defendants disbursed all Pension money. Id.
- 49. There are no assets remaining in the Pension. Id.
- 50. As of June 24, 2016, the Defendants have no balance in a pension plan for the Plaintiffs. Letter, Exhibit E.
- 51. Neither Plaintiff received any Pension money.
- 52. The Plaintiffs demand trial by jury.

COUNT I:

VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION: ART. 9 § 24

- 53. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 54. Article 9, Section 24 of the Michigan Constitution declares that: "The accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired thereby."
- 55. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pension established a contractual obligation between the Defendants and the Plaintiffs.

- 56. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pension's 2011 Amendment established a contractual obligation between the Defendants and the Plaintiffs.
- 57. The Defendants were required to fund, hold money, replenish, or otherwise ensure the Pension was properly funded.
- 58. The Defendants' 2015 Amendment to the Pension was a retroactive amendment.
- 59. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair hired employees' rights to the Pension money.
- 60. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair eligibility rights to the Pension money.
- 61. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair hired employees' rights to the Pension money.
- 62. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the Plaintiffs' rights to the Pension money.
- 63. The Plaintiffs' rights have been extinguished, limited, diminished, and/or otherwise impaired by the 2015 Amendment.
- 64. The Defendants' 2015 Amendment violated the Plaintiffs' contractual and/or Constitutional rights.

COUNT II:

VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION: ART. 1 § 17

- 65. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 66. Article 1, Section 17 declares that "No person shall be ... deprived of ... property without due process of law."

- 67. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pension established a contractual obligation between the Defendants and the Plaintiffs.
- 68. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pension's 2011 Amendment established a contractual obligation between the Defendants and the Plaintiffs.
- 69. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pension and/or the Pension's 2011 Amendment created a property interest for the Plaintiffs.
- 70. The Defendants' 2015 Amendment to the Pension was a retroactive amendment.
- 71. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair hired employees' rights to the Pension money.
- 72. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair eligibility rights to the Pension money.
- 73. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair hired employees' rights to the Pension money.
- 74. The 2015 Amendment was designed to extinguish, limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the Plaintiffs' rights to the Pension money.
- 75. The Plaintiffs' rights have been extinguished, limited, diminished, and/or otherwise impaired by the 2015 Amendment.
- 76. The Defendants' 2015 Amendment violated the Plaintiffs' contractual and/or Constitutional rights.
- 77. The Defendants limited, impaired, or otherwise terminated the Plaintiffs' property interest.
- 78. The Defendants did not provide the Plaintiffs with notice of a hearing about the Defendants' attempt to limit, impair, or otherwise terminate the Plaintiffs property interest nor a pre-termination hearing before the Defendants deprived the Plaintiffs of their property interest or otherwise passed the 2015 Amendment.
- 79. The Defendants did not provide a post-termination hearing for the Plaintiffs.

- 80. The Defendants' actions were grossly negligent, recklessly indifferent, and/or arbitrary and capricious with respect to the Plaintiffs' property interests.
- 81. The Defendants violated the Plaintiffs' due process rights under Article 1, Section 17 of the Michigan Constitution.

COUNT III:

VIOLATION OF 42 USC 1983

- 82. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 83. 42 USC 1983 provides that every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State, subjects or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.
- 84. The Plaintiffs had a property interest in the Pension funds they were entitled to.
- 85. The Defendants violated, diminished, impaired, or otherwise tried to terminate the Plaintiffs' property interest in the Pension money by not paying the money, passing the 2015 Amendment in an attempt to cut the Plaintiffs' off from receiving the money, and/or by disbursing the money and closing out the Pension.
- 86. The Plaintiffs were public employees.
- 87. The Defendants are a public agency and public officials.
- 88. The Defendants' acts were done without an opportunity for a pre-termination hearing before the adverse acts occurred.
- 89. The Defendants did not notify the Plaintiffs of the Defendants' acts before they occurred.

- 90. Similarly, the Defendants did not provide a post-termination hearing regarding the Plaintiffs' property interests.
- 91. The Defendants' acts were done under color of Michigamme Township, Michigan, and/or federal law, statute, and/or ordinance.
- 92. The Defendants, through their actions, also violated 26 USC § 411(d)(6)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 93. 26 USC § 411(d)(6)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code states that "(6) Accrued benefit not to be decreased by amendment. (A) In general. A plan shall be treated as not satisfying the requirements of this section if the accrued benefit of a participant is decreased by an amendment of the plan, other than an amendment described in section 412(d)(2), or section 4281 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
- 94. The Defendants' 2015 Amendment was done in violation of 26 USC § 411(d)(6)(A).
- 95. The Defendants' action deprived the Plaintiffs of a property interest.
- 96. The Defendants' actions in depriving the Plaintiffs of their constitutionally protected property interest in the Pension money without notice, a pre-termination hearing, nor a post-termination hearing violated the Plaintiffs' right to due process of law under the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- 97. The Defendants' actions were the result of the Defendants' gross negligence and/or reckless indifference to whether they violated the Plaintiff's rights to due process of law.
- 98. The Defendants' actions, while depriving the Plaintiffs of their property interests, were arbitrary and capricious.
- 99. As a result of the Defendants' gross negligence and recklessly indifferent actions as to the Plaintiffs' due process rights, the Defendants are liable for punitive damages.
- 100. Under the Civil Rights Attorney's Fees Awards Act of 1976, 42 USC 1988(b), the Plaintiffs are entitled to reasonable attorney fees.

101. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' actions, the Plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer substantial damages, including, but not limited to, the loss and use of the Pension money, costs, interest, and attorney fees.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request this Court award judgment in their favor against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in whatever amount the Plaintiffs are found to be entitled to in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, costs, reasonable attorney fees, and punitive damages.

COUNT IV:

BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 102. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 103. Pursuant to the Michigan Constitution, the Pension and the 2011 Amendment created a contract between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants.
- 104. The Defendants breached that contract by retroactively amending it to extinguish, terminate, or otherwise impair the Plaintiffs rights to Pension money.
- 105. The Plaintiffs requested Pension money to which they are entitled.
- 106. The Defendants have refused, expressly and by silence, to pay the Plaintiffs money they are entitled to.
- 107. The Defendants have breached the contract created by the Pension and the 2011 Amendment.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request this Court award judgment in their favor against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in whatever amount the Plaintiffs are found to be entitled to in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, costs, and attorney fees.

COUNT V:

VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT ACT

- 108. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 109. Michigan's Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act (PERSIA) is statutory law related to the Defendants' operation of the Pension. MCL 38.1132, et seq.

- 110. The PERSIA requires that minimum standards be set for the management of pension funds for public employees.
- 111. The PERSIA establishes a fiduciary relationship between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants. MCL 38.1133; MCL 38.1132, et seq.
- 112. The PERSIA establishes the contours of the fiduciary relationship that existed between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants. *Id.*
- 113. The Defendants breached the duties imposed upon them in, including, but not limited to, MCL 38.1133(3)(a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (i).
- 114. The Defendants' conduct was in conflict with the Plaintiff's interests.
- 115. The Defendants' conduct was grossly negligent.
- 116. The Defendants' conduct constitutes a breach of its fiduciary duty to the Plaintiffs.
- 117. The Defendants wrongfully used the Plaintiffs' assets.
- 118. The Defendants' conduct directly and proximately caused the Plaintiffs to incur damages, including, but not limited to, lost Pension money, interest, costs, and attorney fees.

COUNT VI:

BREACH OF COMMON-LAW FIDUCIARY DUTIES:

- 119. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 120. A fiduciary relationship existed between the Plaintiffs as Pension plan participants or beneficiaries and the Defendants.
- 121. The Defendants owed a fiduciary duty to the Plaintiffs to, among others:
 - a. Ensure the Pension was properly funded;

- Ensure necessary contributions from either the Defendant and/or the Plaintiff(s)
 were occurring;
- c. Not disburse Pension money to people who were not entitled to Pension money;
- d. Regular and proper notice of information regarding the Pension;
- e. Pension money disbursement upon the Plaintiffs' termination, retirement, or otherwise ended employee-employer relationship; and
- f. Not retroactively limit or diminish the Plaintiffs' eligibility for Pension money; and
- g. Depending on where the Pension funds went, not engage in self-dealing.
- 122. The Defendants' conduct was in conflict with the Plaintiff's interests.
- 123. The Defendants' conduct was grossly negligent.
- 124. The Defendants' conduct constitutes a breach of its fiduciary duty to the Plaintiffs.
- 125. The Defendants wrongfully used the Plaintiffs' assets.
- 126. The Defendants' grossly negligent conduct directly and proximately caused the Plaintiffs to incur damages, including, but not limited to, lost Pension money, interest, costs, and attorney fees.

Count VII:

Common-Law Conversion

- The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 128. The Plaintiffs were entitled to Pension money.
- 129. The Plaintiffs at no time authorized the Defendants to engage in the conduct described, including, but not limited to, to take or use the Pension money to which the Plaintiffs were entitled.

- 130. Despite not having authority to do so, the Defendants disbursed Pension money to individuals not entitled to it, drained the Pension's assets, and closed the Pension out.
- 131. The Defendants acted intentionally.
- 132. The Plaintiff has requested, in writing, payment of their Pension money.
- 133. The Defendants have, both expressly and by silence, refused to pay the Plaintiffs money to which they are entitled.
- 134. The Defendants' grossly negligent conduct described in this Complaint constitute an unlawful conversion of the Plaintiff's property.
- 135. The Defendants' grossly negligent conduct directly and proximately caused the Plaintiffs to incur damages, including, but not limited to, lost Pension money, interest, costs, and attorney fees.

COUNT VIII:

STATUTORY CONVERSION

- 136. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the above paragraphs.
- 137. The Plaintiff's were entitled to Pension money.
- 138. The Plaintiffs at no time authorized the Defendants to engage in the conduct described, including, but not limited to, to take or use the Pension money to which the Plaintiffs were entitled.
- 139. Despite not having authority to do so, the Defendants disbursed Pension money to individuals not entitled to it, drained the Pension's assets, and closed the Pension out.
- 140. The Defendants acted intentionally.
- 141. The Plaintiff has requested, in writing, payment of their Pension money.

142. The Defendants have, both expressly and by silence, refused to pay the Plaintiffs

money to which they are entitled.

143. The Defendants' conduct described in this Complaint constitute an unlawful

conversion of the Plaintiff's property.

144. The Defendants' conduct arises to embezzlement and/or converting property for

the Defendants' own use as described in MCL 600.2129a.

145. The Defendants' grossly negligent conduct directly and proximately caused the

Plaintiffs to incur damages, including, but not limited to, lost Pension money, interest,

costs, and attorney fees.

146. Pursuant to MCL 600.2129a, the Plaintiffs may recover three times the amount of

actual damages, plus costs and reasonable attorney fees.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request this Court award judgment in their favor against the

Defendants, jointly and severally, in three times whatever amount the Plaintiffs are found to be

entitled to in excess of \$25,000, plus interest, costs, and reasonable attorney fees.

Dated: /0-28-16

DOMINIC F. ANDRIACCHI, P.C.

By:

Dominic F. Andriacchi (P35442)

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Attorneys for the Plaintiffs

EXHIBIT A

MEMO

| То; | Jean Howe Plan Administrator Michigamme Township | F R O M | Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc 1843 Andmore Trenton, Michigan 48183 (734) 676-7720 |
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| | | TA'F | (73 4)070~7720 |

Subject: Amendment to Adoption Agreeement

Date: February 14, 2011

Jean,

As per our phone conversation, enclosed is an Amendment to the Adoption Agreement that needs to be completed and a copy of it sent back to this office for our file.

Have a good day,

Ann Bunting

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT

| Effective Joy/ the Board of Michigamme Township amends the Plan Adoption Agreement as follows: |
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| 13. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS 1. [X] 25% (not to exceed 25%) of each Participant's Compensation. 2. [] \$\frac{1}{2} = \text{per} \text{worked [e.g. hour, week, month, year]}\$ 3. [] Past Service Credit: |
| MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS a. [] N/A b. [X] As a condition of participating in this Plan, each Eligible Employee must contribute each Plan Year 7.5 % of Compensation to the Plan. |
| THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Michigamme Township Board does hereby adopt the above Amendment to the Adoption Agreement. |
| AYES: |
| NAYS:O |
| Adopted: Ves or No) |
| Michigamme Township Supervisor |
| Plan Administrator |
| <u>Sean Howe Cleste</u> Michigamme Township Clerk Plan Administrator |
| CERTIFICATION: |
| Jean Howe, as Township Clerk of Michigamme Township, Marquette County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Michigamme Township Board at the regular meeting of said Board, at which a quorum was present, held on Michigamme Township Jean Howe Clerk of Michigamme Township |

ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR

MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, INC FUNDAMENTAL NON-STANDARDIZED MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN

CAUTION: Failure to properly fill out this Adoption Agreement may result in disqualification of the Plan. The adoption of this Plan, its qualifications by the IRS, and the related tax consequences are the responsibility of the Employer and its independent tax and legal advisors.

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| | Name: | <u>MCIHIGAMME '</u> | <u> FOWNSHIP/MARQU</u> | ETTE COUNTY | | • | |
| | Address: | P.O. Box 220. Street | | | | | |
| | | Michigamme Çity | <u>Michigan</u> State | 49861 Zip | | | |
| | Telephone: | 906-323-6 | 608 | | | | |
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Employer, enter 001, enter 002 for the second, etc.).

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| 7. | ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES means all Employees (including Leased Employees) EXCEPT for Highly Compensated Employees and the following Employees: (select all that apply below) a. [] N/A. No other exclusions. b. [X] The following are excluded: 1. [X] Union Employees (as defined in Plan Section 1.24) 2. [X] Nonresident Aliens (as defined in Plan Section 1.24) 3. [X] Leased Employees |
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| | 4. [X] Other: Only Township elected officials |
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| | be definitely determinable, may not be based on age or length of service (except as provided in 8. below), and, if using the average benefits test to satisfy Code Section 410(b) coverage testing, must be a reasonable classification). |
| 8. | CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY (Plan Section 3.1) Any Eligible Employee will be eligible to participate in the Plan upon satisfaction of the foll a. SERVICE REQUIREMENT [X] None [|
| _ | b. AGE REQUIREMENT [X] None [] 1 Year of Service [] None [X] Age 18 (may not exceed) |
| 9. | CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY (Plan Section 3.1) Any Eligible Employee will be eligible to participate in the Plan upon satisfaction of the foll a. SERVICE REQUIREMENT [X] None [] 1 Year of Service b. AGE REQUIREMENT [] None [X] Age 18 (may not exceed) EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION (ENTRY DATE) (Plan Section 3.2) An Eligible Employee who has satisfied the eligibility requirements will become a Partici a. [] the date such requirements are met. b. [X] the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which c. [] the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date next following the date on which such requirements are met. e. [] other: provided that an Eligible Employee who has satisfied the maximum age (21) Service) and who is otherwise entitled to participate, shall commence partic months after such requirements are satisfied, or (b) the first day of the first satisfied, unless the Employee separates from service before such participa |
| 10. | RECOGNITION OF SERVICE WITH OTHER EMPLOYERS a. [X] No service with other Employers shall be recognized (except as required by law). b. [] Service with will be recognized for all purposes. |
| Ц. | NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE ("NRA") means the later of the date a Participant attains his 65th birthday or the 5th anniversary of the first day of the Plan Year in which participation in the Plan commenced |
| 12. · | COMPENSATION with respect to any Participant means wages, tips and other compensation on Form W-2 for the Plan Year; with respect to a Participant who is also a Self-Employed Individual, Compensation means such Participant's Earned Income. |
| | ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATION a. [X] N/A. No adjustments, except adjustment as noted in Standard Provisions. b. [] Compensation shall be adjusted by: (select all that apply) 1. [] including compensation which is not currently includible in the Participant's gross income by reason of the application of Code Sections 125 (cafeteria plan), 132(f)(4) (qualified transportation fringe), 402(e)(3) (401(k) plan), 402(h)(1)(B) (simplified employee pension plan), 414(h) (employer pickup contributions under a governmental plan), 403(b) (tax sheltered annuity) or 457(b) (eligible deferred compensation plan) 2. [] excluding Compensation paid during the determination period while not a Participant in the Plan 4. [] excluding overtime 4. [] excluding commissions 5. [] excluding commissions 6. [] other: (a.g., describe Compensation from the elections available above or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., no exclusions as to Division A Employees and exclude bonuses as to Division B Employees). |
| | NOTE: If 3., 4., 5., or 6. is selected, the definition of Compensation could violate the nondiscrimination rules. |

| 13, | FORMULA FOR DETERMINING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS. 1. [X] 0% (not to exceed 25%) of each Participant's Compensation 2. [] \$ worked (e.g. hour, week, month, year) 3. [X] Past Service Credit: i. [X] shall not be allowed ii. [] shall be calculated as% (may not exceed 100%) of current compensation for each year of past service, up to a limit of (not to exceed 10) years. |
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| 14. | MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS a. [] N/A b. [X] As a condition of participating in this Plan, each Eligible Employee must contribute each Plan Year <u>7.5%</u> of the above listed total contribiton. |
| 15. | REQUIREMENTS TO SHARE IN ALLOCATIONS OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AND FORFEITURES (select a. OR all that apply at b.) |
| | a. [] No conditions. All Participants share in the allocations regardless of service completed during the Plan Year and employment status at the end of the Plan Year. (skip to next Question.) |
| | b. [] Conditions for Participants employed at the end of the Plan Year. l. [] No service requirement. 2. [] A Participant must complete a Year of Service (Caution: could cause the Plan to violate coverage requirements under Code Section 410(b).) |
| | Conditions for Participants NOT employed at the end of the Plan Year. 3. [] Participants will share in such allocations, regardless of service. 4. [] A Participant must complete a Year of Service (Caution: could cause the Plan to violate coverage requirements under Code Section 410(b).) 5. [] Participants will NOT share in such allocations, regardless of service (Caution: could cause the Plan to violate coverage requirements under Code Section 410(b).) |
| 16, | VESTING OF PARTICIPANT'S INTEREST (Plan Section 6.4(b)) The vesting schedule, based on a Participant's Years of Service is: [X] 100% upon entering Plan. [X] The following vesting schedule, based on a Participant's Years of Service: [A] 1 6 Year Graded: 0-1 year-0%; 2 years-20 %; 3 years-40 %; 4 years -60 %; 5 years -80 %; 6 years-100% [A] 2 [A] 3 Year Cliff: 0-2 years-0%; 3 years-100% [A] 3 [A] Other - Must be a liberal as 1. or 2. above in each year without switching between the two schedules: [A] Years of Service Percentage |
| | AND, if b. above is selected, the following service will be excluded for vesting purposes (select all that apply) c. [] Service prior to the Effective Date of the Plan or a predecessor plan. d. [] Service prior to the time an Employee has attained age 18. |
| 17. 18. | FORFEITURES Forfeitures shall be used to reduce the Employer's contribution under the Plan. AUTOMATIC TOP-HEAVY PLAN a. [] This Plan will be deemed to be a Top-Heavy Plan. b. [X] "his Plan will not automatically be deemed to be a Top-Heavy Plan. |
| 19. | FORM OF DISTRIBUTIONS (Plan Sections 6.5 and 6.6) Distributions under the Plan may be made in annuities and (select all that apply): a. [X] Lu. np-sums. b. [] Sul. stantially equal installments. c. [] Part al withdrawals or installments are only permitted for required minimum distributions under Code Section 401(1)(9). |
| | AND, distributions may be made in: d. [X] Cash only e. [] Cash only (except for insurance contracts, annuity contracts or Participant loans). |

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| • | r [] | Cash or p there are | no limitations on property distributions). | (leave blank if |
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| 20. | COND cuploy | l'TIONS FOI ment pursua | R DISTRIBUTIONS UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. Distributions upon at to Plan Section 6,4(a) of the Plan will not be made unless the following conditions h | n termination of ave been satisfied; |
| | U. | i β Dişini I-Yea | butions may be made as soon as administratively feasible following termination of emp butions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after the Participant has incur r Break(s) in Service. | red |
| | ď. | [] No dis | butions may be made as soon as administratively feasible after the last day of the Plan N ollowing termination of employment. stributions may be made until a Participant has reached Normal Retirement Date. | |
| | e, | ascerta ascerta | (must be objective conditionable and are not subject to Employer discretion except as otherwise permitted in Reg d)-4 and may not exceed the limits of Code Section 401(a)(14) as set forth in Plan Sect | os which are ulation Section ion 6:7). |
| 21. | a. [X] | TO PARTI Loans are Loans are | CIPANTS (Plan Section 7.6) NOT permitted. permitted. | , |
| 22. | a. [] | This Plan i | NSURER(S) is funded exclusively with Contracts and the name of the Insurer is | |
| | o. [] d. [X] | [] Chec | nstitution that is the sponsor of this prototype plan. ck here if the financial institution has full trust powers, ietor, practitioner, partner or officer who signs this Adoption Agreement on behalf of the ring person or entity: | |
| | | Name(s): | Michigamme Township Supervisor | |
| | | | Michigamme Township Clerk | |
| | | Address: | Same as Employer's Address | |
| EGTR | RA TRANS | SITION RU | LES | |
| | | meri menne meso | ons only apply if this is an EGTRRA restatement (i.e., Question 4.c. is selected). If this is Plan will not be considered an individually designed plan merely because the following ption Agreement. | is not an EGTRRA , qu e stions are |
| | NOTE: | The following | ng provisions are designed to be left unanswered if the selections do not apply to the Pla | án. |
| 23. | below (le | ave blank if i | SUTIONS. The Code Section 401(a)(9) Final and Temporary Treasury Regulations appleminimum distributions for calendar years beginning with the 2002 calendar year unless not applicable): | otherwise selected |
| | | curentem Lea | 001 Proposed Code Section 401(a)(9) Regulations to all minimum distributions for the 2 or. 987 Proposed Code Section 401(a)(9) Regulations to all minimum distributions for the 2 | |
| | c. / 1 | Other: | (:E.d d m' 1 | |
| | | later). | were first applied; e.g., the Final and Temporary Regulations only apply to distributions calendar year that are made on or after a specified date within 2002 or the Plan's initial f | s for the 2002 Effective Date if |
| | Required a Proposed I | ninimum dis Regulations, | tributions for calendar year 2001 were made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) unless selected below: |) and the 1987 |
| | đ. Į | [] were made ¡ Register on | Required minimum distributions under Code Section 401(a)(9) published in January 17, 2001 (the "2001 Proposed Regulations"). | tions for 2001 in the Federal |

STANDARD PROVISIONS

- Valuation Date means the last day of the Plan Year and any other dates deemed necessary or appropriate by the Administrator,
 which may include any day that the Trustee, any transfer agent appointed by the Trustee (or Insurer) or the Employer, and any
 stock exchange used by such agent are open for business (daily valuation).
- A separate Trust Agreement may only be used if it has been approved for use with this Plan.
- The Employer will be the Plan Administrator.
- 4. This Plan shall be governed by the laws of the state or commonwealth where the Employer's (or, in the case of a corporate Trustee or Insurer, such Trustee's or Insurer's) principal place of business is located.
- 5. To the extent applicable, the Hours of Service method shall be used to compute eligibility for Employees based on actual hours for which an Employee is paid or entitled to payment. "Year of Service" means the computation period of twelve (12) consecutive months during which an Employee has completed at least 1,000 Hours of Service. Employees whose records of actual Hours of Service are not maintained or available (e.g., salaried employees) will be credited with one hundred ninety (190) Hours of Service for each month they would be credited with at least 1 Hour of Service during the month. The eligibility computation period shall shift to the Plan Year. The vesting computation period
- Compensation shall be adjusted by excluding reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash or non-cash), moving expenses, deferred compensation and welfare benefits.
- Distributions upon the death of a Participant prior to receiving any benefits shall be made pursuant to the election of the Participant or Beneficiary.
- Rollovers may be accepted from all Eligible Employees. Distributions from a Participant's Rollover Account may be quade at any time.
- 9. Required minimum distributions shall be made at the later of age 70 1/2 or retirement, except for 5% owners. Unless an alternative is selected on an addendum attached to this Adoption Agreement to specify an alternative effective date (which may not be later than 2003), the Code Section 401(a)(9) Final and Temporary Treasury Regulations apply for purposes of determining required minimum distributions for calendar years beginning with the 2002 calendar year.

Fundamental Money Purchase Pension Plan

The adopting Employer may rely on an opinion letter issued by the leternal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan is qualified under Code Section 401 only to the extent provided in Rev. Proc. 2005-16.

The Employer may not rely on the opinion letter in certain other circumstances or with respect to certain qualification requirements, which are specified in the opinion letter issued with respect to the Plan and in Rev. Proc. 2005-16. In order to have reliance in such circumstances of with respect to such qualification requirements, application for a determination letter must be made to Employee Plans Determinations of the Internal Revenue Service.

This Adoption Agreement may be used only in conjunction with basic Plan document #01. This Adoption Agreement and the basic Plan document shall together be known as Municipal Retirement SystemsFundamental Non-Standardized Money Purchase Plan #04-002.

The adoption of this Plan, its qualification by the IRS, and the related tax consequences are the responsibility of the Employer and its independent tax and logal advisors.

Municipal Retirement Systems will notify the Employer of any amendments made to the Plan or of the discontinuance or abandonment of the Plan. Furthermore, in order to be eligible to receive such notification, the Employer agrees to notify Municipal Retirement Systems of any change in address.

This Plan may not be used, and shall not be deemed to be a Prototype Plan, unless an authorized representative of Municipal Retirement Systems has acknowledged the use of the Plan. Such acknowledgment is for administerial purposes only. It acknowledges that the Employer is using the Plan but does not represent that this Plan, including the choices selected on the Adoption Agreement, has been reviewed by a representative of the sponsor or constitutes a qualified retirement plan.

| , or the effect of an opinion letter from the IRS, called representative): |
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| e(s) specified below: |
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APPENDIX A SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES AND OTHER PERMITTED ELECTIONS

| A. Spec. | ial effective dates. The following special effective dates apply: (Select a, or all that apply at b d.) |
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| а. [| N/A. No special effective dates selected below. |
| | [] Employer Contributions, The Employer Contribution provisions under Questions 14, and 15, are effective: |
| | Distribution elections. The distribution elections under Questions(Choose 19, - 20, as applicable) are |
| | Other special effective date(s): |
| · | For periods prior to the above-specified special effective date(s), the Plan terms in effect prior to its restatement under this Adoption Agreement will control for purposes of the designated provisions. A special effective date may not result in the delay of a Plan provision beyond the permissible effective date under any applicable law. |
| B. Other i | Permitted Elections. Select a, or any of the following elections that apply at b = b |
| a, [] | N/A. No other elections selected below. |
| b. [] | Deemed 125 compensation (Plan Sections 1.14 and 1.36). Deemed 125 compensation shall be included in Compensation and 415 Compensation effective as of Plan Years and Limitation Years beginning on or after (insert the later of January 1, 1998, or the first day of the first Plan Year the Plan used this definition). Beneficiary if no beneficiary at a few sections and the properties are the Plan used this definition. |
| - • | Beneficiary if no beneficiary elected by Participant (Plan Section 6.2(e)). In the event no valid designation of Beneficiar exists, then in lieu of the order set forth in Plan Section 6.2(e), the following order of priority will be used: |
| | radiances, parents, and men step-children). |
| q [] | Common, collective or pooled trust funds (Plan Sections 7.2(c)(5) and/or 7.5(b)(6)). The name(s) of the common, collective or pooled trust funds available under the Plan is (are): |
| _ | 411(d)(6) protected benefits (Plan Section 8.1(b)). The following are Code Section 411(d)(6) protected benefits that are protected benefits and the accrued benefits that are subject to the protected benefits). |
| n i j 4 li ir w "r | If I Limits when 2 defined contribution plans are maintained (Plan Section 4.4). If any Participant is covered under another qualified defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer, other than a master or prototype plan," or if the Employer maintains a welfare benefit fund, as defined in Code Section 419(e), or an additional account, as defined in Code Section 415(l)(2), under which amounts are treated as "annual additions" in respect to any Participant in this Plan, then the provisions of Plan Section 4.4(b) will apply as if the other plan were a master or prototype plan" unless otherwise specified below: [] Specify, in a manner that precludes Employer discretion, the method under which the plans will limit total "annual additions" to the "maximum permissible amount," and will properly reduce any "excess amounts": |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, | op-heavy duplications when 2 defined contribution plans are maintained (Plan Section 4.3(f)). Item a Non-Key Employee is a Participant in this Plan and another defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer, edicate which method shall be utilized to avoid duplication of top-heavy minimum benefits: [] N/A. The Employer does not maintain another qualified defined contribution plan. [] The full top-heavy minimum will be provided in each plan. [] A minimum, non-integrated contribution of 3% of each Non-Key Employee's 415 Compensation shall be provided in the Money Purchase Plan (or other plan subject to Code Section 412). [] Specify the method under which the Plans will provide top-heavy minimum benefits for Non-Key Employees that Code Section 415: |
| TON | FE: If 3. or 4, is selected and both plans do not benefit the same Participants, then the uniformity requirement of the Regulations under Code Section 401(a)(4) may be violated. |
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| h. [] | indicate must be 1. [] 2. [] 3. [] 4. [] | eavy duplications when a defined benefit plan is maintained (Plan Section 4.3(i)). Non-Key Employee is a Participant in this Plan and a non-frozen defined benefit plan maintained by the Employer, a which method shall be utilized to avoid duplication of top-heavy minimum benefits: (If 2., 3., 4., or 5. is selected, 6. or N/A. The full top-heavy minimum will be provided in each plan (if selected, Plan Section 4.3(i) shall not apply). 5% defined contribution minimum. 2% defined benefit minimum. Specify the method under which the Plans will provide top-heavy minimum benefits for Non-Key Employees that will preclude Employer discretion and avoid inadvertent emissions: |
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| | | If 3., 4., or 5. is selected and the defined benefit plan and this Plan do not benefit the same Participants, the uniformity requirement of the Regulations under Code Section 401(a)(4) may be violated. |
| | AND, [] | re "present value" (Plan Section 9.2) for top-heavy purposes shall be based on: |
| | 6. [] | Interest Rate: |
| | | Mortality Table: |
| | 7. [] | The interest rate and mortality table specified to determine "present value" for top-heavy purposes in the defined benefit plan. |
| - | The "reau | in distribution transitional rules (Plan Section 6.8(e)(5)) This Section does not apply to (1) a new Plan or (2) an amendment or restatement of an existing Plan that never contained the provisions of Code Section 401(a)(9) as in effect prior to the amendments made by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (SBJPA). |
| | | continue to apply) |
| 2 | [X] | April 1st of the calendar year following the later of the year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2 or retires apply effective as of January 1, 1906). |
| | | a. [] A Participant who was already receiving required minimum distributions under the pre-SBJPA rules as of |
| | | compliance with SBJPA. |

EXHIBIT B

| State of Michigan |) |
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| |) |
| County of Marquette |) ss |

Carla Skytta being duly sworn deposes and says:

- 1. I was formerly the Treasurer for Michigamme Township.
- While serving as Treasurer for Michigamme Township, I was also employed as an employee for Michigamme Township.
- 3. While I was Treasurer, Jean Howe was the Clerk for Michigamme Township.
- 4. Jean Howe was also employed as a secretary for Michigamme Township.
- Since before I was employed with Michigamme Township, Michigamme Township had established a Pension for Michigamme Township board members.
- Between April 1, 2010 to February 14, 2011, the Michigamme Township board adopted a Resolution establishing that instead of a raise, the Township agreed to match each board member's pension.
- 7. A copy of the April 1, 2010 Resolution is attached as Exhibit A.
- The Pensions were from the Gleaner Life Insurance Society of Adrian, MI and USG Annuity and Life Company of Des Moines, Iowa.
- Jean Howe's pension was through USG Annuity and Life Company of Des Moines, Iowa.
- 10. The remainder of the board members' pensions was with the Gleaner Life Insurance Society of Adrian, MI.
- 11. The Pension was designed to provide a pension for the Michigamme Township board members only.
- 12. Clerk Jean Howe was responsible for filling out the paperwork for the Pension.
- 13. A copy of part of the Pension's plan documents is attached as Exhibit B.

- 14. While filling out the Pension paperwork, Jean Howe incorrectly excluded Michigamme Township board members from receiving pension money. Exhibit B.
- 15. As a requirement to receive money under the Pension, the board member was to contribute 7.5% of their yearly total compensation as defined by the Pension. Exhibit B.
- 16. On February 14, 2011, during a board meeting, the Michigamme Township board members decided to approve the Pension.
- 17. The minutes from the February 14, 2011 board meeting are attached as Exhibit C.
- 18. A copy of the board's formal resolution of the February 14, 2011 board meeting is attached as Exhibit D.
- 19. In the years that followed after the Pension was adopted and implemented, I contributed 7.5% of the salary I made as Michigamme Treasurer to the Pension.
- 20. I did not contribute to the Pension any money I made as a Michigamme Township employee
- 21. In other words, the only money I contributed to the Pension was money I made as Treasurer for Michigamme Township.
- 22. In 2015, I decided to retire as Michigamme Township Treasurer.
- 23. In 2015, I also decided to retire as an employee for Michigamme Township.
- 24. In 2014, it came to my attention that Michigamme Township paid the money from the Pension for the work that Jean Howe did as a Michigamme Township employee, in other words, as a secretary.
- 25. It came to my attention that Michigamme Township also paid the money from the Pension for the work that Jean Howe did as Michigamme Township Clerk.
- 26. In sum, Jean Howe was double dipping.

- 27. As a result of my awareness, I approached the Michigamme Township board during a board meeting and explained that I believed Jean Howe was being paid pension money twice, as secretary and as Clerk.
- 28. As a result of my conversation with the Michigamme Township board, Michigamme Township paid me \$49,452.23.
- 29. The money Michigamme Township paid me included pension money for my time as a Michigamme Township employee.
- 30. A copy of the payment summary and other related documents is attached as Exhibit E.
- 31. In sum, Michigamme Township paid me pension money for my time as an employee and as Treasurer.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated: 7-12-2016

Carla Skytta

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 12, 2016 by Carla Skytta.

Dominic F. Andriacchi, Jr., Notary Public

Marquette County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: February 14, 2019

Exhibit A

John Olson, Supervisor Jean Flowe, Clerk Carla Skytta, Treasurer

Dawn Perry, Trustee Alvar Maki, Trustee

Michigamme Township

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 41.95 authorizes the Township Board of MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP to determine the salaries for the offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee for fiscal year April 1, 2010 by adopting a RESOLUTION at least 30 days prior to the Township Annual Meeting, and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2010 the Township board adopted a Resolution to hold the Township Annual Meeting on March 22, 2010

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1st, 2010 the salaries of the Township Board Members shall remain as SUPERVISOR-\$675.00 includes Zoning Administrator & Board of Review CLERK, TREASURER-\$615.00 TRUSTEES-\$140.00

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 22, 2010 at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCLA 41.95 (7), such modifications that may be made by the lectors cannot result in a reduction of salary during each official's term of office. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salaries as established in this Resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE, that this Resolution, adopted the day January 11, 2010, is properly adopted by the Michigamme Township board at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by law.

| The electors at the Annual Mastin | |
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| The electors at the Annual Meeting approved by | vote. |
| The electors at the Annual Meeting disapproved by | |
| aabbtoaca () y | vote. |

Michigamme Township is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

EXHIBIT B

MEMO

To: Jean Howe F Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc.
Plan Administrator R 1843 Ardmore
Michigamme Township O Trenton, Michigan 48183
M (734) 676-7720

Subject: Amendment to Adoption Agreeement

Date: / February 14, 2011

Jean,

As per our phone conversation, enclosed is an Amendment to the Adoption Agreement that needs to be completed and a copy of it sent back to this office for our file.

Have a good day,

Ann Bunting

| 7. | ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES means <u>all</u> Employees (including Leased Employees) EXCEPT for Highly Compensated Employees a. [] N/A. No other exclusions |
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| | and the following Employees: (select all that apply bed, market Employees) EXCEPT for Highly Compensated Employees |
| | |
| | b [X] The following are excluded: |
| | 1. [X] Union Employees (as defined in the |
| | 1. [X] Union Employees (as defined in Plan Section 1.24) 2. [X] Nonresident Allers (as defined in Plan Section 1.24) |
| | 2. [X] Nonresident Aliens (as defined in Plan Section 1.24) 3. [X] Leased Employees |
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| | 4. [X] Other: Dorly Township & land (- CO) |
| | 1. (X) Other Durly Township elected officials |
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| | be definitely determinable, may not be based on age or length of service (except as provided in 8. below), |
| | and, if using the average henefits and to assist on age of length of service (except as provided in 2 heleve) |
| | and, if using the average benefits test to satisfy Code Section 410(b) coverage testing, must be a reasonable |
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| 8. | CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY (Plan Section 3.1) |
| | Any Eligible Employee will be eligible to partially |
| | Any Eligible Employee will be eligible to participate in the Plan upon satisfaction of the following: a. SERVICE REQUIREMENT [X] None [A light ligh |
| | b. AGE REQUIREMENT [X] None [] 1 Year of Service |
| | |
| 9. | I I None [X] Age 18 (may not exceed 21) |
| | EFFECTIVE DATE OF PARTICIPATION (ENTRY DATE) (Plan Section 3.2) An Eligible Employee who has satisfied the eligibility received. |
| | An Eligible Employee who has satisfied the eligibility requirements will become a Participant in the Plan as of: b. [X] the first day of the met. |
| | a. I the date such requirements will become a Portion and in the |
| | b. [X] the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met. c. [] the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met. d. [] the earlier of the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which |
| | c. [] the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met. d. [] the earlier of the first day of the Plan Year or the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year or the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year met. |
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| | next following the that day of the Plan Year or the first day of the seventh month of the requirements are met |
| | d. [] the earlier of the Flan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which such requirements are met, next following the date on which such requirements are met. e. [] other: |
| | provided the entry |
| | provided that an Eligible Employee who has satisfied the maximum age (21) and service requirements (1 Year of months after such requirements (1 Year of |
| | service and who is otherwise entitled to participate shall community age (21) and service requirements (1 Year of |
| | Service) and who is otherwise entitled to participate, shall commence participation no later than the earlier of months after such requirements are satisfied, or (b) the first day of the first Plan Year of satisfied, unless the Employee see satisfied, or (b) the first day of the first Plan Year of |
| | months after such requirements are satisfied, or (b) the first day of the first Plan Year after such requirements are satisfied, or (b) the first day of the first Plan Year after such requirements are RECOGNITION OF SUBJECT NAMES. |
| 10. | PEGGO Description date. |
| 10. | |
| | a. [X] No scrvice with other Employers shall be recognized (except as required by law). b. [] Service with |
| | b. [] Service with be recognized (except as required by law). |
| | b. [] Service with will be recognized (except as required by law). NORMAL RETIREMENT A GE (IND.A.E.) |
| 11. | NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE ("NRA") means the later of the date a Participant attains his 65th birthday or the 5th anniversary |
| <u> </u> | of the first day of the Plan Year in which participation in the Plan commenced |
| ~~``\ | which participation in the Plan commenced |
| /_ 12. | COMPENSATION |
| | with respect to a Participant who is also a Self-Employed Individual, Compensation on Form W-2 for the Plan Year, ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATION |
| | The state of the Plan Year. |
| | ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATION |
| | 8. FXI N/A No -F- |
| | a. [X] N/A. No adjustments, except adjustment as noted in Standard Provisions. b. [] Compensation shall be adjusted by: (select all the compensation shall be |
| | b. [] Compensation shall be adjusted by: (select all that apply) 1. [] including compression with the adjusted by: (select all that apply) |
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| | application of Code Sections 125 (cafeteria plan), 132(f)(4) (qualified transportation fringe), 402(e)(3) a governmental plan), 402(h)(1)(B) (simplified employee pension plan), 414(h) (employee pink), 402(e)(3) |
| | (401(k) plan), 402(h)(1)(B) (simplified employee pension plan), 414(h) (employer pickup contributions under 2. [] excluding Compensation pull. |
| | a governmental plan (ACA) (surprised employee pension plan), 414(h) (employee pint), 402(c)(3) |
| | 2. [] excluding Company (10x sheltered annuity) or 457(b) (eligible defended pickup contributions under |
| | a governmental plan), 403(b) (simplified employee pension plan), 414(h) (employer pickup contributions under excluding Compensation paid during the determination period while not a Participant in the Plan |
| | 2. [] excluding Compensation paid during the determination period while not a Participant in the Plan 4. [] excluding bonuses |
| | t 4 |
| | 5. [] excluding commissions 6. [] other: |
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| | (e.g., describe Compensation from the elections and the |
| | (e.g., describe Compensation from the elections available above or a combination thereof as to a Participant group (e.g., no exclusions as to Division A Employees and exclude bonuses as to Division B Employees); NOTE: If 3., 4., 5., or 6, is selected the described and of the descr |
| | and/or describe another exclusion A Employees and exclude bonuses as to Division B Employees); NOTE: If 3., 4., 5., or 6. is selected, the definition of Components. |
| | NOIE: If 3., 4., 5., or 6. is selected, the definition (6.9., exclude shift differential pay)) |
| | NOTE: If 3., 4., 5., or 6. is selected, the definition of Compensation could violate the nondiscrimination rules. |
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| 13. | FORMULA FOR DETERMINING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS. |
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| · | 2 7 m v washing 22 70) Of Calcit Participant's Companyation |
| / 7 | 7 3. [X] Past Service Credit: worked (e.g. hour, week, month, year) |
| 12 | i. [X] shall not be allowed |
| (\mathcal{O}) | ii. [] shall be calculated as% (may not exceed 100%) of current compensation for each year of past service, up to a limit of (not to exceed 10) years. |
| <u></u> | of(not to exceed 10) years. |
| 14.2 | MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS |
| | |
| | b. [X] As a condition of participating in this Plan, each Eligible Employee must contribute each Plan Year 7.5% of the above |
| 15 | of the above |
| 15. | REQUIREMENTS TO SHARE IN ALLOCATIONS OF EMPLOYER CONTRIDUCTIONS |
| | REQUIREMENTS TO SHARE IN ALLOCATIONS OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AND FORFEITURES (select a, OR all that apply at b.) |
| | a. [] No conditions All Partisings at the second s |
| | a. [] No conditions. All Participants share in the allocations regardless of service completed during the Plan Year and employment status at the end of the Plan Year. (skip to next Question.) |
| • | b. [] Conditions for Participants and |
| | b. [] Conditions for Participants employed at the end of the Plan Year. 1. [] No service requirement. |
| | 2. I A Participant must complete a 32 |
| | 2. [] A Participant must complete a Year of Service (Caution; could cause the Plan to violate coverage requirements under Code Section 410(b).) |
| | Conditions for Participants NOT and the second seco |
| | 3. [] Participants will share in such allocations, regardless of service. 4. [] A Participant must complete a Version of Service. |
| | 4. [] A Participant must complete a Year of Service (Caution) could cause the Plan to violate coverage 5. [] Participant must code Section 410(b).) |
| | requirements under Code Section 410(b).) 5. [] Participants will MOV show that it is a contract of the Plan, to violate coverage |
| | 5. [] Participants will NOT share in such allocations, regardless of service (Caution: could cause the Plan to violate coverage requirements under Code Section 410(b).) |
| 16. | VESTING OF DARFITCID LANGUA - |
| | VESTING OF PARTICIPANT'S INTEREST (Plan Section 6.4(b)) The vesting schedule, based on a Participant's Years of Service is: [X] 100% upon entering Plan |
| | a. [X] 100% upon entering Plan. |
| | D. The following vesting spheres. |
| | 1. [] 6 Year Graded: 0-1 year-0%; 2 years-20 %; 3 years-40 %; 4 years -60 %; 5 years -80 %; 6 years-100% 3. [] Other - Must be -2 Year-100% |
| | 3. [] Other – Must be a liberal on 1 – 2 2 |
| | 3. [] Other - Must be a liberal as 1. or 2. above in each year without switching between the two schedules: |
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| | ANTA (CL. 7 |
| | AND, if b. above is selected, the following service will be excluded for vesting purposes (select all that apply) d. [] Service prior to the Effective Date of the Plan or a predecessor plan. |
| | c. [] Service prior to the Effective Date of the Plan or a predecessor plan. d. [] Service prior to the time an Employee has attained age 18. |
| 17. | FOR EXPERT TO DO |
| 17. | FORFEITURES Forfeitures shall be used to reduce the Forfeitures. |
| 18. | Forfeitures shall be used to reduce the Employer's contribution under the Plan. AUTOMATIC TOP-HEAVY PLAN |
| | 4. This Plan will be described to |
| | This was not automatically be deemed to be a Ton-Heavy Plan |
| 19. | FORM OF DISTRIBUTIONS (Plan Septime C. |
| | that apply); that Sections 6.5 and 6.6) Distributions under the Plan may be made in annuities and (select all |
| | a. [X] Lump-sums. b. [] Substantially equal inertiles and (select all |
| | b. [] Substantially equal installments. c. [] Partial withdrawals or installments. |
| | c. [] Partial withdrawals or installments are only permitted for required minimum distributions under Code Section 401(a)(9). |
| | AND distributions results |
| | AND, distributions may be made in: d. [X] Cash only |
| | c. [] Cash only (except for insurance contracts, annuity contracts or Participant loans). |
| | autury contracts or Participant loans). |

Ехнівіт С

Report of the Michigamme Township Board Meeting Monday, February 14th, 2011.

Supervisor Olson called meeting to order at 7PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members: Supervisor John Olson, Clerk Jean Howe, Treasurer Carla Skytta, Trustees Dawn Perry and Alvar Maki.

Resident in attendance- Charlie Gardner

. Approval of the Agenda- motion by Perry seconded Maki, Motion carried.

Approval of the January 10th, 2011 meeting MINUTES- motion by Skytta seconded Perry. Five ayes motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Review of the statements- no questions. Trustee Maki thanked Carla for his short version. The four board members received the complete reports of funds.

Public Comment- Charlie Gardner expressed approval that the Board was opposing moose hunting in Michigamme Township. He would hope the DNRE would adhere to the original count of 1000 animals before attempting a moose hunt. He believes in the 23 years since the Moose Lift took place in Michigamme Township the count is approximately 500 moose. Advised the Board to write to the DNRE of our displeasure of the possibility of a moose hunt in the Upper Peninsula.

Also, the Powell Township First Responder Team had an extra snow mobile sled and offered to the Michigamme Spurr First responder Team. It would need a few repairs, etc but it will be beneficial in case of a snow mobile accident. Charlie thought it would be neighborly to give Powell Twp EMS Team \$200 for the unit and perhaps have cake and coffee with them.

Board Comment-Trustee Maki stated Pat Coleman, U.P. Engineers will be at the DDA meeting on Thursday, February 24th at 7PM.Mr Coleman would like the Township Board to be present. He will explain the responsibilities of the DDA, the Township Board and the firm.

Treasurer Skytta- good MTA Conference; educational sessions were beneficial- activities were interesting (Grand Rapids Museum have a steamer but not as unique as ours.)

Unfinished Business-

- A. Groundwater Discharge Annual Permit Fee in the amount of \$1,500. Payment issued on February 01, 2011 to the MTDept of Natl Resources & Environment (DNRE). B. Sheriff's January month billing-\$42,643.97 includes vehicle and equipment-\$34,966.13 and wages \$7,497.84.
- C. Certified copy of the Revised Township Zoning Ordinance was published on 01/14/11 will be effective within fifteen days 01/29/11. Discussion if the short summary printed was sufficient. Decision the Mining Journal received the full version but only printed the first and last paragraphs.

New Business-

A. Moose Hunt information-Trustee Maki attended the session on Local Hunting Controls. Reviewed many things such as types of hunting controls; requirements of local units of government to petition the DNRE to conduct a public hearing. First step is to adopt a certified resolution from local unit of government. The resolution should spell out the specific location and based on the need for hunting control for the safety and well being of persons or property that are endangered by hunting. Also, a hearing process for review of complaints and hunting incidents for area under investigation. Discussion and motion by Perry seconded Skytta to write a letter to the DNRE expressing our opposition of Moose Hunting in Michigamme Township. Roll call vote five ayes. We will draft a resolution, also.

B. Marquette County Road Commission Resolution to Kennecott Minerals for reconsideration of County Road 595 as the road is imperative to the health, welfare and safety of the people of Marquette County when considering how truck traffic will access Kennecott's proposed Eagle Mine. Michigamme Township has no interest in discussing improvements to the existing road network until an environment assessment is completed and submitted to State and Federal agencies and such agencies deny the Road Commission the ability to construct County Road 595. Resolution differed by Maki seconded Perry. Roll call vote -five ayes. Copy of Resolution sent to Marq County Bd of Commissioners, MCRC, and Kennecott's Minerals.



C. Board Salary Resolution- must be adopted at least thirty days prior to fiscal year April 1, 2011 or the Township Annual Meeting. (excerpts of the Annual Meeting March 26th, 2010- motion by Olson seconded Skytta to abolish the Annual Meeting as the constituents do not have any decision making power. Motion by Olson seconded Skytta the Township Board will be the salary commission. A resolution will be adopted in January to set the Township Board salaries. Roll call vote three ayes Olson, Skytta, and Howe. Absent Maki and Perry.) Discussion the Board Members have not had a salary increase in two years and are aware of the economic conditions. As a Board we have been fiscally prudent. We do not request a stipend for extra meetings attended. Mileage is requested at a minimum. Also, we are mindful of the decrease in revenue sharing and PILT monies but we have received an increase in our SEV. The Township will receive approximate \$27,000 from Kennecott Minerals. Supervisor asked what is the intent of the Board? Clerk proposed instead of a salary increase the possibility of the Township paying a portion of the pensions. Estimate the cost will be approximate \$200 per month-\$2400 per year, A salary increase of 4.5% the amount would be \$2000. As a Board we do not spend wastefully and our salaries with the pension deduction would be approximate 15% of the general fund budget of \$200,000. A motion by Howe seconded Maki to approve the Pension Plan Contribution Formula as it pertains to the Gleaner Life Insurance Society of Adrian, MI and USG Annuity and Life Company of Des Moines, Iowa. Based on an Employee's annual compensation; the Employer shall contribute 7.5% and the Employee shall contribute 7.5%. Roll call vote five ayes. The policy will go into effect April 1, 2011. Michigamme Township's share estimated \$200.00 per month allocation from General Fund.

Supervisor's Report-

1. Mary Mercier notified John of Bob's death. Mary inquired if the Township would be the conservancy of a fund (Playground equipment and safety in the Park) in Bob's memory. Discussion and motion by Perry seconded Maki to approve a separate checking account at the Peninsula Bank. Roll call vote five ayes. Resolution to the effect will be endorsed at the Bank by the Treasurer and Clerk.

2. Supervisor provided a booklet on the unemployment and the elected official. He received the information at a session he attended at the MTA Conference. He has been upset that we have been paying unemployment on Firemen and Planning Board members who are receiving unemployment. He has a copy for the auditor to check into as the Clerk state we have followed his rulings.

No Correspondence received.

Bills- warrants reviewed and issued payment by motion from Maki seconded Perry. Roll

Adjournment at 8:30PM motion by Skytta seconded Howe. Motion carried.

Decision to have the Budget Review at 6PM on March 14th followed by the regular Board

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Thursday, Feb 17th- Special School Election Accuracy Test 10AM

Saturday, 19th 9AM to 2PM AV ballots available

SHARE

Monday, 21st Vote in office 10AM to 4PM 22nd- Special School Election Tuesday,

Wednesday, 23rd - MCTA Meeting- Negaunee Twp Hall

24th DDA Meeting Thursday.

Tuesday, March 01st,- Fire Board Mtg

08th, BOR organizational 9AM Tuesday.

09th Museum Mtg- 2PM Wednesday, Thursday,

10th, Planning Bd

14th, - BOR sessions 9AM to Noon and 1PM to 4PM Monday, Budget Review/workshop 6PM ???????

Board Meeting- 7PM.

Tuesday, 15th,- BOR sessions 2PM to 5PM and 6PM to 9PM EXHIBIT D

John Ólson, Supervisor Jean Howe, Clerk Carla Skytta, Treasurer Dawn Perry, Trustee Alvar Maki, Trustee

Michigamme Township

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A copy of the motion adopted at the regular Board Meeting of the Michigamme Township Board on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011.

All Board Members in attendance: Supervisor John Olson, Clerk Jean Howe, Treasurer Carla Skytta, and Trustees Dawn Perry and Alvar Maki.

"A motion to approve the Pension Plan Contribution Formula as it pertains to the Gleaner Life Insurance Society of Adrian, Michigan and USG Annuity & Life Co. Of Des Moines, Iowa."

Based on an Employee's annual compensation, the Employer shall contribute 7.5%, and the Employee shall contribute 7.5%.

Moved by Howe seconded Maki, Roll call votes five ayes.

. Jan Howe Clarke

Policy will go into effect April 1, 2011. Michigamme Township's share estimated \$200.00 allocation per month from General Fund.

Any questions or comments, please contact the Township Office.

Michigannue Township is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

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EXHIBIT E

Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc.

Phone: 989-826-3779 • Fax: 989-826-6040

Pension Account Settlement Summary

12/07/15

Michigamme Township FBO Carla Skytta

Since this is a rollover, the procedure is different than a lump sum distribution. The only part of the distribution that can be directly rolled over is the taxable portion (Employer contribution and interest).

Please write a township check for \$43,709.10 made payable to Tru North Federal Credit Union FBO Carla Skytta. Send the check to: P.O. Box 1380, Traverse City, MI 49685-1380.

The remainder of the surrender, which is after tax funds, must be made payable to the individual since it is not eligible for a direct rollover. Please write a township check made payable to Carla for \$5,743.13.

| Surrender Check Amount | \$49,452.23 | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Correction of Contribution | \$0.00 | |
| Surrender Fee | \$0.00 | |
| Employee Account Value | \$49,452.23 | |
| Employee Contribution | \$5,743.13 | |
| Taxable Distribution | \$43,709.10 | |
| Federal Withholding (20%) | \$0.00 | |
| State of Michigan Withholding (4.25%) | \$0.00 | |
| Employee Share from Employer | \$43,709.10 | |
| Employee Check | \$5,743.13 | |

Note:

A rollover allows for taxes to be deferred until received at a future date. The form 1099-R for the participant will be generated and sent to the township in early January 2016. A copy of this Summary sheet and the Election Form are being provided for the Township's records.

PageID.47 Page 43 of 53 MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP Peninsula Bank of Ishpeming 100 South Main Street Ishpeming, Mt 48849 74-131/911 24049 General Fund P,O. Box 220 Michigamme, MI 49861 905-323-6608 12/17/2015 PAY TOTHE . ORDER OF Tru North FCU/ FBO Carla Skytta **43.709.10 Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Nine and 10/100*********** DOLLARS VOID IF NOT CASHED WITHIN SO DAYS Tru North FCU/ FBO Carla Skytta 1419 W. Second Street Ishpeming, MI 49849 MEMO Municipal Retirement Pension Rollover/Carla Skytta Treaasurer MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP - GENERAL FUND 24049 Tru North/FCU/ FBO Carla Skytta 12/17/2015 Municipal Retirement Pension Rollover FBO Carla S 43,709.10 Checking - MBank - 6 Municipal Retirement Pension Rollover/Carla Sk 43,709.10 MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP - GENERAL FUND 24049 Tru North FCU/ FBO Carla Skytta 12/17/2015 Municipal Retirement Pension Rollover FBO Carla S 43,709.10

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Carla Skytta

. 12/17/2015 253-721 Municipal Retirement Pension Surrender Se

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| YEAR | GROSS PAY | GROSS PAY x 7.5% | TOTAL COLUMNS C & PREVIOUS YEAR TOTAL | GUARANTEED INTEREST @ 3.5% | TOTAL COLUMNS D & E |
|------|-----------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2002 | 17,669.00 | 1,325.17 | | 46.38 | 1 ,371.5 5 |
| 2003 | 17,736.75 | 1,330.25 | 2,701.80 | 94.56 | 2,796.36 |
| 2004 | 18,450.25 | 1,383.76 | 4,180.12 | 146.30 | 4,326.42 |
| 2005 | 19,261.14 | 1,444.58 | 5,771.00 | 201.98 | 5,972.98 |
| 2006 | 20,156.13 | 1,511.70 | 7,484.68 | 261.96 | 7,746.64 |
| 2007 | 23,330.20 | 1,749.76 | 9,496.40 | 332.37 | 9,828.77 |
| 2008 | 25,436.40 | 1,907.73 | 11,736.50 | 410.77 | 12,147.27 |
| 2009 | 31,364.20 | 2,352.31 | 14,499.58 | 507,48 | 15,007.06 |
| 2010 | 26,029.50 | 1,952.21 | 16,959.27 | 593.57 | 17,552.84 |
| | | GROSS PAY x 15% | - | | |
| 2011 | 23,583.19 | 3,537,47 | 21,090,31 | 738.16 | 21,828.47 |
| 2012 | 24,314.38 | 3,647.15 | 25,475.62 | 891.64 | 26,367.26 |
| 2013 | 27,667.30 | 4,150.09 | 30,517.35 | 1,068.10 | 31,585.45 |
| 2014 | 30,456.41 | 4,568.46 | 36,153.91 | 1,265.38 | 37,419.29 |
| 2015 | 8,406.72 | 1,261.00 | 38,680.29 | 1,353.81 | 40,034.10 |

EXHIBIT C

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September 13, 2016

Mr. Dominic F. Andriacchi, Jr. Dominic F. Andriacchi, P.C. 321 West Division Street Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

Re: Michigamme Township

Dear Mr. Andriacchi;

Thank you for your letter of September 1, 2016 and the accompanying affidavit. While Ms. Skytta's affidavit and allegations against her former colleague are interesting, I do not understand how this gives rise to your clients' claim.

Exhibit B to the affidavit came from the presentation I made to the Township Board regarding my evaluation of plan errors that required correction through an IRS Voluntary Correction Program submission. The numbers in the margin are mine. The Board, which included Ms. Skytta, approved the IRS submission, one result of which was to correct the plan's failure to contribute on behalf of Ms. Skytta based on her W-2 compensation in accordance with paragraph 12 (my circled number 2) on Exhibit B. Your comment that Ms. Skytta's corrective pension payment was based on her compensation in all capacities is correct, as it was required by the plan document. All other participants' contributions through 2010, including Ms. Howe's contributions, were exclusively comprised of salary reductions based on W-2 income. From 2011 through the date of plan termination, half of the contributions came from the Township and half were made by reducing the participants' salary. The contribution made on behalf of Ms. Skytta (your Exhibit E) was required because the salary reductions were mandatory, and the Township failed to make the appropriate payroll reduction on behalf of Ms. Skytta. If you review the formula for employer contributions, you will see it is 0, and employee contributions are of 7.5% of 0 (see my circled 3 by paragraphs 13 and 14). Operationally, the plan mandated contributions of 7.5% by employees. Clearly, there were many plan document errors corrected through the IRS submission. Enclosed please find a copy of the amendment that was adopted to correct the contribution issues.

The contribution issues highlighted in Ms. Skytta's affidavit are not the issue for your clients, however, because contributions are only made on behalf of eligible persons, i.e., elected officials. The error shown in paragraph 7 (my circled number 1) did not increase eligibility or otherwise cause additional persons to become eligible to participate in the plan. In fact, the error was corrected through the attached retroactive amendment, which was required to be made as a result of the IRS procedure. As I mentioned above, Ms. Skytta served on the Township Board at the time the IRS submission was made, and I believe she voted in favor of the attached amendment, which retroactively corrected the error. As I say, it is interesting that Ms. Skytta's affidavit references documents that she knows were subsequently (00240477-1)

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amended. The plan and the correction process were discussed by the Board and approved in open meetings at which many people were in attendance.

Unfortunately, I still cannot identify the claim you are making on behalf of your clients against the Township of Michigamme. The documents you provided do not indicate that your clients have a claim for plan benefits. If anything, the documents confirm my statement that your clients never expected to receive benefits under the plan since they were never elected officials. Your statement that you are not concerned about plan assets gives me further reason to believe that your claim is not based in ERISA. Please let me know if my conclusion is incorrect. Given that the next step for you would be to bring a lawsuit, would you please tell me what your legal claim would be so that I could evaluate it with my client and seek to resolve this matter?

Very truly yours,

KENDRICKS, BORDEAU, ADAMINI, GREENLEE & KEEFE, P.C.

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Tami M. Seavoy

cc: Michigamme Township

AMENDMENT TO

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP, MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN

BY THIS AGREEMENT, MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP hereby amends the MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP Money Purchase Pension Plan (herein referred to as the "Plan") Adoption Agreement, with such amendment effective as of the date of April 1, 2009. The Adoption Agreement shall read as follows:

| 7. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES means <u>all</u> Employees (including Leased Employees EXCEPT for Highly Compensated Employees and the following Employees: (select at that apply below a. [] N/A No other exclusions. b. [X] The following are <u>excluded:</u> 1. [] Union Employees (as defined in Plan Section 1.24) |
|--|
| 2. [] Nonresident Aliens (as defined in Plan Section 1,24) 3. [] Leased Employees |
| 4. [X] Other: All hired employees of the municipality. |
| # *** |
| 13. FORMULA FOR DETERMINING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS. 1. [X] 7.5% (not to exceed 25%) of each Participant's Compensation 2. [] \$ per worked (e.g., hour, week, month, year) 3. [X] Past Service Credit: i. [X] shall not be allowed ii. [] shall be calculated as% (may not exceed 100%) of current |
| compensation for each year of past service, up to a limit of (not to exceed 10) years. |
| 14. MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS a. [] N/A b. [X] As a condition of participating in this Plan, each Eligible Employee must |
| b. [X] As a condition of participating in this Plan, each Eligible Employee must contribute each Plan Year 100% of the above listed total contribution. |
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This amendment was adopted by formal action of the Township board at a regularly scheduled public meeting held July 14, 2014 and the officer executing this Amendment has been authorized to do so on behalf of the board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Amendment has been executed this 144th day of June, 2015.

By: Alvar Maki

Its: Township Supervisor

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EXHIBIT D

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August 24, 2016

Mr. Dominic F. Andriacchi
Dominic F. Andriacchi, P.C.
321 West Division Street
—— Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

Re: Michigamme Township

Dear Mr. Andriacchi:

You have provided me with no facts or law to support your clients' claim. You indicate that your clients have expectations of receiving a benefit, but you have provided no supporting documentation which would give your client reason to have such an expectation. Based on your letters there is nothing I can research or ask my client to review. I have no reason to question the Township's records showing that your clients were never elected officials, and therefore, never eligible to participate in the terminated, contributory plan from which Ms. Skytta and Ms. Howe received benefits. There are no assets remaining in the plan because all benefits have been paid. The IRS has determined that the plan was qualified, and its final Form 5500 was filed.

Very truly yours,

KENDRICKS, BORDEAU, ADAMINI, GREENLEE & KEEFE, P.C.

Tami M. Seavoy

EXHIBIT E

Alvar Maki, Supervisor Neil Hanson, Clerk Elizabeth LoCicero, Treasurer

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP

PO Box 220 Michigamme, MI 49861 Phone: 906-323-6608

Fax: 906-323-6344 michigammetownship@gmail.com

Dawn Perry, Trustee Michael Tembreull, Trustee

June 24, 2015

Mr. Dominic Andriacchi 321 West Division St. Ishpeming, MI 49849

Dear Mr. Andriacchi:

Michigamme Township is in receipt of your letter date June 21, 2016 regarding Leighton and Jeannie Carlisle. You requested information regarding pension benefits that may have accrued in a Township pension plan for Mr. Carlisle.

To date Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle have no balance in a pension plan with Michigamme Township.

Sincerely,

Neil Hanson

Clerk, Michigamme Township

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