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Date: March 16, 2020

To: Honorable Township Board members

From: Joan Rogers, Library Director

RE: Resolution to Re-establish the Waterford Township Public Library

The Library Advisory Board requests consideration of adopting the attached resolution to re-establish the Waterford Township Public Library under the recently amended Charter Township Act, which makes provision for re-establishing the library under this amendment. Since 2019 PA 24 was signed into law the Library Advisory Board has considered this matter, reviewing the options available to the Township, including making no change, and have concluded that the best course of action is to request the Township Board to take this action. The rationale for this includes

- Now that 2019 PA 24 has been enacted it allows us to reestablish with the same principles in place as in 1963 when the Township Board first established the Library.
- Our library has resisted encouragement from the Library of Michigan to reestablish when our options were limited to either PA 164 or District Library status as either of these options includes governance by an elected Library Board.
- Our library's role as a Township Department has been one of mutual benefit to both local government and the library's ability to provide service to our community
- The newly amended law now offers the option to continue this successful relationship seamlessly, without the need for any change in our current policies and procedures or the range of services we offer now or will develop in the future.

In reviewing these options on behalf of the Library Advisory Board, Kimberly Markee, Township Board liaison to the Library Advisory Board and Joan Rogers, Library Director, have discussed this matter with the Township attorney as well as consulted with Clare Membiela, MLS, J.C, Library Law Consultant at the Library of Michigan and Catherine A. Mullhaupt, Staff Attorney, Michigan Township Association. The Library Advisory Board believes that as state law now makes provision for our library to re-establish under current law in a manner that preserves our current mode of operation it is best to take full advantage of it.

In addition, Ms. Membiela noted that, as part of this re-establishment, the Library Advisory Board/Committee members would have to be reappointed. The packet also includes two attachments, first revised Bylaws for the Library Advisory Committee and second updated Rules of Conduct, revised per recommendations by Attorney Dovre, with changes to numbers 2, 9 and 10 (on firearms) based on court cases or decisions.

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