Good morning Mr. Chairman and Committee members.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON HB 4148, 4149, 4150, 4538 AND THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVES DENBY AND ROGERS FOR SUBMITTING THESE BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE PROBLEM THAT THESE BILLS ARE ADDRESSING IS WIDESPREAD IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY WHICH WAS THE LARGEST GROWING COUNTY IN THE STATE PRIOR TO THIS UNPRECEDENTED DOWNTURN IN OUR ECONOMY.

MANY TOWNSHIPS LIKE HOWELL WERE PUTTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH AND PLACING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON LARGE TRACKS OF VACANT LAND INTENDED TO BE DEVELOPED. HOWELL TOWNSHIP IN PARTICULAR HAD APPROXIMATELY 2,000 RESIDENTIAL UNITS PROPOSED IN THE FORM OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, CONDOS AND APARTMENTS. ONLY A HANDFUL OF THESE HOUSING UNITS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND CURRENTLY THE DEVELOPERS ARE GONE, THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE LET THE PROPERTY GO TO TAX SALE, WHERE THE PROPERTIES ARE NOT SELLING THEREBY RESULTING IN A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BEING LOST. THIS RESULTS IN A SHORTAGE OF REVENUE FOR BOND PAYMENTS.

SINCE THESE PROPERTIES ARE NOT SOLD, OUR COMMUNITIES MUST REPAY THE COUNTY TAX REVOLVING FUND FOR TAXES LOST. HOWELL TOWNSHIP PAID LIVINGSTON COUNTY $1.7 MILLION FOR CHARGEBACKS THIS YEAR, $380,000 OF WHICH WAS INTEREST. THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE A PROPERTY THAT IS GOING UP FOR TAX SALE THAT WAS GIVEN THREE CONSECUTIVE HARDSHIPS BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN THEREBY INCREASING THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON THE DELINQUENT TAX TO 72%.

WE SUPPORT GIVING THE COUNTY FLEXIBILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST CHARGED BACK TO A MUNICIPALITY. THE NON-COLLECTION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ALONE IS ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE IN ITSELF.

THIS YEAR HOWELL TOWNSHIP WAS ABLE TO PAY THE $1.7 MILLION CHARGEBACK BECAUSE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD HAS BEEN FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BY:

1. CUTTING THE DAYS OUR TOWNSHIP HALL IS OPEN.
2. EMPLOYEES HAVE TAKEN PAY CUTS DUE TO DECREASED HOURS OF OPERATION.
3. SALARIES HAVE BEEN FROZEN THE LAST 3 YEARS.
4. ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE AGREED TO REDUCE THEIR SALARIES.
5. ALL CONTRACTOR'S THAT THE TOWNSHIP DOES BUSINESS WITH HAVE AGREED TO REDUCE THEIR COSTS A MINIMUM OF 10% AND HAVE NOT HAD AN INCREASE IN 3 YEARS.
6. LOOKED INTO REFINANCING OUR DEBT WHICH AFTER BEING ANALYZED WOULD ONLY SLIGHTLY REDUCE THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF OUR BOND PAYMENTS AND IN TURN INCREASE OUR DEBT BY APPROXIMATELY $15 M.
7. COMMISSIONED A RATE STUDY ON OUR USER FEES TO DETERMINE WHAT OUR RATES NEEDED TO BE IN ORDER TO ADDRESS OUR DELINQUENCIES. AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED RATE INCREASE ($18.78/1,000 GALS. OF USEAGE) THE BOARD INCREASED RATES BY 43% (FROM $6.30/1,000 OF USEAGE TO $9.00/1,000 GALS. OF USEAGE) AND PLACED A BALLOT PROPOSAL ON THE MAY 3RD BALLOT ASKING FOR A 2 MILL INCREASE FOR DEBT RETIREMENT. THIS PROPOSAL FAILED.
8. DEMANDING SEWER CONNECTION FEES BE PAID BY ALL PROPERTIES NOT CURRENTLY HOOKED UP (262 HOMES).
9. DEBT SERVICE CHARGE TO BE BILLED STARTING IN JULY, 2011.

HOWELL TOWNSHIP SUPPORTS HB 4148 WHICH WOULD CREATE A REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AS OURS. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT A COMMUNITY SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO TAKE EVERY REASONABLE ACTION TO PREVENT DEFAULT, THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES WHICH REQUIRE ALL OF US TO RESPOND RESPONSIVELY IN ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

LYNN L. MEISSNER
MANAGER/FINANCIAL DIRECTOR
HOWELL TOWNSHIP
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5/11/2011

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT

Period ending April 30 2011

TOWNSHIP FUNDS	Interest Ckg	INVESTMENTS C D'S	Int Rate	CLASS POOL	Int Rate MBIA Pool	Grand Totals Each Fund
General 101	$927,923.41	$0.00	2.65%	$0.00		$927,923.41
Liquor Control 212	$0.00					$0.00
Road 245	$68,571.80	$104,595.21	0.35%	$136,507.78	0.75%	$309,674.79
Revolving 246	$40,937.99	$0.00	0.00%	$179,146.83	0.35%	$220,084.82
Building & Site 247	$3,494.68	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	1.00%	$3,494.68
Right of Way 260	$17,389.13					$17,389.13
Tech Fund 391	$11,057.75					$11,057.75
Special Assessments						
Beautification 160	$3,124.14					$3,124.14
Parks/Recreation 208	$5,934.23					$5,934.23
Parkwood / Driftwood 812	$6,228.03					$6,228.03
Jayne Hill Lts 861	$1,773.10					$1,773.10
Walnut Shores Lts 862	$410.24					$410.24
Garbage Collection 863	$23,475.25					$23,475.25
Parkin Lane Snow 865	$7,161.80					$7,161.80
Account Totals	$1,117,481.55	$104,595.21		$315,654.61		**$1,537,731.37**
						Total Twsp Monies

TRUST & AGENCY	Chase Sweep			Total
Township Trust and Agency 701	$155,692.87			$155,692.87

TYRONE TOWNSHIP SEWER 2003	Flagstar			Total
Debt Service 392	$909,085.34	0.75%	$0.00	$909,085.34
Tyrone Sewer Trust & Agency 794	$96,439.39	0.00%	$0.00	$96,439.39
				$1,005,524.73

RUNYAN LK DRAIN ACCTS	Chase Sweep	CD'S	Totals
Runyan Lk Debt Service 39(	$9,933.21		$9,933.21
Runyan Lk Step Fee 792	$19,951.51		$19,951.51
			$29,884.72

SEWER O&M CHECKING ACCT	FLAGSTAR			Total
Sewer Operation and Maintenance 590	$101,970.27	0.25%	$200,113.97	$302,084.24

JAYNE HILL PAVING 2006	Citizens	Totals
Jayne Hill Paving 1/2 386	$31,053.12	$31,053.12

Parkin Lane Road Maint 2010	Chase	Total
Parkin Lane Rd 396	$121,882.50	$121,882.50

Public Safety 525		State Bank			Total
Public Safety 525		$152,145.34	0.15%	$356,854.00	$508,999.34

Total Trust Accounts
$2,155,121.52

Total Monies		**$3,692,852.89**

FORECLOSURE LIST FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY
For 2011 Foreclosures of 2008 and prior taxes
TYRONE TOWNSHIP
Fees Computed As Of: 05/05/2011

PARCEL	TAX DUE	INTEREST/FEE DUE	TOTAL DUE	TAX YEARS DELINQUENT
4704-29-201-074	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-075	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-32-101-029	4,047.20	1,271.79	5,318.99	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: GREEN HICKORY LN FENTON MI Owner: BOGDANSKI LAURA LENAY				
4704-32-400-016	1,344,540.07	423,043.49	1,767,583.56	2010 2009 2008 2007
Property Address: PARSHALLVILLE RD FENTON MI Owner: TYRONE PARK ASSOC				
PARCEL COUNT: 49	1,603,679.61	501,884.47	2,105,564.08	

2 Properties
TAX DUE
1,412,181

Interest Due County
445,123

TOTAL DUE
1,857,304

Bond Take in
800,000

Payout
1.2 million

400k Deficit

Sewer Fund
1,005,524 73

General Fund
Balance
927,923

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4704-03-300-015	67,641.29	22,080.11	89,721.40	2010 2009 2008 2007
Property Address: RUNYAN LAKE RD FENTON MI Owner: RMP INVESTMENTS LLC				
4704-09-401-016	7,000.73	2,172.49	9,173.22	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: WALNUT SHORES DR FENTON MI Owner: PRASCHAN EUGENE & DEBRA				
4704-16-100-011	1,783.73	710.98	2,494.71	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: RUNYAN LAKE RD FENTON MI Owner: PILLARO CONNIE K				
4704-29-201-001	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-003	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-010	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: 7659 TIPPERARY TRL FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-018	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-020	5,711.67	1,494.11	7,205.78	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT				
4704-29-201-022	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				

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Take in Bond
Less 800,000
Pay out Bond
1.2 million

SEWER FUND
BALANCE
$1,005,524.13

GEN FUND
BALANCE
927,923.4

423,043
22,080
445,123

1,344,540
67,641
14,2181

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PARCEL	TAX DUE	INTEREST/FEE DUE	TOTAL DUE	TAX YEARS DELINQUENT
4704-29-201-027	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-029	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-030	3,229.55	1,030.68	4,260.23	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-032	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-036	3,616.53	1,122.85	4,739.38	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-039	4,156.83	1,211.36	5,368.19	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-040	4,156.83	1,211.36	5,368.19	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-041	4,156.83	1,211.36	5,368.19	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-042	4,156.83	1,211.36	5,368.19	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				

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PARCEL	TAX DUE	INTEREST/FEE DUE	TOTAL DUE	TAX YEARS DELINQUENT
4704-29-201-045	4,156.96	1,211.38	5,368.34	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-046	4,156.96	1,211.38	5,368.34	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-047	4,156.96	1,211.38	5,368.34	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-048	4,156.96	1,211.38	5,368.34	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-049	4,156.96	1,211.38	5,368.34	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-050	4,156.96	1,211.38	5,368.34	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-051	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-052	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-053	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				

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PARCEL	TAX DUE	INTEREST/FEE DUE	TOTAL DUE	TAX YEARS DELINQUENT
4704-29-201-054	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-055	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-056	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-057	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-058	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-059	4,070.38	1,197.20	5,267.58	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-060	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-061	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-062	4,070.49	1,197.23	5,267.72	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				

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PARCEL	TAX DUE	INTEREST/FEE DUE	TOTAL DUE	TAX YEARS DELINQUENT
4704-29-201-064	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DONEGAL CT FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-065	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-066	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-068	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-069	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-070	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-071	4,996.18	1,348.86	6,345.04	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-072	5,129.54	1,370.70	6,500.24	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				
4704-29-201-073	4,070.67	1,197.24	5,267.91	2010 2009 2008
Property Address: DEAN RD FENTON MI Owner: CLOVERLEAF DEVELOPMENT INC				