

RESOLUTION 2021-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
IN APPRECIATION OF
JAMES MERTE, ASSESSOR AND IT DIRECTOR
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road in said Township, on the 24th day of August 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hathaway, Palmer, Flintoft, Courteau, Jerome, Knol.

Members Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Courteau and supported by Trustee Knol.

WHEREAS, James Merte has devoted his time, energy, efforts, and talents to the Township of Scio for more than 43 years; and

WHEREAS, James Merte has been the Township chief assessor since 1980; and

WHEREAS, James Merte has contributed significantly to the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the Scio Township information systems since 1985; and

WHEREAS, James Merte has gained the respect and friendship of his coworkers in the Scio Township offices, in part due to his indefatigable efforts to fix his coworkers' computer problems, including telling them to unplug and plug back in the offending machine; and

WHEREAS, James Merte wrote a computer program to automate property depreciation, inspiring the company that eventually became BS&A and helping revolutionize the job of assessing nationally; and

WHEREAS, James Merte won the Euchre Championship (with Dick DeLong) three times at the annual Christmas party; and

WHEREAS, James Merte faithfully executed the duties of both chief assessor and IT officer while also maintaining his place in local rock-and-roll, Motown, and blues bands and behind the organ at his church; and

WHEREAS, James Merte has a strong commitment to public service and places a high priority on customer service and taking care of whatever is required; and

WHEREAS, James Merte will be sadly missed by all his co-workers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate at this time to highlight James Merte's many achievements and contributions, and to extend to him special recognition and commendation for a job well done, as he has dedicated his professional life to the service of others in Scio Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Scio Board of Trustees does hereby extend its deep gratitude and appreciation, and commends James Merte for his 43 years of dedication and unselfish service to the Township of Scio and its citizens, and wishes him good health and happiness in his retirement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

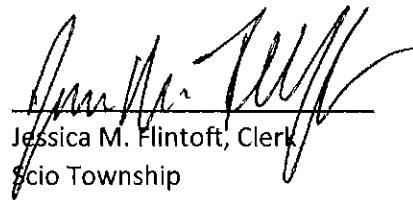
YES: Hathaway, Palmer, Flintoft, Courteau, Jerome, Knol.

NO: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vogel.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Handwritten signature of Jessica M. Flintoft in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: 8/24/21