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REPLACEMENT

Trustees approve 'standard' streetlights for two roundabouts at 26 Mile, M-53

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The Shelby Township Board of Trustees recently authorized Department of Public Works Director

Dave Miller to enter into an agreement with DTE Energy to replace the streetlights on two roundabouts located at 26 Mile Road and the M-53 expressway.

"DTE has proposed to Shelby Township and

Washington Township to replace all of the lighting within the roundabout with standard stock poles and LED light fixtures versus replacing them with the existing custom poles and fixtures," Miller said.

According to the DPW director, 25 custom streetlights were installed in 2009 along the roundabouts located at 26 Mile and the M-53 expressway. The cost of the ini-

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tial streetlight installation was paid for by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"Per the agreement signed at the time, all future energy cost and maintenance would be the responsibility of Shelby Township and/or Washington Township, depending on the location of the pole," Miller said.

Since the time of the installation, six of the streetlights have been knocked down and remained down as of the Jan. 19 Board of Trustees meeting.

"The cost to replace the existing custom poles would amount to approximately \$45,000, with Shelby Township's share of the replacement amounting to \$22,500," Miller said.

On the other hand, replacing the poles with stan-

dard stock poles and LED light fixtures would cost approximately \$9,136 and result in an immediate savings of \$13,000, as well as potential savings of approximately \$6,000 on any poles that may require replacement in the future.

"In addition to the savings on the poles, the new lights will have LED lighting installed," Miller said.

"The energy savings alone will pay back the initial investment over a period of 9 ½ years."

The agreement was approved by the Washington Township Board of Trustees on Dec. 2 and authorized on Jan. 19 by a 6-0 vote by the Shelby Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Paula Filar was absent was the meeting.



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