

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance..

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Reaume, Supervisor  
Ron Edwards, Treasurer  
Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Kay Arnold, Trustee  
Charles Curmi, Trustee  
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee  
Steven Mann, Trustee

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randy Maycock, Fire Chief  
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney  
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey & Associates  
Joe Bridgman, Deputy Clerk  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
11 Members of the Public

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of January 9, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Mann moved to amend the agenda by the addition of Item I.1 under Unfinished Business, Joint Dispatch Agreement with City of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

**ROLL CALL ON AMENDMENT:**

AYES: Mann, Doroshewitz, Curmi, Arnold

NAYS: Edwards, Massengill, Reaume

Motion carried.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Ayes all.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

E.1 Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting - Tuesday, December 19, 2006

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E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		<b>Year 2006</b>
General Fund	(101)	\$817,102.28
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Water/Sewer	(592)	186,989.39
Improvement Revolving	(246)	1,135,895.91
SWD	(226)	5,146.91
Trust and Agency	(701)	129,411.57
Tax Pool	(703)	276,464.28
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	-
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	375.75
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,551,386.09</b>

E.3 Approval of Easements – N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

- a. Communications  
Thank you letter to Chief Maycock and the Plymouth Fire Department
- b. Resolutions – N/A
- c. Reports  
2006 Passport Recap

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of January 9, 2007, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS** – There were none.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING** – N/A

**H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – N/A

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**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – N/A**

**I.1 Joint Dispatch Agreement with City of Plymouth**

Attorney Cronin reviewed the changes in language:

Paragraphs 10 and 11 are cross indemnification provisions which require the Township to add City police department personnel to their liability policy at expense of the City, and the City to add Township police and communications personnel to their liability policy at the expense of the Township.

Paragraph 13B was in the prior agreement and the intent was to have the agreement continue for five years, from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2011, and then year to year after that, with a year's termination notification.

Paragraph 13C talked about an Appendix D. In the prior agreement this appendix listed a schedule of equipment in which each entity had equity interest. This schedule is no longer applicable because of the passage of time and obsolescence of the equipment. The City has no equity interest in the equipment going forward.

Paragraph 15 concerns the continuing payment of current fees by the City and notification to the City Police Chief by the Township of any upgrades, with the City being responsible for purchase of compatible equipment for their vehicles and offices.

After discussion, Mr. Curmi moved to postpone action on the Joint Dispatch Agreement with the City of Plymouth until the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 13, 2007, with the following items to be handled prior to that meeting:

- 1) That the Township insurance carrier, MMRMA, evaluate the contract and agree to it and inform the Board as to the cost implications of the cross indemnification provisions in Section 10.
- 2) That the following language be added to the second sentence of Paragraph 13B. "after December 31, 2011."
- 3) To add to Paragraph 8, "that the price is reopened and mutually negotiated for the periods after 2011."

Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**J.1 Board of Review Appointment – Kendra Barberena**

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The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the Board of Review by additional members, extending the mail protest deadline, and requiring training for Board of Review members.

Mr. Mann moved to appoint Kendra Barberena to the Board of Review for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2008. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

**J.2 Board of Review Appointment – Maryann Carey**

Mr. Edwards moved to appoint Maryann Carey to the Board of Review for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2008. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

**J.3 Board of Review Appointment – Carol Leroue**

Moved by Mrs. Massengill to appoint Carol Leroue to the Board of Review for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2008. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

**J.4 Health Care Benefits for Fire Chief Randy Maycock**

The Board discussed a possible agreement with Fire Chief Randy Maycock whereby he would defer the retirement for which he is eligible and which includes Township-paid health insurance coverage for his spouse in return for Township-paid health insurance coverage for his spouse should he predecease his spouse prior to his official retirement.

Board members expressed concerns about setting precedent, future costs and risks, and losing experienced personnel because of greater retirement benefits.

Mr. Curmi suggested any agreement should be reviewed by the labor attorney. He also suggested creative, less costly non-precedent-setting ways should be considered such as an additional life insurance policy to be used for the health care costs of the spouse.

Mrs. Massengill moved to postpone action on the agreement with Fire Chief Maycock for labor attorney review of benefits for non-represented employees who are eligible for retirement, and that less costly benefit alternatives be sought. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

**J.5 Fire Department Negotiations with City of Plymouth**

Mr. Edwards said he was informed that the City of Plymouth is looking at regionalization or a public safety department within three years. Mr. Edwards said his answer was that the Township is looking for a 10-year agreement, with escape if regionalization occurs. He understands that out of five cities, the City of Northville has refused and the City of Livonia doesn't know if they're coming to the table yet. Plante and Moran has asked if the Township is willing to go into a study with the City of Plymouth and pay for it.

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Mr. Doroshewitz noted he would be interested in listening to Plante & Moran's presentation and the professor at MSU who volunteers his time who could be invited here.

Mr. Edwards said he feels a new contract is imperative rather than an extension, to correct inequities in the current contract.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Doroshewitz take back to the City the Township's position that they want a new ten-year agreement in place with an escape clause for regionalization.

Mrs. Massengill moved to add to the agenda Item J.6 under New Business, Establish a Second Board of Review and Extend Maximum Time Limit. Seconded by Mr. Reaume. Ayes all.

**J.6** Establish a second Board of Review and Extend Maximum Time Limit.

Mr. Edwards moved to add three members to the Board of Review and extend the time limit for mail-in applications to the maximum allowed by law. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

**K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

Mr. Reaume had Engineer Bailey update the Board on water tower progress. Mr. Bailey indicated final inspection is scheduled tomorrow on the structure itself. Painting will begin in late spring, with completion of the tower scheduled for August.

Mr. Reaume noted the distribution to Board members the report on purchase orders between \$2,000 and \$15,000 and books of current and proposed Township policies. He appointed Board members to review the proposed policies.

**L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Ms. Arnold noted that CVS is taking passport pictures for \$7.

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Reaume and Board members discussed the reasons for the 29% increase in water rates from the City of Detroit. They indicated the increase is based upon a one-hour period (7 a.m.-8 a.m.) on July 17 for this past summer. The complicated formula used by the City of Detroit includes distance from Detroit and elevations. The Township is still investigating the increase.

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Ms. Arnold indicated the Potters' Guild hopes to install the Township Hall mural on January 25.

**M. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Roger Kehrier had questions and comments regarding the water rate increase.

**N. ADJOURN**

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Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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