

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Charles Curmi, Trustee, arrived at 7:07 p.m.
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James Anulewicz, Direct of Public Services
Randy Maycock, Fire Chief
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Joe Bridgman, Deputy Clerk
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
8 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Arnold moved to amend the agenda for the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of March 6, 2007, by the addition of Attorney’s Opinion on Rental of Township Property under Closed Session. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi absent.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of March 6, 2007, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi absent.

Mr. Curmi arrived at 7:07 p.m.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – N/A

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Dave Haack, AFSCME Local 2958 union steward, and Ms. Susan Vignoe requested the Board consider at least a 30-day interim period for those employees who will be affected by the policy changes regarding use of Township owned or leased vehicles. This will allow them time to obtain transportation to and from work.

G. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – N/A

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I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I.1 Vehicle Policy
(Postponed at the February 13 meeting)

Board members discussed various changes and/or deletions to the revised policy presented and the need for it to be reviewed by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). They asked Mr. Haack and Ms. Vignoe to convey to affected employees that the Board is considering an effective date of May 1 for the revised policy.

Ms. Arnold moved to postpone approval of the revised policy regarding the use of Township owned or leased vehicles until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

I.2 Surviving Spouse Health Care

Board members discussed various options for providing surviving spouse health care for non-represented employees if they should die while still working, though eligible for retirement. Some suggestions were to purchase a life insurance policy on the employee during this period, change the current policy to include health care for the surviving spouse the same as if the person had retired, to pay COBRA for 18 months for the spouse or to leave the current policy in place which does not provide health care for the surviving spouse.

There was no action taken.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Haggerty and Five Mile Road Development

James Anulewicz, Director of Public Services, gave the background on how the consent judgment occurred in 1997 concerning this property at the southeast corner of Five Mile and Haggerty Roads. As a result of the consent judgment, the property was divided into two parcels and the entire property was zoned SOS. The northern property was allowed certain commercial uses and the southern portion was to have been a one-story office structure. Subsequently, retention/detention pond requirements were changed by Wayne County which take up considerably more square footage from the southern portion; thus, the current request for a two-story office building. A speculative one-story commercial building is proposed for the northern section.

Mr. Ron Jona addressed the Board and presented detailed site and landscape plans and building elevations, including how the two-story office building is offset so positive sight lines will appear to the residential area across Haggerty Road to the east. Mr. Jona is the

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architect for both owners, Frank Jonna who owns the southern portion of the property and Ludwig-Seeley who owns the northern portion.

It was the consensus of the Board that the applicants should hold an informational meeting for property owners in the Lake Pointe Subdivision to the west. Mr. Anulewicz agreed to have his office expedite the reservation of a meeting site and notification of property owners.

Mr. Sean Kavanaugh, attorney for both property owners, requested timely action from the Board in light of the construction season soon beginning.

K. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume presented figures from the District Court budget, which shows the potential for their not being able to cover expenses as soon as 2010.

Mr. Cronin indicated that under State law, municipalities have the right to take over administration of the District Court.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Edwards informed the Board that the City of Plymouth tabled signing the dispatch agreement because they wish to change it to three years with a one-year option, rather than five years. With this delay, he was unsure how to invoice. The Board advised invoicing at last year’s rate, with later adjustments.

Mr. Edwards also noted confusion caused by the assessor giving a zero value to park lands and common properties owned by homeowners’ associations, thereby removing them from the tax rolls. This was done because homeowners’ associations in Canton weren’t paying and properties were being lost. Somehow a memo has circulated through these associations that they don’t have to pay taxes; thus, when drain assessments are sent the associations think they don’t have to be paid. Then it goes to the County who’s going to foreclose and bills become much larger. He indicated that State law mandates all properties should be assessed.

The Board felt the properties should be returned to the tax rolls and notification that payment will be required should be sent with assessment notices.

Mr. Curmi thanked Fire Chief Maycock and members of the department who took care of his mother’s emergency on Saturday.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

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CLOSED SESSION

At 9:08 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Edwards that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing:

- 1) Teamsters contract negotiations
- 2) IAFF contract
- 3) Attorney's opinion concerning renting Township's property

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraphs (a), (c) and (d).

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 10:07 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Edwards to return to open session.

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

O. ADJOURN

Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill.

The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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