

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey & Associates
Randy Maycock, Fire Chief
Thomas Hollis, Public Works Manager
Sally Hodges, McKenna Associates
13 Members of the Public

Laura Cox, Wayne County Commissioner, presented a resolution honoring the Plymouth Township Police Department's Safe Citizen's Program.

She also presented a resolution congratulating the Township on their selection by MONEY Magazine as 37th in the top 100 places to live, and she expressed her pride in representing the community.

She will be having office hours at the Plymouth Library on October 16, 9:30-11:30, at the Northville Library on September 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., and at the Livonia Senior Center in November.

Mr. Edwards thanked Mrs. Cox for all the trees the County has removed recently in Hines Park. It's been favorable for the walkers and bikers.

Mr. Reaume introduced Mary Fritz and Doris Richards, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and presented a proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 11, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

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- E.1 Approval of Minutes
 Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 14, 2007
 Special Meeting – Thursday, August 16, 2007

- E.2 Approval of Township Bills

| | | Year 2007 |
|--|-------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | (101) | \$1,238,620.95 |
| General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority | (101) | |
| Water/Sewer | (592) | 612,904.47 |
| Improvement Revolving | (246) | 239.53 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | (226) | 104,184.12 |
| Trust and Agency | (701) | 42,350.07 |
| Tax Pool | (703) | 271,290.21 |
| Drug Forfeiture | (265) | 205.82 |
| Special Assessment Capital Project Fund | (805) | 128.85 |
| Total: | | \$2,269,924.02 |

- E.3 Approval of Easements
 Keel Investments L.L.C.

- E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

- a. Communications
 Thank you letter to Firefighter Dave Fox from Cub Scout Pack
 1540
 Thank you letter to Tim Smith from First Step & the Children’s
 Advocate
- b. Resolutions – N/A
- c. Reports – N/A

- E.5 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Agreement

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Approval of Township Bills and Approval of the Minutes of August 14, 2007. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi pointed out that there was a discrepancy in the minutes of August 14, 2007, as to the time of Mr. Mann’s arrival. He arrived at 6:06 p.m.

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Mrs. Massengill also pointed out a mistake that has been corrected on Page 7, adding the support of Ms. Arnold to the motion for adoption of Resolution 07-08-14-09.

Mr. Curmi moved to correct the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of August 14, 2007, to reflect that Steve Mann arrived at 6:06 p.m. instead of 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann commented on his review of the bills. He noted the purchase of a vehicle by the Police Department for the Assistant Chief which totaled just under \$15,000. He isn't sure this is the vehicle the Board intended to replace this year and he feels the practice of the Board receiving a note or copy of the invoice for these purchases should continue.

Mrs. Massengill said it should appear on the consent agenda for the purpose of informing the Board that a vehicle is being or has been purchased.

The Board discussed the circumstances leading up to the purchase of the vehicle.

Mr. Mann also mentioned the significant invoice from Dietrich Bailey for work on renewal of Detroit Water Contract. He felt the Board should be updated on the status and expenses incurred and to be incurred before completion.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve payment of the Township bills in the amount of \$2,269,924.02. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

G.1 Request from Vico Products, Co., 41555 Ann Arbor Road for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the purchase and installation of new personal property
Resolution No. 07-09-11-10

Stacey Bowen, Controller of Vico Products, Co., addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Edwards reminded the Board that this business is located within the Downtown Development Authority.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 07-09-11-10, granting the request from Vico Products, Co., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

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covering new personal property to be purchased and installed at 41555 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, after a duly noticed public hearing held on February 13, 1996, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, by resolution, established an Industrial Development District for property located at Vico Products Company, 41555 Ann Arbor Road, containing approximately 5.90 acres, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Vico Products, Co., filed an application on July 31, 2007, requesting a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to the cost of machinery and equipment to be purchased and installed within the facility located at 41555 Ann Arbor Road; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the assessor, and representatives of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, the installation of new machinery and equipment within the facility had not begun earlier than six (6) months before July 31, 2007, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the new machinery and equipment is calculated to and will, at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the Charter Township of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth, after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth that:

1. The Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the Charter Township of

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Plymouth, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the Charter Township of Plymouth.

2. The application of Vico Products, Co., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the installation of new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed on the following described parcel of real property situated within an Industrial Development District, to wit:

Tax ID # R-78-062-99-0023-000 35II1
THAT PART OF THE SE ¼ OF SEC 35 T1S R8E DESC AS BEG AT A POINT
ON THE SOUTH LINE OF ANN ARBOR RD. DISTANT S OD 14M W ALONG
THE E SECTION LINE 53 FT AND N 89 D 36M 30 SEC W 313.40 FT AND S
88D 06M 43SEC W 128.29 FT FROM THE E ¼ CORNER OF SEC 35 AND
PROCEEDING TH S OD 23°30' W 751.75 FT TH N 89D 35M 30SEC W
135.64 FT TH N 29D 10M W ALONG TH NE LINE OF THE CHEASAPEAKE
AND OHIO RR RIGHT OF WAY 839.07 FT TH N 88D 06M 43SEC E ALONG
THE S LINE OF ANN ARBOR RD 550 FT TO THE POB 5.90 ACRES K5.90
41555 Ann Arbor Road

Plymouth Township, Michigan

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, when issued, shall be and remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) years, after completion, in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in MCL et seq.

G.2 Request from Guardian Automotive Products, Inc., for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for building improvements and the purchase and installation of new personal property
Resolution No. 07-09-11-11

Randy Lawrence, Property Tax Manager for Guardian Automotive Products, addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 07-09-11-11 granting the request from Guardian Automotive Products, Inc., for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate covering the cost of building improvements to an existing facility and the cost of new personal property to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 40985 Concept Drive, Lot 13, Metro Plymouth Business Park, Plymouth Township, Michigan. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Arnold, Massengill, Curmi, Edwards, Reaume
 NAYS: Doroshewitz, Mann

Motion carried.

The resolution reads as follows:

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WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, after a duly noticed public hearing held on October 10, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, by resolution, established an Industrial Development District for Metro Plymouth Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Guardian Automotive Products, Inc., filed an application on July 13, 2007, requesting a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to the cost of building improvements to an existing facility to be leased and for machinery and equipment to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 40985 Concept Drive, Lot 13, Metro Plymouth Business Park. The applicant may in the fifth year of this abatement request additional years up to the maximum of twelve years; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the assessor, and representatives of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, the building improvements and the installation of new machinery and equipment within the facility had not begun earlier than six (6) months before July 13, 2007, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the building improvements and installation of the new machinery and equipment is calculated to and will, at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the Charter Township of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth, after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth that:

1. The Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the Charter Township of Plymouth, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the Charter Township of Plymouth.

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2. The application of Guardian Automotive Products, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to building improvements and the installation of new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed on the following described parcel of real property situated within an Industrial Development District, to wit:

40985 Concept Drive
Lot 13
Metro Plymouth Business Park
Plymouth Township, Michigan

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, when issued, shall be and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, after completion, in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in MCL et seq. The applicant may, in the fifth year of this abatement, request the Township Board of Trustees to grant additional years and if the request is granted the applicant may receive up to an additional seven (7) years, not to exceed the maximum, of twelve years for this certificate.

G.3 Request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2005-601 from Tower Automotive Plymouth, Inc., DBA Tower Automotive to Tower Automotive Operations USA1, LLC
Resolution No. 07-09-11-12

Mark Malcolm, President and CEO of Tower Automotive, addressed the Board and answered questions. He explained the request for the transfer because of the purchase of Tower Automotive out of bankruptcy on July 31, by Serberus Capital, New York.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

Mr. Doroshewitz asked if there were debts discharged in the bankruptcy proceedings, specifically water bills.

Mr. Edwards indicated their water bills have been paid; however, there are tax bills which are questionable as to what's paid and what's not because of multiple tax refunds and corrections. He commented on the various tax problems and adjustments based on figures reported by Tower, then claimed as incorrect, since 2001. Though a small amount of the total tax bill comes to the Township, we are liable for defending these cases not only for the Township, but for the other taxing authorities as well. This has cost the Township approximately \$100,000 since 2001.

Mr. Malcolm indicated he is a resident of the greater community and plans to remain. He asked for consideration for the investment made. He hopes the Township can look forward and be aligned to help maintain the presence Tower has had.

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Mrs. Massengill indicated she would like to see some of the money saved by Tower via the abatement returned to the Township in one charitable way or another.

Mr. Malcolm noted Tower intends to be a good corporate citizen.

Mr. Mann moved to approve Resolution No. 07-09-11-12, the request to transfer Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate #2005-601 from Tower Automotive Plymouth, Inc., DBA Tower Automotive, to Tower Automotive Operations USA 1, LLC, contingent upon receipt by the Township of a fully-executed current version of the abatement contract. The facility is located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Lot 15, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mann, Curmi, Massengill, Doroshewitz, Arnold, Reaume
 NAYS: Edwards

Motion carried.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on July 17, 1990, an Industrial Development District was established, which District would include the described parcel of real estate known as Plymouth Oaks Business Park in the Charter Township of Plymouth, by action of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, in 2005, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2005-601 was issued to Tower Automotive, Inc., for new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be installed at their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, certificate to expire December 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Tower Automotive, Inc., submitted an application on August 8, 2007, requesting to transfer Industrial Facilities Certificate No. 2005-601 to Tower Automotive Operations USA 1, LLC, and the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth did approve said request at a regular meeting on September 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application for transfer, the Charter township of Plymouth held a public hearing on September 11, 2007, in the Town Hall Meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall commencing at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said transfer of the application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth granted the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2005-601 from Tower Automotive to Tower Automotive Operations USA1, LLC, said certificate expiring December 30, 2019, the date so designated on the certificate originally issued.

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- G.4** Request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2002-469 from Tower Automotive Plymouth, Inc., DBA Tower Automotive to Tower Automotive Operations USA1, LLC
Resolution No. 07-09-11-13

Mr. Malcolm explained it is the same situation as the prior transfer.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. Mann moved to approve Resolution No. 07-09-11-13, the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2002-469 from Tower Automotive Plymouth, Inc., DBA Tower Automotive, to Tower Automotive Operations USA 1, LLC, contingent upon receipt by the Township of a fully-executed current version of the abatement contract. The facility is located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Lot 15, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Reaume, Doroshewitz, Arnold, Massengill, Mann, Curmi
 NAYS: Edwards

Motion carried.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on July 17, 1990, an Industrial Development District was established, which District would include the described parcel of real estate known as Plymouth Oaks Business Park in the Charter Township of Plymouth, by action of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, in 2002, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2002-469 was issued to Tower Automotive, Inc., for new machinery and equipment to be installed at their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, certificate to expire December 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Tower Automotive, Inc., submitted an application on August 8, 2007, requesting to transfer Industrial Facilities Certificate No. 2002-469 to Tower Automotive Operations USA 1, LLC, and the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth did approve said request at a regular meeting on September 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application for transfer, the Charter township of Plymouth held a public hearing on September 11, 2007, in the Town Hall Meeting room at Plymouth Township Hall commencing at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said transfer of the application; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth granted the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2002-469 from Tower Automotive to Tower Automotive Operations USA1, LLC, said certificate expiring December 30, 2014, the date so designated on the certificate originally issued.

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- H.1** Approve Text Amendment 002 to Amend Zoning Ordinance No. 99 for Conformance to Public Act 110 of 2006

Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates addressed the Board, explaining the necessity of the amendment to comply with legislation changes in 2006. There are three primary areas of change. The first is changing the reference to the new statute, which is PA 110 of 2006 and the second and third areas affect how notices are given, requiring a minimum of 15 days for all public hearings and notifying all people within 300 feet, even if they do not live in the jurisdiction. There were also some changes with regard to the need for applicants before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to show unnecessary hardship and to allow an alternate on the ZBA in case of absence. A public hearing was held with no comments, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Text Amendment 002, Application 1969/0607, and amend Zoning Ordinance No. 99 for conformance to Public Act 110 of 2006 to be effective one week after publication, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - N/A

J. NEW BUSINESS

- J.1** Fire Station # 2 Roof replacement

Fire Chief Maycock explained the need for a new roof because of serious leakage. Various roofers who have inspected the roof for possible repair all indicate the roof has outlived its useful life. Four bids were received on a new system, a membrane system, rather than a ballast system which is a tarred roof with stones. The membrane system is easier to repair.

The bids were reviewed by Chief Building Official Lewis. He recommends two layers of insulation, raising it to a 27.5 R-value.

Mr. Edwards explained how it can fit into the budget.

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Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Four Seasons Building and Maintenance LLC Fire Station #2 roof replacement contract in the amount of \$30,010, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

J.2 Approve Resolution No. 07-09-11-14 - 2007/2008 WTUA budget

Aaron Sprague, Director of Operations for the Western Townships Utilities Authority, addressed the Board and answered questions. He reviewed the fiscal year budget beginning October 1, 2007. Billings to the townships are increasing approximately 2%, mainly due to increases in waste water treatment charges and charges for electrical service.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 07-09-11-14, approving the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) budget, year ending September 30, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2007, the board of commissioners of the Western Townships Utilities authority adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Authority if required to present its budget to each of its member Townships for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved.

J.3 Reimbursement Agreement between Bosch and Plymouth Twp. / Traffic Signal

Attorney Cronin reviewed the agreement and reasons for it with the Board.

The Board discussed whether there is a need for the light.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Reimbursement Agreement between Robert Bosch, LLC, and the Charter Township of Plymouth and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

J.4 Lake Pointe Water Tank Cathodic Protection Bids

Mr. Bailey explained that “Cathodic” is a process using electric current to dissuade corrosion of the primary metal, in this case the tank.

Mr. Hollis, Public Works Manager, also addressed the Board and answered questions.

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Ms. Arnold moved to award the Lake Pointe Protection Contract to George Kountoupes Painting in the amount of \$19,605.00, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Construction Contract. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

J.5 SCADA Control Equipment

Mr. Hollis reviewed the upgraded design for the equipment when moved to the DPW's Township Hall location from the DPW building. Additions are required to integrate the controls with the Township's network and to provide monitoring and control access from the DPW building.

Mr. Edwards moved to increase the fixed fee previously approved with Dietrich, Bailey and Associates for engineering and contracted services by \$30,760.00 for additional SCADA control hardware and software components to accommodate the DPW's new location at Township Hall. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume advised the Board of the bus tour of the community scheduled with the Planning Commission for Monday, September 24, at 6 p.m.

He also pointed out there's an article in MTA magazine on the web site, along with the MONEY magazine article about Plymouth Township being 37th of the best 100 places to live.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Curmi asked for reconsideration of the \$15,000 purchasing rule in order to maintain spending control.

Board members discussed dates for the receipt of the proposed budget by the Board, deadlines for the public hearing and approval, and deadline for the millage-setting process.

Mr. Mann also asked that department heads be present at the Board meetings. If they are unable to attend for a good reason, he'd appreciate an e-mail ahead of time so matters can be discussed or questions asked prior to the meeting. He believes there's a policy requiring their attendance at Board meetings.

Mr. Edwards reminded the Board that taxes are due on Friday.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Roy Banks of Hackberry Street asked Plymouth Township to see if they can get Wayne County to clean the drain behind his house. He had 16 inches of water in his back yard after the last rain. People along the creek throw their garbage into the creek—trees, limbs, etc. He talked to Mr. Helm from Wayne County who said the County controls the creek from Ann Arbor Rd. into Plymouth and from Joy Road south, but from Ann Arbor Road to Joy Road it's the responsibility of the homeowners. He's afraid one of the leaning trees is going to fall on someone.

Mr. Bailey indicated the creek from Joy Road to Ann Arbor Road is not an established County drain. An option would be to petition the County, as the drain code provides, to make that section established so that if there were problems such as removing trees or erosion repairs that it could be done and funded by the drainage district. He believes it can be initiated by the adjoining property owners. He is not sure whether the Township can initiate it or not.

Mrs. Massengill asked how the other portions of the drain came under the County's jurisdiction.

Mr. Bailey said it just depends on how the County was petitioned.

Mr. Curmi suggested researching the petition process with the County and with MTA.

N. ADJOURN

Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Human Resource Office, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, (734) 453-3202, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).