

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Reaume introduced Bob Brown, Executive Director of the Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging, Area 1C. He gave the background of the organization and services provided to senior citizens in the area.

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: James Anulewicz, Director of Public Services
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Randy Maycock, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey Associates
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer
Stephanie Harbour, Dietrich Bailey & Associates
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
7 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda with the addition of J.8 under New Business, Separation Agreement. She then moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 25, 2007, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 11, 2007

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E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2007
General Fund	(101)	\$138,012.24
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Water/Sewer	(592)	812,983.60
Improvement Revolving	(246)	7,894.00
Solid Waste Disposal	(226)	88,971.06
Trust and Agency	(701)	-
Tax Pool	(703)	414,631.82
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	130.00
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	2,963.45
Total:		\$1,465,586.17

E.3 Approval of Easements – N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

- a. Communications
Congratulation letter from Township of Grosse Ile
- b. Resolutions – N/A
- c. Reports
Building Department, August 2007
Fire Department, August 2007
Police Department, June 2007
Police Department, July 2007

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 25, 2007, as submitted, with the exception of E.2, Approval of Township Bills. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi asked that future consideration be given for manual switches, rather than expenditures such as the \$1,100 bill for automatic proximity bathroom fans for the new fire station.

He also questioned the e-time project invoice, an open payable, from ADP for a time-management system which isn't due yet, but is listed at \$21,000. He felt the billing had been split to avoid the \$15,000 purchase order limitation. The original portion was for \$14,400, with an additional \$7,000. The project was approved in 2000 and he asked that it be reevaluated. In the future, project progress needs to be brought before the Board.

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Mr. Edwards said the purchase order for the project was originally \$14,400. It was planned to have it on the server here at the Township, but it was decided to have the server located at ADP where they would maintain, update, and provide backup for it. This increased the cost by \$7,000, but eliminated having to buy a server for the Township. The system tracks daily time worked and vacation, sick, and personal time for all employees according to their individual contracts. This frees time from three employees during the payroll week and increases accuracy. The hold-up in the project is caused by having to eliminate being able to access the system from other than Township locations.

Mr. Mann expressed his opinion that he thinks the system is impractical and is not included in the budget. He asked for a copy of the separate contract with ADP for this work.

Mr. Curmi requested a complete system review for the next Board meeting of the e-time, including time line, finance, demonstration, etc.

Mr. Mann asked that a representative from ADP and Mrs. Coobatis be in attendance.

Mr. Doroshewitz recommended a parallel pilot period.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards reminded the Board that the \$21,000 is not in the amount listed, but is an open payable.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Don Schnettler questioned the Board on their purchasing policy of \$15,000 and splitting up items to avoid having to seek Board approval. He asked if bids were received for the payroll system.

Mr. Reaume explained that there are three firms who do electronic payroll systems and the Township already has a relationship with ADP. The other products were evaluated.

G. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – N/A

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - N/A

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J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Reappoint Daniel Herriman to Compensation Commission

Mrs. Massengill commented on the criticism received by the Board if they approve raises for themselves, as well as being criticized for adopting raises recommended by the Compensation Commission. She said she would like to dissolve the Commission.

Mr. Curmi suggested postponing this indefinitely. He asked for a resume of the applicants for appointment.

Mr. Edwards said there has never been a two-thirds vote to turn down the Commission's recommendations, thus the minority can pass it.

Attorney Cronin said the ordinance for the Compensation Commission was drafted exactly as the State Law provision requires. If the Board wishes to do away with the Commission, the short version would be to repeal the ordinance.

Mr. Mann indicated the Commission was put in place as the most independent, unbiased way of setting the salaries. The appointed citizens do a great deal of research and comparisons and try to make fair recommendations. He feels we don't need to look at the wages currently, but could pass on it for a year or two and reevaluate them for the next Board. However, he does not feel the ordinance should be rescinded or repealed because it's a much better system than having the elected body determine their salaries.

Mr. Cronin discussed with Board members whether current members still serve if replacements are not named; whether the ordinance should be repealed until the Board wishes to use the process; or whether to go ahead and reappoint, letting the Commission know that the Board does not think increases are currently appropriate. If the Commission recommends increases, they can be turned down. Mr. Cronin said he does not encourage Board members to ignore what the ordinance requires. He said he has had the duty and honor to work with the Compensation Commissioners and has been very impressed with their conscientiousness, sincerity and diligence.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to reappoint Daniel Herriman to the Compensation Commission for a five-year term expiring on August 14, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Edwards.

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

Motion carried.

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- J.2** Reappoint Jack Dempsey to Compensation Commission
- J.3** Appoint Michael Kelly to Compensation Commission to complete the term of Roy Hart
- J.4** Appoint Judith Spriggs to Compensation Commission to complete the term of Teresa Somercik

Mr. Mann moved to postpone indefinitely further appointments to the Compensation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Mann said he respects Mr. Cronin’s recommendations, but thinks the Board is fully within their rights to not reappoint but leave the ordinance in place, leaving the Commission idle for the time being until the next odd year, 2009. He cautioned against repealing the ordinance.

J.5 2007 Millage Rate Request

Mr. Edwards discussed with Board members the recommendation for the 4.000 millage rate to be submitted to the County by September 30, 2007.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the 2007 Tax Rate Request for the Charter Township of Plymouth and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the form. Seconded by Mr. Edwards.

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

Motion carried.

J.6 Contract with the Michigan Humane Society

Police Chief Tiderington reviewed the proposed sheltering contract with the Michigan Humane Society, necessary because the local veterinarian will no longer serve the Township.

Mrs. Massengill moved to have the Township Supervisor and Clerk of the Township to sign the contract with the Michigan Humane Society. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

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J.7 Report from Tim Cronin – DWSD Model Water Service Agreement

Mr. Cronin presented his memorandum regarding the DWSD Model Water Service Agreement.

Board members agreed to hold a work session on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, 7 p.m., to discuss this item at length.

J.8 Separation Agreement

Board members discussed various aspects of the separation agreement presented.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to approve the Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume advised members of the Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Wayne County Field Operations, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland.

He indicated an updated report has been received from Wayne County Appraisals.

The banners were presented which are to be displayed in the DDA area along Ann Arbor Road. They proclaim Plymouth Township's selection by Money Magazine as the 37th best place to live.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

In answer to Ms. Arnold's question regarding the number of calls received on the Township property at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads in response to the "For Sale Sign," Mr. Reaume said he'd received 20-plus calls.

Mr. Cronin and Mr. Anulewicz spoke regarding the Wayne County-5/3 Bank negotiations for cross easement/rights-of-way.

Mr. Doroshewitz had questions for Fire Chief Maycock regarding the Fire Department transports.

The Board discussed the Sheldon Road underpass progress, or lack thereof.

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Mr. Edwards commented on progress moving toward installing the light at Ridge and Ann Arbor Roads. Stop signs have been installed and the light should be installed in two weeks.

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Bailey for an update on the installation of sidewalks on Northville Road.

Mr. Bailey indicated they should get forms in this week and pour this weekend. Weekend pouring is preferred by the contractor because of too much traffic during the week.

Mr. Edwards asked to receive an update as to when Robertson Brothers would be installing their walkway on McClumpha Road.

Mr. Mann thanked Mr. Bailey and his staff for updates on the water tower.

Mr. Anulewicz updated Board members on the modifications to the consent judgment for sidewalks on Five Mile and Haggerty Roads.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

N. CLOSED SESSION

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

RE: CSX vs. Plymouth Township
Discuss settlement offer from Wayne County

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (e)

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 9:39 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Edwards to return to open session. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Mann moved to reject the settlement offered by Wayne County as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

O. ADJOURN

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

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Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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