

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

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

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: Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Randy Maycock, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey Associates
Sally Hodges, McKenna Associates
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer
Stephanie Harbour, Dietrich Bailey & Associates
Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Seven members of the Public
Aaron Powers, Wayne County Appraisal
Glen Shaw, Wayne County Appraisal

Mr. Reaume presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Randy Maycock declaring the week of October 7-13 as Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Chief Maycock invited the community to attend the Open House to be held at Fire Station No. 1, at 9911 N. Haggerty Road at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

Mr. Reaume introduced Gail Scherer, President, and Elizabeth Johnson, Vice-President, from the Plymouth Business and Professional Women (BPW). He then presented a proclamation declaring October 15-19 as National Business Women's Week. He also noted the upcoming 80th anniversary of the Plymouth BPW in 2008.

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D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 9, 2007, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Special Meeting – Tuesday, October 2, 2007

E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2007
General Fund	(101)	\$766,307.48
General Fund		
Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Water/Sewer	(592)	143,067.80
Improvement Revolving	(246)	30,222.90
Solid Waste Disposal	(226)	5,427.93
Trust and Agency	(701)	32,685.75
Tax Pool	(703)	21,693,960.09
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	-
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	-
Total:		\$22,671,671.95

E.3 Approval of Easements – N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

a. Communications

Letter from Township of Grosse Ile

b. Resolutions – N/A

c. Reports – N/A

E.5 Fee Schedule for sale of Zoning Ordinance Maps

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 9, 2007, as submitted with the exception of Item E.2, Approval of Township Bills. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

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Ms. Arnold expressed displeasure with the \$1,000 charge to the Township in conjunction with their cancellation of the IAFF arbitration meeting.

She also had questions about the listing of the ADP bills for special services.

Mr. Edwards explained the amounts billed out for the project were the same as on the purchase orders.

She also asked that better descriptions be included from department heads for all bills, particularly on land splits.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS - There was none.

G. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

H.1 Text Amendment 003 to Amend Zoning Ordinance No. 99

Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates explained the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and indicated the Planning Commission recommended adoption after their public hearing held without public comment in September.

Ms. Arnold moved to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by adopting Text Amendment 003 to amend Article XIV, ARC Ann Arbor Road Corridor District, Section 14.10 Signs; Article XXV Sign Regulations; Article XX Schedule of Regulations; Article XXI Residential Unit Developments; Article XXII Single Family Cluster Housing; and Article XXIII Planned Unit Development Option, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann thanked the Planning Consultants and Planning Commission for moving on this so quickly.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I.1 Reappoint Jack Dempsey to Compensation Commission

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Component Holdings (ACH). One other community, Ypsilanti Township, agreed to share expenses of the special tax counsel. Now with two years at stake, it is the recommendation of the legal counsel to obtain an appraiser for the real property component of the appeal. From the list of bidders on the appraisal services proposal, the recommendation is for Heinowski Appraisal and Consulting. He noted that the appraisal proposal was written as a step method, being able to contract out separately for three portions. As matters may be negotiated, it is possible the entire cost would not be incurred.

Glen Shaw of Wayne County Appraisal joined Mr. Powers in addressing the Board and answering questions.

In answer to Mrs. Massengill's question, Mr. Powers indicated that up to \$140,000 in taxes to the Township alone are at stake for the two years.

Mr. Edwards reminded the Board that any reduction in the amounts paid to the school district will also affect the community taxpayers.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Appraisal Services Proposal with Heinowski Appraisal and Consulting, LLC, to perform real estate consulting and appraisal services on the ACH Sheldon Road property in Plymouth Township for an amount not to exceed \$38,000. Seconded by Mr. Doroshewitz. Ayes all.

J.2 Fifth Third Bank Partial Termination and Release of Easement

Mr. Cronin explained the reasons for needing approval of this document, which would remove the cross easement provisions from the Lilley Road right-of-way requested of Fifth Third Bank by Wayne County.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Partial Termination and Release of Easement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign same. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

J.3 Proposed 2008 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates

Mr. Mann moved to approve the following 2008 Board of Trustee meeting dates:

January 22	May 13 & 27	September 9 & 23
February 26	June 10 & 24	October 14 & 28
March 11	July 22	November 18
April 8 & 22	August 19	December 16

Work sessions and special meetings will be held on the first and/or third Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise scheduled.

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All meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, unless otherwise noticed.

Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

J.4 Digital Video Recording Equipment for Patrol Cars

Chief Tiderington addressed the Board and answered questions, along with Lt. Antal.

Mr. Mann moved to have the Township Supervisor and the Clerk of the Township award the contract to L-3 Communications in the amount of \$72,069.00, provided that \$15,000 of the costs are covered by an MMRMA grant and \$5,000 of the costs are covered by a manufacturer's rebate. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume indicated there will be upgrades to both networks of the Township, requiring them to be down for time on Saturday. Also, a phone upgrade will be done on Sunday morning at 4 a.m.

He indicated Board members have the 2008 proposed budget at their places.

Mr. Edwards addressed, for the record, comments made that he was responsible for the budget at last week's special meeting and board members receiving copies of the budget. First of all, the Supervisor has the proposed budget on a laptop. As of last week, not all the information for the budget was available. It came in over this last weekend, and was finalized. On August 1, the Township department heads have to turn in their budgets to the Supervisor so he can put the budgets together. September 1, the Supervisor is supposed to give the budget to the Board, a public hearing has to occur by December 15, and the budget has to be approved by December 31.

Mr. Edwards said he had an agreement with Mr. Mann when he was Supervisor to help him do the budgets. He does not have an agreement with the current supervisor, but he helps.

Board members discussed at length whether to have a study session for the budget or whether to take it up at the next regular meeting.

Mrs. Massengill noted a study session has been posted for next Tuesday, October 16, at 7 p.m., as discussed at the October 2, Special Meeting.

Mr. Mann asked when the DDA budget would be available.

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Mr. Reaume asked for a time when the Board would like to consider the material on the ADP proposal.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Ms. Arnold asked for some sort of spam filter for the Township e-mail.

Mr. Curmi asked when a program review would be made for e-time (the ADP project) and if it affects the budget. Mr. Edwards said he would rather do it at a study session in order to go up to the training room, if it can't be brought in on a laptop.

Mr. Curmi asked Mrs. Massengill to add two items to the next regular meeting agenda, to change the administrative purchasing authority to \$2,000 instead of \$15,000, and to reconsider the change recently made for those residents who have only sewer charges. He believes they were raised in June and again in August.

Mr. Edwards indicated the sewerage rates had not been increased in many years and must be increased as sewerage rates go up. It affects 23 or 24 customers and he will provide a list of customers.

Mr. Mann informed members of the SEMCOG meeting to be held October 25 at the Inn at St. John's.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy Banks thanked Board members for taking action on the erosion of the creek behind his house on Hackberry Street.

N. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:40 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Ms. Arnold that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing an IAFF Letter of Understanding.

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

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 9:40 p.m. it was moved by Arnold and seconded by Mann to return to open session. Ayes all on a roll call vote

Mr. Mann moved to approve the IAFF Letter of Understanding in substantially the form presented with changes as recommended by the Township Attorney and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute when finalized. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

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O. ADJOURN

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

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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