

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:02 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

**ABSENT:** Steven Mann, Trustee, Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
Mark Wendel, Acting Fire Chief  
Ronald Witthoff, Township Attorney  
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey Associates  
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer  
Joseph Bridgman, Deputy Clerk  
17 Members of the Public

Mr. Reaume presented a proclamation for Constitution Week, September 17-23, to Doris Richard and Jacqueline Kenyon, local members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Proclamation to Fire Chief Randolph Maycock

Mr. Reaume then presented a proclamation recognizing Randolph Maycock, recently retired Fire Chief, for his 36 years of dedicated service to the Plymouth Community and wishing him a happy and rewarding retirement.

Chief Maycock thanked all who aided him in his efforts during that time.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 9, 2008, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Doroshewitz. Ayes all.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

E.1 Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 19, 2008

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E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		<b>Year 2008</b>
General Fund	(101)	\$423,429.91
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Water/Sewer	(592)	549,589.03
Improvement Revolving	(246)	15,475.14
Solid Waste Disposal	(226)	1,055.74
Trust and Agency	(701)	-
Tax Pool	(703)	-
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	221.07
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	1,607.19
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$991,378.08</b>

E.3 Approval of Easements – N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

- a. Communications – N/A
- b. Resolutions – N/A
- c. Reports – N/A

Mr. Doroshewitz requested that a modification be made to Section L, Page 8, of the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of August 19, where it reads “At Mr. Doroshewitz request, the Board discussed developing procedures for handling FOIA requests for better control.” He said an action item came out of the discussion whereby the Clerk’s office was to work with the other department heads to develop that procedure and present that to the Board.

Mrs. Massengill said it is being handled, with the Deputy Clerk working with the department heads. She said she felt it is not necessarily the Clerk’s duty, but could be whoever the Board designates. In her personal opinion, the requests should be handled by the Supervisor’s office, not the Clerk’s office.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to amend the today’s agenda to add, under New Business, discussion of appointing a FOIA coordinator.

Mr. Reaume reminded Mr. Doroshewitz that the agenda has already been approved, and Mr. Doroshewitz said he would bring up the FOIA discussion under Trustee Comments.

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Mr. Edwards asked that approval of the Township bills be removed

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 9, 2008, with the correction to the minutes on Page 8 and with the exception of payment of the Township bills. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards objected to the submission of \$73 in bills by Mrs. Massengill for a Saturday morning breakfast for staff and a lunch down at Wayne County. He felt they were against policy and not good for employee morale.

Mrs. Massengill said this has been done before so she asked for an invoice so she can repay the Township for the past, and he doesn't have to sign this check for this submission.

Mr. Edwards also questioned Diane Leclair acting as a challenger during the election recount for the Clerk's office while she was on the payroll for her regular Township position.

Mrs. Massengill said she asked Ms. Leclair to sign in as a challenger, a mistake that she should not have made.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the bills with the exception of one expense account billing of week ending 8/18/08 in the name of Massengill. The motion died for lack of support.

Mr. Reaume moved to approve payment for all of the listed Township invoices. Seconded by Ms. Arnold.

AYES: Reaume, Arnold, Doroshewitz, Massengill, Curmi.

NAYS: Edwards

Motion carried.

Mrs. Massengill asked that when the Trustees come in to review the bills, that the credit card backup material is reviewed.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS**

Jacqueline George, a resident on N. Territorial Road, asked that the Township contact Mr. Buckler, President and CEO of DTE Energy, to give an explanation for their delay in responding to the report of downed, sparking wires on her front lawn which necessitated local fire personnel to remain there for four hours at Township expense, risking safety coverage for other areas.

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Paula Bowman, President of the Northwestern Wayne County League of Women Voters, presented copies of an excerpt of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act with portions highlighted which they believe would allow use of the Township Hall for candidate forums. She explained that because of the cable companies no longer broadcasting these events themselves, the use of video taping equipment such as is available at Township Hall is essential so that these informational events can be broadcast to voters. She asked for reconsideration of the policy.

Mr. Reaume assured Ms. Bowman that her information will be forwarded to Attorney Cronin as he makes a recommendation for policy. He also assured Ms. George that the governmental relations at DTE will be contacted regarding the downed wire incident.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A**

**H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – N/A**

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- I.1** Request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Dhake Industries covering the expansion of an existing facility  
Resolution No. 08-09-09-19

Township Attorney Ronald Witthoff indicated the applicant has provided to the Clerk the revised lease which coincides with the 12-year term of the tax abatement, which was the open item causing the delay from the last Board meeting when the public hearing was held.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to approve Resolution No. 08-09-09-19, granting the request from Dhake Industries for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate covering the expansion to an existing facility located at 15169 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on the 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 August 19, 2008, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, by resolution, established an Industrial Development District for Dahke Industries, located at 15169 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Dhake Industries filed an application on June 27, 2008, requesting a twelve (12) year, after completion, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to

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the cost of an addition to an existing facility located at 15169 Northville Road; and to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 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, commencement of the addition to the existing facility had not begun earlier than six (6) months before June 27, 2008, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the addition to the facility is calculated to and will, at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or present 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.
2. The application of Dhake Industries for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the addition of the existing facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within an Industrial Development District, to wit:

Dhake Industries  
15169 Northville Road  
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be and the same is hereby approved.

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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.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**J.1 2008 Senior Bus**

Mr. Reaume explained the reasons for needing an adjustment in the expenditure of the Township for their share of the cost of the Senior Bus since the original motion in October, 2007, for \$15,000.

Ms. Arnold moved to change the expenditure for the new 2008 Senior Bus from \$15,000 to \$16,905.25 and approved payment of the invoice. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

**J.2 2008 Millage Rate Request**

Board members discussed the 4.0000 millage rate for 2008, which is the same as the current rate.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the 2008 Tax Rate Request for the Charter Township of Plymouth and authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. Seconded by Mr. Doroshewitz. Ayes all.

**J.3 2008/2009 WTUA Budget  
Resolution No. 08-09-09-20**

Aaron Sprague and Cindy Cezat of The Western Townships Utilities Authority explained the increase in their 2008/2009 budget, citing 6.82% of uncontrollable increased costs—80% for waste water treatment, 10% electrical costs, and chemical and other increases at 3% or less each.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution 08-09-09-20, approving the budget for the Western Townships Utilities Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2008, the Board of Commissioners of the Western Townships Utilities Authority adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to present the budget to each of its member townships for approval.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved.

**K. DEPARTMENT REVIEW AND COMMENTS – N/A**

**L. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Reaume informed the Board of a grand opening of a new business in the township and asked Acting Fire Chief Wendell for an update on the installation of a new warning system.

Ms. Arnold asked that spread sheets such as those recently received from Labor Attorney Cholak be available to the Board for future negotiations.

Ms. Arnold had questions regarding as to why health insurance isn't included in the fringe benefits being investigated by the Conference of Western Wayne for cost reductions. Mr. Reaume explained that according to the Insurance Commission current rules, each policy is considered to be separate.

She also questioned why the Supervisor was invited to the Bio-Med building ribbon-cutting at Schoolcraft College. Mr. Reaume indicated he was invited because he was a former trustee of the school.

Mr. Curmi reminded Mr. Edwards of the request for a non-labor accounting of the expenses of the fireworks and 4<sup>th</sup> of July community picnic.

Mr. Doroshewitz said there is a need to discuss with Attorney Cronin, in conjunction with the request from the League of Women Voters, a policy for the use of the Township Hall facilities for candidate forums so it will be in place prior to the upcoming election.

He also discussed putting a process together in a timely manner for handling the FOIA requests so none will fall through the cracks. He believes a single point of contact is needed for tracking, reporting, and follow-up.

Mrs. Massengill indicated her office is working with the Police and Fire Departments, but she personally wants the requests to go through the Supervisor's office. In answer to Mr. Doroshewitz' question as to when a process would be recommended, she indicated recommendations will come to the Board in October.

Mr. Doroshewitz asked what will be done about the employee who served as a recount challenger while on the Township payroll. Mrs. Massengill said it was her fault, and she will work with the employee to make up the time she served in that capacity.

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**M. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Bridgman, speaking as a resident of the community rather than as a Township employee, objected strenuously to the accusations made of Mrs. Massengill who has been a loyal, hard-working employee of the Township for 39 years.

**N. ADJOURN**

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

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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