

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008**

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
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT: Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey Associates
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer
Joseph Bridgman, Deputy Clerk
14 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of October 14, 2008, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

- E.1 Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 23, 2008
- E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2008
General Fund	(101)	\$849,013.85
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Water/Sewer	(592)	176,683.39
Improvement Revolving	(246)	32,543.43
Solid Waste Disposal	(226)	7,784.75
Trust and Agency	(701)	7,250.00
Tax Pool	(703)	88,073.61
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	-
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	4,569.33
Total:		\$1,165,918.36

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- E.3 Approval of Easements – N/A
- E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports
 - a. Communications
Thank you note to Fire Department from Knights of Columbus
Thank you email to Parks Department from Hella Electronics Corporation
 - b. Resolutions – N/A
 - c. Reports
Assessing Department, October 2008

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of October 14, 2008, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi asked Mr. Reaume about the State Tax Commission investigating problems.

Mr. Reaume responded that a resident alleged that not all the residential properties were in the assessing records and the State Tax Commission came out to investigate. Their report is due to the Township soon. For the record, all residential parcels are into the system at this time. There were just a few acreage parcels that are not, where there is no building standing or there might be a home standing on five acres or ten acres. They have to go through a different process to evaluate those.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

G. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – N/A

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I.1** IAFF Agreement
Postponed at September 23, 2008 meeting

Mr. Mann said he appreciated the additional time to review the document.

Mr. Mann moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Agreement, effective April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2009, between IAFF Local 1496 and the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

- I.2** Freedom of Information Act Request
Postponed at September 23, 2008 meeting

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Board members discussed various aspects of the proposed policy regarding FOIA requests such as who should coordinate, how tracking reports should be done and how often.

Mr. Mann said he believes Attorney Cronin should look at the proposed policy and that Mr. Doroshewitz will appreciate an opportunity to review the latest changes before approval.

Attorney Cronin gave his take on the need for a policy and expressed his concerns and forwarded practical considerations involved in answering the requests. These included whether a request is for “information” as opposed to “records”, determining if what is requested is exempt from disclosure for various reasons, determining what it takes to put the records together to specifically answer the question, and deciding whether the Clerk has access to the records being sought in addition to the complete cooperation of other departments that might be involved.

Mr. Mann moved to postpone consideration of the Freedom of Information Act Request Policy until October 28, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

AYES: Mann, Curmi, Edwards, Reaume

NAYS: Arnold, Massengill

Motion carried.

I.3 Charter Township of Plymouth Personnel Policies and Procedures

Ms. Arnold indicated she believes more information must be obtained before updating the current manual.

Ms. Arnold moved to postpone consideration of revisions to the Charter Township of Plymouth Personnel Policies and Procedures. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

I.4 Bank Deposit Safety

Postponed at September 23, 2008 meeting

Mr. Edwards indicated the FDIC took over Main Street Bank of Northville which has a branch in Plymouth. They immediately had a buyer for it, Monroe Bank and Trust. The news lately, according to the FDIC and Treasury Secretary, is that banks won't be going under. Depositors are now insured for \$100,000 or \$250,000.

In response to Mr. Curmi's questions at the last meeting, Mr. Edwards indicated that right now Township money is in two banks, Comerica and Flagstar Bank. He noted the Board can direct where the investments go and can set percentages. He doesn't recommend it, as markets change. He thinks there has been a good success rate. Since he's been in

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office, the Township has not lost a cent of principal and has done very well with interest earnings.

However, there are concerns out there. He passed out information regarding CDARS, which Flagstar Bank is involved with. The Michigan Banking Association went to the House and the Senate to allow this type of investment. It is expected to be signed into law quickly. This allows Flagstar, or any other participating bank, to take money to buy up to \$50,000 worth of CD's with that bank. They basically distribute this around the country to other banks up to \$250,000 each. The banks basically exchange CD's among themselves. People who put this together are former FDIC people. It's in current use right now for individuals, but according to State law, governmental units cannot do it because of Public Act 20 which has to be changed to allow it. This will be available in a couple of weeks, and other banks will also be doing this. Interest rates will be a little bit lower.

Mr. Edwards continued that this method will fully insure Township funds. Right now the Township is insured for \$3 million under the changes by the FDIC, leaving about \$9 million above the FDIC line, as in the past.

He doesn't see the banks the Township currently uses going under. The FDIC and Treasury are buying into the banks in order to infuse them with capital. In the early 1990's there were 1500 banks on watch, and now there are only 117 banks on watch.

He noted one good thing coming out of this crisis is that CD interest rates went up one percent, but he has no idea whether they will stay there.

When CDARS passes, he will be making changes to take advantage of it and bringing back the investment policy for changes.

Mr. Curmi asked if Mr. Edwards is worried about Flagstar Bank.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the ratings of various banks, including Flagstar at 2 and 4.

He currently recommends going to CDARS to be fully insured, then going from there.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Proposed 2009 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the 2009 Board of Trustee meeting dates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

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Dates are as follows:

January 20	April 21	July 21	October 13 & 27
February 17	May 12 & 26	August 18	November 17
March 10 & 24	June 9 & 23	September 8 & 22	December 15

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

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

- J.2** Approve the adoption of the 2006 International Fire Code with Appendices as the Township Fire Code and the Repeal of Ordinance C-2005-07
Ordinance No. C-2008-01

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-2008-01, adopting the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices as the Township Fire Code and the repeal of Ordinance C-2005-07. Seconded by Mr. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

J.3 Charter Township of Plymouth Independence Day Celebrations

Mr. Edwards gave a photographic presentation of the picnic and fireworks activities. Listed were many of the volunteers and donors who helped to make the day special. He included a financial report which listed donations at \$27,487.15. Payments included \$23,278.41 to Zambelli Fireworks and \$4,201.33 expended to cover items not donated. A balance of \$7.41 is left for next year, along with 55 cases of pop.

Mr. Curmi asked to see a complete list of donors and was invited by Mr. Edwards to view the list in his office. He said some donors do not wish their donations to be made public to avoid bombardment by others for donations.

Mr. Mann thanked Mr. Edwards and his family and the volunteers for their efforts in coordinating the celebrations.

K. DEPARTMENT REVIEW AND COMMENTS – N/A

L. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume reported on the Sheldon Road underpass progress. He said the bridge is completed and the trains should be running October 27.

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In answer to Ms. Arnold's request, Mr. Reaume said he has researched various other communities who are turning to a 4-day work week to save energy.

Mr. Edwards answered Ms. Arnold's questions regarding the ADP billing that was delayed last month. He indicated the billing covered a month's use of ADP's server, which is preferred over the Township purchasing their own because requiring constant updates and maintenance. The bill was included in the Township bills for this month which were approved earlier at the meeting.

Mr. Curmi asked for justification from Mr. Edwards of figures for the ADP system. Mr. Edwards agreed to attempt to have a breakdown for the next meeting.

Mr. Edwards had answers for Mr. Schnettler regarding his questions at the last meeting on an entry of \$9140.50. Postings included hydrant rental, donations for fire equipment, and a posting error that went to refundables rather than developer deposits, and miscellaneous income.

Ms. Arnold asked Mr. Edwards for a chart of accounts.

Mr. Curmi had several questions including the selling status of the old property, where the newsletter is on the web site, when the Board will be able to review the calendar for the coming year, what the effect of the water tower has been, how well the Board of Review members are trained, when the budget assumptions will be received, and the possibility of holding operational meetings with the Huron Valley Authority.

With regard to the water tower, Engineer Fellrath indicated the system improvements are being continually monitored. He recalled a 3-page summary report was issued of the operating status, and this will be updated.

Mr. Reaume said the SCADA system is due to be installed and training done. He agreed to set up an opportunity for the Board to examine it.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

N. ADJOURN

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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