

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Joe Bridgman, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Michael Kelly, Trustee
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James Anulewicz, Director of Public Services
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Stephanie Harbour, Dietrich Bailey Associates
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
21 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. Reaume asked that a second item be added to the list of things considered in closed session: IAFF Letter of Understanding. He then moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of July 21, 2009 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes
Special Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

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E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2009
General Fund	(101)	\$168,728.89
General Fund		-
Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	(226)	12,654.68
Improvement Revolving Fund	(246)	12,952.93
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	22.98
Water & Sewer Fund	(592)	160,263.58
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	10,681.38
Tax Pool Fund	(703)	12,891.32
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	-
Total:		\$378,195.76

E.3 Approval of Easements: N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

a. Communications:

Thank you letter to Firefighters Christine Perez and Rick Tefend from Dawn Wheeler, Property Administrator for Independence Village of Plymouth

c. Resolutions: N/A

d. Reports:

Passport Recap 2009
FOIA Requests Report, June 2009
Building Department, June 2009
Fire Department, June 2009

Mr. Bridgman moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of July 21, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Carol Leroue, resident of the township, asked that the Board of Trustees review their ordinances with regard to open burning fires such as fire pits.

Bill Abraham asked that the Board consider other alternatives such as combining transportation with the senior van, rather than having to cancel transportation for the handicapped completely.

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G. PUBLIC HEARING

- G.1** Resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Park Project
Resolution No. 09-07-21-23

Patrick McGow, Attorney from Miller Canfield, explained the need for this action to proceed with the demolition of the park maintenance building and eligible clean-up costs of the property prior to replacement construction. This will be paid from the local site remediation revolving fund.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. There being no public discussion, the hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 09-07-21-23, approving the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Park Project as submitted by the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

- G.2** Request from Secure-24, Inc. for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at their facility located at 44675 Helm Court, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan
Resolution No. 09-07-21-24

Joseph Fazio, attorney representing Secure-24, Inc., and Ray Dido of Secure-24, Inc., addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Cronin reviewed the concerns in the letter from Mr. Witthoff of their firm.

Mr. Mann was granted permission to abstain from voting because Secure-24, Inc., is a client of his employer, Miller Canfield.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. There being no public discussion, the hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

Mr. Bridgman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-07-21-24 for Secure-24, Inc., for a twelve year Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate for improvements to their facility located at 44675 Helm Court, Metro-West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, conditioned upon the Clerk receiving the appropriate executed amendment to the lease and the executed tax abatement contract. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote, with Mr. Mann abstaining.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

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H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I.1 Discussion of the Township’s Dental Program

The Board discussed the difference of being self-funded or fully-insured through A.D.N.

The Board reviewed the information regarding the dental claims paid vs. the dental insurance premiums paid for the past years, 2003 thru June of 2009.

It was the consensus of the Board to remain fully-insured rather than become self-insured at this time, with periodic research to be done in the future.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Presentation of the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Joe Heffernan, Martin Olinick and Keri Shea of Plante and Moran, PLLC, reviewed the 2008 audit and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Edwards moved to receive and file the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

J.2 Commercial / Industrial Tax Appeals – Property Assessments

Glen Shaw and Doug Shaw of Wayne County Appraisal Assessing presented an updated report to Board members on the industrial and commercial tax tribunal appeals. The 2009 deadline for residential appeals has not yet been reached.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the consent agreement with Tower Automotive in regard to their 2009 taxable value, based on Tower Automotive paying for the cost of the additional appraisal. Seconded by Mr. Reaume. Ayes all.

J.3 Telecommunications Permit application extension request from Michigan Bell Telephone d/b/a AT&T Michigan

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the extension request from Michigan Bell Telephone d/b/a AT&T Michigan, with all conditions of the existing permit to continue, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement letter. Seconded by Mr. Bridgman. Ayes all.

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J.4 Plymouth Community Fire Department Fire Chief Position

Mr. Reaume indicated that Assistant Fire Chief Mark Wendel was the top candidate for the position of Fire Chief, as a result of the tests administered by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Mann moved to approve the appointment of Mark Wendel as Fire Chief of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, effective Monday, July 27, 2009, and upon Human Resource requirements being satisfied. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume indicated the latest newsletter has been mailed, with no additional printing charges for colored copies.

Mr. Reaume asked Chief Tiderington to comment on receiving a grant of approximately \$157,000 to improve the 911 emergency dispatch system.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Edwards said the fireworks and picnic were well attended and thanked the sponsors and volunteers. He thanked Mr. Bridgman for his efforts in obtaining help from the Kiwanis Clubs.

He also commented on a meeting with the City of Plymouth regarding the Community Fire Department. The City is having a study done to determine what their cost-saving options might be such as public safety.

Board members also expressed pride in once again being nominated by MONEY magazine as one of the best 100 places to live, this time rising to No. 28.

Mr. Doroshewitz thanked Mr. Edwards for his hard work on the successful picnic and fireworks.

Mr. Bridgman noted that temporary/part-time help has been hired to aid Ron Berry in the Accounting Department.

Ms. Arnold asked for reconsideration by those who have not cut their salaries by 10%.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

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N. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:49 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Bridgman and seconded by Mr. Mann that a closed session be called for the purpose of

RE: Contract Negotiations – COAM, POAM, TPOAM
IAFF Letter of Understanding

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

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 9:57p.m., it was moved by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Edwards to return to open session

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

O. ADJOURN

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

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Joseph Bridgman, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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