

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009**

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
Joe Bridgman, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Michael Kelly, Trustee
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT: None

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

Mr. Mann read a proclamation and presented Mr. Edwards with a plaque, thanking him and his family for their 13 years of hard work in organizing and running the Good Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic and, in recent years, returning the Community Fireworks program. He also presented Mr. Edwards with a set of tongs to pass along to Mr. Doroshewitz who will be taking over next year.

Mr. Reaume gave a presentation of pictures from the last picnic and fireworks program and thanked all contributors to both activities.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2009

Mr. Bridgman asked to amend the agenda by the removal of Item J.4 under New Business, Amend 2009 General Fund Budget. He then moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of August 18, 2009 as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold.

Ms. Arnold then moved to add a new Item J.4 under New Business, Compensation for Elected Officials. Seconded by Mr. Mann.

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AYES: Arnold, Mann, Doroshewitz, Edwards, Kelly, Reaume
NAYS: Bridgman

Motion carried.

Vote on the original motion: Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2009

E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2009
General Fund	(101)	\$1,296,054.98
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	(226)	107,828.45
Improvement Revolving Fund	(246)	740,298.50
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	6,587.85
Water & Sewer Fund	(592)	978,176.28
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	6,195.52
Tax Pool Fund	(703)	-
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	-
Total:		\$3,135,141.58

E.3 Approval of Easements: N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

a. Communications:
Thank you letter to Firefighters Rick Abraham and Greg Mangan
from Susan Driscoll

c. Resolutions: N/A

d. Reports:
FOIA Requests Report, July 2009
Building Department, July 2009
Fire Department, July 2009
Police Department, May and June 2009

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Mr. Bridgman moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of August 18, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Sheila Vander expressed her interest in eventually having the Board consider making a public pool available for township residents.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

**J.1 WTUA Bond Refunding
Resolution No. 09-08-18-25**

Aaron Sprague, Director of WTUA, and Robert Buczynski of Buczynski and Company addressed the Board and answered questions with regard to refunding (refinancing) approximately \$51,000,000 in WTUA bonds. The potential savings would be \$2,000,000 over 8 years, with 25% applicable to Plymouth Township.

Mr. Mann moved to approve Resolution No. 09-08-18-25, authorizing the Western Township Utilities Authority to refund the 2001 Series Bonds. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

J.2 Amendments to the Water and Sewer System Ordinance

Joe Heffernan of Plante and Moran presented the historical trends for the Water and Sewer Fund regarding revenues vs. expenditures, working capital, and rates compared to costs. Recommendations were for rate increases as follows: \$7.53 for hydrant water over the present \$6.24/1000 gallons, \$4.63 for the sewage disposal rate over the present rate of \$3.52/1000 gallons, and increases in minimum sewage rates and single residences unmetered water.

The Board recessed briefly between 7:53 and 7:57 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve for first reading Ordinance C-2009-10, adopting the amendments to the Water and Sewer Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Reaume.

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NAYS: Bridgman, Mann

Motion carried.

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J.3 Dental Insurance Carrier

Mr. Reaume explained that the earlier calculation of the ADN base rates by the CWW Purchasing Cooperative did not include the 5% commission for the ADN options. Since then Delta Dental has lowered their rates to practically equal the ADN rates and will match the 2-year rate guarantee. The recommendation is that the Board retain the current dental insurance carrier, Delta Dental, who has a broader network.

Mr. Mann moved to rescind the July 1, 2009 motion approving dental benefits through ADN and continue purchasing dental insurance with Delta Dental. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

J.4 Compensation for Elected Officials

Board members discussed at length their opinions regarding their salaries. No action was taken.

K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume discussed with Board members scheduling future budget work sessions. The following dates were scheduled, all Mondays at 6:30 p.m.: September 21 and 28 and October 5.

He announced a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Secure 24 on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Bridgman acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Michigan Municipal League, asking for the appointment of a representative and an alternate to their conference September 22-25.

Mr. Bridgman moved the appointment of Mr. Reaume as Plymouth Township's representative and Mr. Edwards as alternate to the Michigan Municipal League Conference September 22-25. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

N. ADJOURN

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Moved by Ms. Arnold , supported by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all.

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Joseph Bridgman, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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