

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Joe Bridgman, Clerk, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Mark Wendel, Fire Chief
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Eric Bacyinski, Deputy Clerk
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
129 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Monday, December 19, 2011

Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of December 19, 2011. Ayes all.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, 2011

E.2 Acceptance of Utility Easements:

E.3 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

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E.4 Approval of Township Bills:

		Year 2011
General Fund	(101)	
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	
Police Bond Fund	(702)	
Tax Fund	(703)	
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	
Total:		\$ 0.00

Moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of December 19, 2011. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS - There were none.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution Establishing Special Assessment Fire District (SAD) Boundaries and Ballot Language
Resolution No. 11-12-19-37

Attorney Tim Cronin explained PA 33 process. He also noted how this type of Special Assessment District differs from that of the more familiar kind for road paving or sidewalks. Although not required to make the assessments, creation of an SAD under PA 33 authorizes the Township Board to assess up to 10 mills for capital improvements and an unlimited amount for operation and maintenance to be determined at an annual public hearing.

Mr. Joe Heffernan of Plante and Moran presented financial information which would result in the estimated 2013 SAD rate of 2.44 mills to appear on the December 1, 2012 tax bill for the 2013 fiscal year. This would result in an increase of \$268.83 to the owner of a home valued at \$220,000 which has an assessed value of \$110,000.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Twenty-two residents addressed the Board, offering their opinions and conveying their concerns and suggestions.

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The public hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Doroshewitz offered their views on the motion to be presented.

Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Resolution No. 11-12-19-37, establishing the Special Assessment District Fire District (SAD) boundaries and ballot language.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mann, Edwards, Arnold, Doroshewitz, Kelly, Reaume
NAYS: None
EXCUSED: Bridgman

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11-12-19-37 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth having conducted a public hearing pursuant to PA 33 of 1951; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board having presented an estimate of the cost and expenses of the fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and fire protection (maintenance and operation); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board having heard objections that were offered against the estimate and the creation of this Special Assessment Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board being required to determine the boundaries of the Special Assessment Fire District and determine the Fire SAD ballot language.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the boundaries of the Special Assessment Fire District shall be all of the land within the Charter Township of Plymouth except land that is exempt from taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire SAD ballot language shall be as follows:

Fire SAD Ballot Language

A proposal to create a special assessment district for fire services comprising all of the land of the Charter Township of Plymouth except tax exempt property under Public Act 33 of the Public Acts of 1951, MCL 41.801 et seq., thereby authorizing the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees, after public hearing, to annually assess and levy on the lands specially benefited an ad valorem special assessment based on the

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taxable value of the property in the special assessment district, in an amount not to exceed .10 percent of the taxable value of the property assessed (10 mills) for fire vehicles, equipment, apparatus and housing; and further authorizing the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees, after public hearing, to annually assess and levy on the lands specially benefited an ad valorem special assessment based on the taxable value of the property in the special assessment district, in the amount necessary for operation and maintenance of fire services.

Shall the proposed Special Assessment Fire District be created and the assessment be authorized?

Yes

No

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be received and retained by the Township Clerk in the manner prescribed by Michigan Election Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is directed to certify the Fire SAD ballot language to the appropriate office in Wayne County government.

All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed.

Attorney Cronin discussed how submission of the Resolution to Wayne County before the deadline could be handled in the absence of the Clerk.

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS - There were none.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four residents offered further comments regarding the establishment of the Fire District SAD.

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M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.
Ayes all.

Eric Bacyinski, Deputy Clerk

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