

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patrick Fellrath, Director of Public Utilities  
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
Mark Wendel, Fire Chief  
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney  
Thomas Dohr, Spalding, DeDecker Associates  
Eric Bacyinski, Deputy Clerk  
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
23 Members of the Public

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. Reaume added the following items under J) New Business:

- J.5 Five Mile Road Pump Station - Foundation Work
- J.6 Five Mile Road Pump Station - Waterproofing Work
- J.7 Planning Commission Reappointments

and added the following items to be discussed in Closed Session:

- TPOAM Contract Negotiations
- IAFF Contract Negotiations
- Michigan Tax Tribunal Lawsuit, Inn at St. John's vs. Plymouth Twp. Settlement Offer

He then moved to approve the amended agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of June 19, 2012 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Mann.

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The above motion was amended, with the agreement of the maker and supporter, to add

- J.8 Mail Delivery Handling Procedure for Handling Absentee Ballots

Ayes all.

**E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- E.1 **Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 22, 2012

- E.2 **Acceptance of Utility Easements:**

- E.3 **Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:**

Letter to Fire Department  
Public Hearing date of July 17, 2012 for Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate  
Building Department, May 2012  
Fire Department, May 2012  
FOIA Report, May 2012

- E.4 **Approval of Township Bills:**

		<b>Year 2012</b>
General Fund	(101)	\$841,482.18
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	12,021.72
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	44,751.40
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	12,917.64
Golf Course Fund	(510)	46,998.99
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	1,028,755.66
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	21,318.50
Police Bond Fund	(702)	8,095.00
Tax Fund	(703)	-
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	-
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,016,341.09</b>

Moved by Mr. Bridgman, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of June 19, 2012. Ayes all.

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**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

A resident had questions about how unsolicited driveway delivery of advertising material can be stopped. Attorney Cronin noted the protections for free commercial speech by the Supreme Court. Mr. Reaume indicated a phone number will be posted on the website which allows opting out of receiving these materials.

A resident expressed concern about the appearance and the possibility of a fire hazard in the dry landscaping at Johnson Controls. Mr. Doroshewitz explained they converted to natural landscaping which does not get watered.

Three members of the public expressed their concerns about the installation of smart meters.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

**H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**1) 2012 Sidewalk Repair Program**

Mr. Fellrath explained the recommended bidder has satisfactorily performed work previously for the Township.

Moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to award the 2012 Sidewalk Repair Contract to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$97,072.50, and to authorize the execution of the contract documents by the Supervisor and Clerk. Ayes all.

**2) 2011 Financial Review**

Board members reviewed the financial figures for 2011 presented by Mr. Edwards.

**3) Solid Waste Disposal Fee – Credit**

As the costs of this enterprise fund must be matched with revenues received, a two-month credit is recommended for this fee which is charged on water bills.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Doroshewitz, to approve a two-month credit for July and August, 2012 for the Solid Waste Disposal Fee. Ayes all.

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**4) Water and Sewer Rates**

Mr. Joe Heffernan of Plante and Moran, auditors for the Township, reviewed the water and sewer fund figures and noted the cost-cutting procedures and capital improvements resulted in a more favorable water rate from Detroit.

Moved by Mr. Bridgman, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to revise the Comprehensive Fee Schedule water rate from \$3.80 to \$3.35 per one thousand gallons and retain the current sewage disposal rate at \$5.25; and, further, to revise the Comprehensive Fee Schedule with the addition of the Water Cross Connection Control Inspection Charge of \$250 per inspection. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards also noted the minimum water usage rates would need adjustment in the Comprehensive Fee Schedule as a result of the reduction in the water rate.

**5) Five Mile Road Pump Station - Foundation Work**

Mr. Fellrath explained that the low bidder's references have been checked by DeMattia Group.

Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Ms. Arnold, to award the foundation work for the Five Mile Road Pump Station to Moretti Foundation of Woodhaven, Michigan in the amount of \$58,225. Ayes all.

**6) Five Mile Road Pump Station - Waterproofing Work**

References have been checked by DeMattia for the recommended bidder, per Mr. Fellrath.

Moved by Ms. Arnold, supported by Mr. Edwards, to award the waterproofing work for the Five Mile Road Pump Station to Royal Restoration of Livonia in the amount of \$11,304. Ayes all.

**7) Planning Commission Reappointments**

Mr. Reaume explained that the Planning Commission had nine members in the past; however, with the earlier resignation of a member who moved out of the community and the decision of Carol Davis to retire, the Commission will now have seven members with these reappointments.

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Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the reappointment of Kay Arnold and William Pratt to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms expiring on June 30, 2015. Ayes all.

**8) Mail Delivery Handling Procedure for Handling Absentee Ballots**

Mr. Doroshewitz had questions regarding the procedures for pickup of ballots at the post office and the Township Hall mailbox.

Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz that there is no occasion where ballots would be picked up at the post office other than election night, that periodically two employees get the ballots out of the box, and that after they're checked in, two employees would put them into the secured ballot box.

Motion died for lack of support.

**K. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Reaume commented on the decrease of legacy costs through negotiation and arbitration. He also presented pictures of improvements to the water tower and the golf course. Again, it is recommended that watering be done between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. or noon to 6 p.m. to keep water rates down.

Mr. Edwards indicated the fireworks will be held on July 3, with a July 5 rain date. He's recruiting 185 bicycle riders for a pre-parade on July 4th. He also acknowledged receiving a plaque for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mr. Edwards asked the Board's consideration for a 4% interest rate for an upcoming ten-year special assessment district. The 8% rate was set years ago.

Mr. Doroshewitz called for volunteers for the picnic on July 4.

Ms. Arnold noted that Plymouth Road is now open and the Ann Arbor Trail bridge should be completed in mid-July. Then Ann Arbor Road will be reduced to one lane.

Mr. Bridgman reported on sending out 4500 dual election absentee ballot applications, which keeps costs down. Approximately 2500 have been returned. With Wayne County's last-minute changes, he anticipates receiving the ballots from the printer later than the originally scheduled June 23. They should be in the hands of the absentee voters by the week of July 9.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A resident had questions regarding who had keys to the Township Hall drop box.

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Three members of the public reiterated their concerns regarding smart meters and requested support of HB 5411 and HB 5439.

**M. CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:17 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Bridgman, seconded by Ms. Arnold that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing:

POAM Contract Negotiations  
TPOAM Contract Negotiations  
IAFF Contract Negotiations  
Michigan Tax Tribunal Lawsuit, Inn at St. John's vs. Plymouth Twp. Settlement Offer

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (c). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 10:42 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Edwards to return to open session. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Reaume, seconded by Ms. Arnold, that the TPOAM Letter of Understanding covering furlough days be approved as discussed in closed session. Ayes all.

Moved by Mr. Reaume, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve the Michigan Tax Tribunal Case, Inn of St. John's vs. Plymouth Township settlement offer as discussed and presented in closed session. Aye all.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Mann, supported by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m. Ayes all.

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Joseph Bridgman, MMC  
Township Clerk

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