

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Nancy Conzelman, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Michael Kelly, 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
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Michelle Lozier, Deputy Clerk
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
29 Members of the Public

Fire Captain J. Davison expressed thanks and presented a plaque on behalf of the City of Northville Fire Department to the Board and Fire Chief Wendel for the Plymouth Township Fire Department's help in fighting the blaze at the fire station in the City of Plymouth and for allowing use of Fire Station 2 until repairs were completed.

D. PROCLAMATION - Honoring Pat Thomas, Director, Plymouth District Library

Mr. Reaume read a proclamation honoring Pat Thomas upon her retirement after 34 years of serving as Director of the Plymouth District Library.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Moved by Ms. Conzelman, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 10, 2013. Ayes all.

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F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes:

Special Meeting - August 20, 2013
Regular Meeting - August 20, 2013

E.2 Acceptance of Utility Easements:

E.3 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

Letter from City of Detroit - DWSD Water Contract Renegotiation Process
Building Report - August 2013
FOIA Report - August 2013

E.4 Approval of Township Bills:

		Year 2013
General Fund	(101)	\$ 866,564.95
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	111,796.30
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	112.50
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	22,303.35
Golf Course Fund	(510)	25,751.91
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	662,632.84
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	10,853.49
Police Bond Fund	(702)	8,735.00
Tax Fund	(703)	-0-
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	10,035.11
Total:		\$ 1,718,784.45

Moved by Ms. Conzelman, seconded by Mr. Curmi, to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 10, 2013 as presented. Ayes all.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Woodlore South Road Rehabilitation Project - Resolution 2013-09-10-33

Mr. Rhett Gronevelt, P.E. of Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment, Inc., addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the road conditions, repairs contemplated, and estimated costs.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

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A resident of the subdivision and member of the homeowners' association read a letter thanking the Board for the opportunity to move forward with the road repairs and special assessment district.

A resident had questions regarding why Wayne County would not assume responsibility for the repairs to the road, which it owns.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Curmi, to approve Resolution No. 2013-09-10-33 authorizing the Engineer to complete final engineering drawings, to take bids, and have the Supervisor prepare the final Special Assessment Roll for Woodlore South Road Rehabilitation for the Board's approval upon completion of the thirty (30) day waiting period, provided no objections have been filed. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

I. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Request for Board Action - Approve Resolution 2013-09-10-34 Scheduling Hearing of Necessity for Ridgewood Drive Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment District (SAD)

Mr. Gronevelt addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the proposed road rehabilitation for Ridgewood Drive.

Moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Conzelman, to approve Resolution No. 2013-09-10-34 scheduling the Public Hearing of Necessity for the Ridgewood Drive Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment District (SAD) on October 8, 2013 resolving tentatively to make the improvements and designate the Special Assessment District. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

- 2) Request for Board Action - Intergovernmental Agreement for Resurfacing Sheldon Road - Sidewalk Project - Resolution 2013-09-10-35

Moved by Mr. Curmi, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve Resolution No. 2013-09-10-35 authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and Charter Township of Plymouth for Resurfacing of Sheldon Road from M-14 Freeway to Five Mile providing for the construction of the new sidewalk along Sheldon Road. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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K. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Compensation Commission Reappointment – Jack Dempsey

Mr. Dempsey was unable to continue as a Compensation Commissioner, and the appointment of Randy Jost was proposed to replace him.

Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Ms. Arnold, to approve the appointment of Randy Jost to the Compensation Commission for a five-year term expiring on August 14, 2017.

AYES: Edwards, Arnold, Conzelman, Reaume
NAYS: Curmi, Doroshewitz, Kelly

Motion carried.

- 2) Compensation Commission Appointment – Jerry Jagacki

Moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Conzelman, to approve the appointment of Jerry Jagacki to the Compensation Commission to serve the remainder of the five-year term expiring August 14, 2014.

AYES: Edwards, Arnold, Conzelman, Reaume
NAYS: Curmi, Doroshewitz, Kelly

Motion carried.

- 3) Compensation Commission Appointment - Sarah Gatzek

Moved by Ms. Conzelman, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve the appointment of Sarah Gatzek to the Compensation Commission for a five-year term expiring on August 14, 2018.

AYES: Edwards, Arnold, Conzelman, Reaume
NAYS: Curmi, Doroshewitz, Kelly

Motion carried.

- 4) Request for Board Action - Approve 2013 Millage Rate

Mr. Edwards noted that the tax rate requested is 4.00 mills, out of a maximum allowable rate of 4.01 mills.

Moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve the 2013 Tax Rate Request for the Charter Township of Plymouth and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign. Ayes all.

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6) Request for Board Action - Approve 2014 Meeting Dates

Moved by Mr. Curmi, seconded by Ms. Conzelman, to approve the following 2014 Board of Trustee meeting dates:

Jan 14	Apr 15	Jul 22	Oct 7 and Oct 21
Feb 11	May 1 3 ⁵ and May 27	Aug 19	Nov 18
Mar 18	Jun 17	Sep 9 and Sep 23	Dec 9

Ayes all.

6) Request for Board Action - Communication Plan

Mr. Doroshewitz discussed with Board members his request for a formal communication plan to inform the public on the details of the new meeting center (pavilion) and amphitheater.

Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz, seconded by Mr. Curmi, to direct the Supervisor to formulate and execute a communication plan to inform the public on the plans for the park pavillion and amphitheater that includes 1) the full cost of ownership – including the cost to build, outfit with fixtures and furniture and to operate; 2) the projected usage of facilities; and 3) the policy and ordinance changes necessary to support the usage.

AYES: Doroshewitz, Curmi
NAYS: Arnold, Conzelman, Edwards, Kelly, Reaume

Motion ~~carried~~defeated.

7) Request for Board Action - Litigation Limits

Board members discussed with Attorney Cronin Mr. Doroshewitz' request for clarification of legal authority and responsibilities of the Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustees in matters of ongoing litigation for and against the Township.

8) Request for Board Action – Ethics

Board members discussed at length Mr. Doroshewitz' request to have Township Attorney Cronin draft an ordinance regarding ethics for elected officials.

Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz, seconded by Mr. Curmi, to direct and authorize the Township Attorney to investigate and draft an elected officials' ethics ordinance, as it relates to gift giving to elected officials and their appointees, identifying appropriate exceptions such as campaign contributions and things generally available to groups, and utilizing the elements in the attachment.

The motion was withdrawn by the maker and supporter.

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Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz, seconded by Mr. Curmi, to direct and authorize the Township Attorney to investigate model ethics codes and common practices as they relate to gift giving by suppliers and anybody doing business with the Township and to bring back recommendations to the Board for elements that could be drafted into an ethics ordinance.

AYES: Doroshewitz, Curmi, Kelly
NAYS: Arnold, Conzelman, Edwards, Reaume

Motion defeated.

L. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Arnold reminded board members of the long-standing rule that agenda items must be submitted to the Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday to facilitate delivery of the agenda and board packet by Friday.

Mr. Reaume recommended that certain topics be discussed at special meetings or study sessions. Study sessions were suggested for Tuesdays, October 1 and October 15.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident said he was with the mayor of a city who spent the entire weekend telling him about all the kick-backs he received including trips all over the country to Las Vegas, Mackinaw and Atlanta, Georgia. The resident questioned why the board voted against the last motion concerning ethics but said that he wasn't making allegations against anyone except the mayor of the city he referred to.

A resident felt that researching neighboring communities for salary information for the Compensation Commission should not be done by Township staff because it might influence the commission.

Two residents expressed their disappointment over the vote on investigating an ethics ordinance, one of whom also suggested that the salary information regarding comparables forwarded to the Compensation Commission should include the salary of the Mayor of Wayne, which is in the neighborhood of \$3,000 per year.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Mr. Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.
Ayes all.

Nancy Conzelman, Township Clerk

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