

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Nancy Conzelman, Clerk
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Michael Kelly, Trustee

ABSENT: Kay Arnold, Trustee, Arrived at 6:10 p.m.
Charles Curmi, Trustee, Arrived at 6:11

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Fellrath, Public Utilities Director
Tim Cronin, Township Attorney
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
9 Members of the public

D. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:05 p.m., Ms. Conzelman moved that a closed session be called for the following purposes:

Attorney Opinion, Contract Negotiations and Pending Litigation

These are permissible purposes under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraphs (c) (e) and (h). Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote, with Ms. Arnold and Mr. Curmi absent.

At 9:04 p.m., Mr. Edwards moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, October 01, 2013

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees special meeting of October 1, 2013. Ayes all.

F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 **Approval of Minutes:**

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Moved by Ms. Conzelman, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees special meeting of October 1, 2013 as presented. Ayes all.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

H. WORK SESSION

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1) Pump House and Water Usage Update

Mr. Fellrath reviewed the performance analysis of the Five Mile Road Pumping Station as to whether the design objective was achieved for the summer of 2013. Mr. Fellrath indicated that the Pump Station has been operating all summer and the results have been ideal.

The data showed that peak hourly flows from the past summer were significantly less than historic peak hourly flows. The peak hourly flows also generally occurred later in the mornings.

Also, the maximum daily flow was considerably less than past and present Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) contract limits and the lowest in recent history. Use of the pump station allowed more water to be used from the tank and less water to be purchased from DWSD, especially during the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Ms. Arnold clarified with Supervisor Reaume that engineering design flaws in the original Water Tower and subsequent faulty advice from the Township's previous engineers and DWSD as to remediation of those flaws, precipitated the Township's decision to build the pump station.

Mr. Fellrath noted that improvements are being made to provide additional automation and control of pumps and valves, as well as relocation of PLC and temporary valves from inside the tank to the pumping station.

He also indicated that data will be collected for the same type of analysis next year, perhaps during a hotter summer when demand will be even greater.

2) Salem Township USD Water and Sanitary Sewer

Mr. Reaume presented the background information regarding the officials of Salem Township approaching Plymouth Township about the possibility of providing water and sanitary sewer to service their Urban Service District (USD) which comprises the land bordered by Napier Road to the East, Weed Road to the West (just before Fox Hills), North Territorial to the North, and Joy Road to the South.

Mr. Mike MacDonald and Mr. Brad Shepler of Hubbell, Roth and Clark presented their studies on Plymouth Township's capability of providing the sanitary sewer and water service requested. They detailed any installations that might be necessary for this to occur.

Mr. Walter Alix, vice president at Hubbell, Roth and Clark, also addressed the Board regarding the study.

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Mr. Steve Fisher, representing developer Shostak Brothers, answered questions regarding the residential and commercial developments planned for a portion of the site and other possible options for obtaining water and sewer service.

Attorney Cronin stated that instead of framing the question in terms of “selling” excess capacity, the relevant technical legal question involved extending into Salem Township the Plymouth Township service area in the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley system. Other questions that need to be addressed involve the expired contract with Wayne County, and how that impacts the feasibility of such a project.

3) Budget Study Session - Law Enforcement and 911 Communications Center

Moved by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to postpone the Budget Study Session – Law Enforcement and 911 Communications Center until the next work session, October 15, 2013. Ayes all.

Moved by Mr. Curmi, seconded by Ms. Conzelman, to direct the Supervisor to draft a letter of endorsement from the Board of Trustees for the Fire Department SAFER grant. Ayes all.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gary Whitaker, Salem Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for taking the time to consider extending the water and sewer service into Salem Township.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Curmi, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m. Ayes all.

Nancy Conzelman, Township Clerk

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