

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**

**PROPOSED MINUTES**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:30 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  
Mark Wendel, Fire Chief  
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney  
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer  
Michelle Lozier, Deputy Clerk  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
58 Members of the Public

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. Doroshewitz objected to Item F on the agenda being changed from Public Comments and Questions as was voted for in 2005 to just Public Comments.

Mr. Edwards indicated every time a new Board comes into office they should adopt the rules to which they will adhere for the next four years. Ms. Conzelman indicated that the Board approves the agenda at every meeting but that it may be helpful to include an explanation to avoid the implication that all questions will be answered right at that time.

Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz and supported by Mr. Kelly to modify Item F on the agenda from Public Comments to Public Comments and Questions.

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

Motion carried.

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**E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**E.1 Approval of Minutes:**

Special Meeting - December 10, 2013  
Regular Meeting - December 10, 2013

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

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

Assessing Department - Michigan Tax Tribunal Report - 4th Quarter 2013  
Building Department - December 2013  
Fire Department Report - December 2013  
FOIA Report - December 2013  
Letter to Police Chief

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

		<b>Year 2013</b>
General Fund	(101)	\$1,020,600.57
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	134,087.52
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	32,803.49
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	45,798.35
Golf Course Fund	(510)	7,128.38
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	852,507.82
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	26,910.77
Police Bond Fund	(702)	10,325.99
Tax Fund	(703)	86,776.97
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	416,677.67
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,633,616.54</b>

Mr. Curmi had a question about whether the term “seeking funding” in the third paragraph under Item K on Page 7 of the Proposed Minutes for the regular meeting of December 10 should be eliminated. It was agreed to check the recording.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of January 14, 2014 with the exception of approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2013. Ayes all.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

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A representative of the PARC citizens group spoke on their continuing efforts regarding Central Middle School.

Four residents expressed their objections to the Township recreation proposal and the effect any raise in taxes will have on the community, particularly senior citizens; plus hopes for the recreation survey to include PARC questions.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1) Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate - Tower Automotive – Resolution 2014-01-14-01

A representative of Tower Automotive addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. There being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 8:04 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Curmi to approve Resolution No. 2014-01-14-01 for Tower Automotive Operations USA I, LLC, for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Certificate for improvements to their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

- 2) Country Acres 1-3 Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment District - Resolution 2014-01-14-02

A representative of the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment and Patrick Fellrath, Township Engineer, addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Reaume opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Several residents in the SAD registered their objections to the timing of the process over the busy holiday period with some residents being out of town. They also objected to signatures having been obtained prior to costs being available and discussed the feasibility of using asphalt in some areas. One resident indicated that the roads have been bad for years and attempts to patch them haven't worked.

The public hearing was closed at 8:33 p.m.

It was agreed that letters would be sent indicating objections could still be filed during the 30-day waiting period.

Moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution No. 2014-01-14-02 authorizing the Engineer to complete final engineering drawings, take bids, and have the Supervisor

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prepare the final Special Assessment Roll for the Board's approval upon completion of the thirty (30) day waiting period. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Request for Board Action - Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1016, Amendment 5, Parks and Playground Areas Ordinance

Board members discussed various portions of the ordinance and suggested that additional time was needed for discussion.

Moved by Mr. Reaume and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1016, Amendment 5, amending the Parks and Playground Areas Ordinance, Chapter VII, Article 7, Ordinance No. 1016.

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

Motion defeated.

- 2) Request for Board Action - Proposed Changes to Park Reservation Rules and Regulations

Moved by Mr. Reaume and supported by Ms. Arnold to adopt Attachment B of the Proposed Changes to Park Reservation Rules and Regulations for reservations that begin on January 21, 2014. Ayes all.

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Arnold to postpone the proposed changes to the remaining Park Rules and Regulations for 60 days. Ayes all.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Request for Board Action - Civil Service Commission Appointment

Mr. Reaume explained that this appointment is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Gary Davis.

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Kelly to appoint Ed Snage to the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring April 30, 2015. Ayes all.

- 2) Request for Board Action - Downtown Development Authority Appointments

Mr. Reaume indicated the appointment of Mr. Lytle was to replace Mr. Jim Grutza, whose term has

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ended and is no longer eligible to serve because he no longer holds a property interest in the district. Mr. Brunk is being reappointed.

Moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Arnold to appoint Fred Brunk and George Lytle to the Downtown Development Authority with four-year terms beginning February 2014 and expiring January 31, 2018. Ayes all.

- 3) Request for Board Action - Approve Establishment of Post-Employment Retirement Health Savings Trust - Resolution 2014-01-14-03

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution No. 2014-01-14-03 to establish a post-employment medical trust. The Resolution names the Treasurer to serve as Trustee for the Trust, with the Clerk and Supervisor named as signatory and Administrator of the Trust to execute documents and agreements related to the Trust. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

- 4) Request for Board Action - Approve Storm Drain Agreement for Saddlebrook – Resolution 2014-01-14-04

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adopt Resolution 214-01-14-04 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign the Wayne County Permit M-42760 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with Robertson Brothers and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

- 5) Request for Board Action - Accept Fire Department SAFER Grant for Fire Staffing

Mr. Reaume and Fire Chief Wendel explained the Township would attempt the rehiring of six laid-off firefighters for a two-year period.

Chief Wendel thanked Captain Philips for his work in securing the grant and thanked the Board for their support.

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the FEMA Grant Program Directorate FY2013 SAFER Grant and authorize the Fire Chief to acknowledge and accept the award within the Assistance to Firefighters eGrants system. Ayes all.

- 6) Request for Board Action - Architectural Services Contract Award

The Board agreed to have Chief Building Inspector Lewis serve as the Township contact on this project.

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Moved by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Edwards to award the architectural services for the new park pavilion to D.S. Wright and Associates in the amount of \$21,000.

AYES: Arnold, Edwards, Conzelman, Kelly, Reaume

NAYS: Curmi, Doroshewitz

Motion carried.

- 7) Request for Board Action - Discuss Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

The Board discussed the possibility of having two of the companies make presentations at a study session.

- 8) Request for Board Action - Discuss Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex

Mr. Don Soenen, representing the citizens group calling itself Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, gave a presentation on the formation of a new taxing authority consisting of Plymouth Township and City of Plymouth taxpayers whose purpose would be to construct, own and operate a performing arts theater, recreation center and community center at Central Middle School, on behalf of multiple community groups and the Plymouth Canton Community School District. He feels that the creation of a taxing authority involving both communities is the best way to go. He indicated that Canton and Livonia with populations of 90,000 and 97,000, respectively, struggle to afford their centers and must provide subsidies, so Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth, with only a combined total of 36,000 residents, will need to work together. He indicated that there is support among the community arts and athletic groups, the Plymouth Canton Community School District, and a ton of charter, private and parochial schools who are desperate to use such a facility for their arts programs, athletics and performing arts center.

Board members discussed various aspects of whether or not to participate in determining feasibility for the project, including whether the estimated costs are realistic, investing Township money in a facility located within the City, past experiences working with the City, and whether the project more appropriately belongs to the School District given their ongoing need to use the facility for their community education and recreation programs, athletic teams, and performing arts programs.

Moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mr. Doroshewitz to appoint representation to participate in the PARC feasibility study.

AYES: Curmi, Doroshewitz

NAYS: Arnold, Conzelman, Edwards, Kelly, Reaume

Motion defeated.

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Moved by Mr. Edwards and supported by Ms. Conzelman to not participate in any authority with the City of Plymouth until November 20, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

- 9) Request for Board Action - Approve First Reading of Ordinance 1016 Amendment 6 - Water and Sewer - Use Factor Schedule

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Conzelman to approve the first reading of Amendment 6 to Ordinance 1016, Chapter X Water and Sewer, Article 3 Water and Sewer System, Section I, X-3.055 Use Factor Schedule. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

**J. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Reaume noted that the Township offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, although there will be no delay in trash pickup for residents.

Mr. Edwards said that tax collections are better than expected, and he complimented the Department of Public Works for their work during the snowstorm.

Ms. Arnold left the meeting at 11:44 p.m.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nine residents of both the City and the Township registered their objections to the Board's action on the PARC issue.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 p.m. Ayes all.

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Nancy Conzelman, Township Clerk

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