

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015**

MINUTES

Supervisor Price called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Price, Supervisor
Nancy Conzelman, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Michael Kelly, Trustee

ABSENT: Kay Arnold, Trustee, Excused
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Fellrath, Director of Public Utilities
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Mike Mitchell, Dir. of Parks and Grants
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Michelle Lozier, Deputy Clerk
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
26 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of August 18, 2015. Ayes all.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - July 21, 2015

E.2 Acceptance of Utility Easements:

E.3 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

AT&T Eighth Annual Video Report
Building Department Report - July 2015
Fire Department Report - July 2015
FOIA Report - July 2015
2015 2nd Quarter Financial Report

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E.4 Approval of Township Bills:

		Year 2015
General Fund	(101)	\$ 410,029.69
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	3,431.91
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	129,002.48
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	2,391.05
Golf Course Fund	(510)	4,527.63
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	651,431.34
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	170.42
Police Bond Fund	(702)	6,850.00
Tax Fund	(703)	-0-
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	-0-
Total:		\$ 1,207,834.52

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of August 18, 2015. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Brian Bentley had questions regarding the proposed ethics ordinance and a recent administrative hiring by the Township; Randy Jost, a member of the Compensation Commission, recommended updating the compensation levels for the elected officials prior to next year's election, especially in light of the posting for the accounting and reporting position; Steven Birmingham suggested a notice of Board meetings be sent via the e-newsletter and suggested that closed sessions be held at the end of the meeting; Peter Woolford objected to being unable to hear the broadcasts of the meetings and the type of press the Township was receiving; Gloria Rodriguez asked that the 2014 Financial Review be posted online; and Leon Swan questioned whether the Township was still getting credit for sewage charges.

G. CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:20 p.m., Ms. Conzelman moved that a closed session be called for the permissible purposes of discussing attorney opinion under OMA Section 8(h). Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 8:08 p.m., Ms. Conzelman moved to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

As a result of the consideration of the Attorney's opinion in closed session in the matter of the Freedom of Information Act appeal, it was moved by Ms. Conzelman and supported by Mr.

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Edwards that the Board issue a written opinion that reverses the disclosure denial in part and upholds the disclosure denial in part.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Conzelman, Edwards, Curmi, Price
 NAYS: Kelly

Motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

I. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Request for Board Action - Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan 2016
Resolution 2015-08-18-23

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution 2015-08-18-23 approving The Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented to the Charter Township of Plymouth. 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 - Western Township Utility Authority ("WTUA")
2015-2016 Annual Budget - **Resolution 2015-08-18-24**

Mr. Aaron Sprague of WTUA reviewed the budget and answered questions.

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Conzelman to approve Resolution 2015-08-18-24 approving Western Townships Utility Authority (WTUA) Annual Budget for the Year Ending September 30, 2016. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

- 3) Request for Board Action - Council on Aging - Senior Transportation

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Ms. Conzelman to join the Council on Aging, City of Plymouth, Wilcox Foundation, and Plymouth Community United Way in purchasing a new bus for Senior Transportation with proceeds from the Plymouth Township General Fund not to exceed \$6,000. Ayes all.

- 4) Request for Board Action - Award Contract for Legal Notices

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Ms. Conzelman reviewed the bids received from both the Observer and Associated Newspapers.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Curmi to award the contract for the Charter Township of Plymouth's legal publications to Associated Newspapers for a period of 4 years, beginning September 1, 2015. Ayes all.

5) Request for Board Action - Donation of Abandoned Bicycles to Charity
Resolution 2015-08-18-25

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Curmi to approve Resolution 2015-08-18-25 to permit the Police Department to donate abandoned or recovered, but unclaimed, bicycles to a state-licensed charitable organization. Ayes all.

6) Request for Board Action - Approve First Reading - Ethics Ordinance

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the first reading of Amendment 15 to Ordinance 1016, Ethics Ordinance. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

7) Request for Board Action - Water and Sewer Rate Changes

Within the Charter Township of Plymouth Comprehensive Fee Schedule, it was moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Edwards to revise the current Water Consumption Rate from \$3.55 to \$3.98 per one thousand gallons and revise the Sewage Disposal Rate from \$5.75 to \$5.97 per one thousand gallons of metered water effective August 19, 2015. Ayes all.

8) Request for Board Action - 2014 Financial Review

Mr. Edwards explained the graphs denoting the 2014 Financial Review.

Moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Conzelman to receive and file the 2014 Financial Review. Ayes all.

L. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Curmi had questions regarding distribution of the new recycling bins by the contractor; Ms. Conzelman noted the upcoming November election for a Schoolcraft College millage proposal; Mr. Curmi expressed interest in seeing the total cost figures of the new pavilion; and Mr. Price reviewed the meeting held regarding a land bank payment problem and announced a "back-to-school movie night" in conjunction with USA Hockey.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Elaine Hovey questioned why the closed session was held in the middle of the meeting; Leon Swan asked whether the public could also review the pavilion costs, and Don Schnettler had questions as to who would enforce the ethics ordinance and whether there were penalties.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Conzelman to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Nancy C. Conzelman, Township Clerk

Shannon G. Price, Township Supervisor