

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

MINUTES

Supervisor Price called the meeting to order at 7:04 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
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Michael Kelly, Trustee
Steve Mann, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Fellrath, Director of Public Utilities
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Jana Radtke, Community Dev. Dir./Planner
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker Assoc.
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
32 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of November 17, 2015. Ayes all.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes:

BOT Minutes - November 9 2015 Special Meeting

E.2 Acceptance of Utility Easements:

E.3 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

Building Department Monthly Report - October 2015
Fire Department Monthly Report - October 2015
FOIA Monthly Report - October 2015

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E.4 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2015
General Fund	(101)	\$ 739,638.06
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	211,268.80
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	20,819.64
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	7,667.53
Golf Course Fund	(510)	3,564.05
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	935,935.81
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	31,824.65
Police Bond Fund	(702)	10,485.00
Tax Fund	(703)	211,122.07
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	399.10
Total:		\$2,172,725.36

Moved by Ms. Conzelman to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of November 17, 2015 with the removal of Item E.4, Approval of Township bills.

The motion was withdrawn by Ms. Conzelman.

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Curmi to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of November 17, 2015. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Stephanie Fisher had questions about what part she could play in the task force which will be studying her request for a certificate of occupancy.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

- Request for Board Action - Application 2178 - The Enclave Cluster Housing Option

Mrs. Radtke reviewed the actions of the Planning Commission in recommending approval of the Cluster Housing Option on 4.75 acres located north of Ann Arbor Trail, west of Sheldon Road. Their approval was subject to restriction of decks, privacy screening or other above-ground building

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projections as identified in Section 28.20 of Zoning Ordinance No. 99 for Units 6 and 7 because of a 35-ft. perimeter setback along the west property line. They also required a landscape buffer along the west property line, and some level of landscape screening along the east property line, as they would determine during Site Plan Review.

Board members discussed the proposed cluster plan for building eight detached single-family residential units. They also discussed a parallel plan which would allow for six homes to be built.

Michael and Kendall Gulbernati of 12560 Lighthouse Court and Rita Furdak of 12536 Lighthouse Court, both abutting Units 6 and 7, addressed the Board, stating their objections to the plan, including their concern about drainage issues.

Walt Menard of Menard Premier Homes and Uldus Vitins of Vitins Engineering addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the proposed luxury homes.

The Board felt that further study of the proposal with Mrs. Radtke and the Planning Commission would be beneficial to the developer, perhaps resulting in building sites that didn't require a reduced setback.

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Edwards to postpone a decision on Application 2178, Single Family Cluster Housing Option for The Enclave, Parcel R-78-036-99-0024-000. Ayes all.

K. CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:30 p.m., Ms. Conzelman moved that a closed session be called for purposes of discussing an attorney opinion related to the City of Plymouth, pursuant to OMA Section 8(h). Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Ayes all on a roll-call vote.

The Board returned to open session at 9:42 p.m.

L. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

- Request for Board Action - Versatrans Update

Mr. Fellrath presented photos of the blue, gluey type discharge found in the sewer line which dead ends at VersaTrans at 14777 Keel Street. He updated Board members on the actions undertaken over the past two years by WTUA, YCUA, the Michigan DEQ and the Township's DPW staff, to bring Versatrans into compliance and remediate damage to the sewer.

- Request for Board Action - Appointment to Planning Commission

This appointment replaces the opening on the Planning Commission created by the passing of former Trustee Kay Arnold, who served for over 20 years as ex-officio member.

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Moved by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Curmi to approve the Supervisor's appointment of Trustee Mike Kelly as the ex-officio member of the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Ayes all.

- Request for Board Action - Water and Sanitary Sewer Feasibility Study for Salem Township

Mr. Mann asked that he be allowed to abstain from voting on this matter to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest because his firm is representing Salem Township in their investigation for obtaining water and sewer services.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of conducting a study regarding the feasibility of Plymouth Township providing water and sanitary sewer services to Salem Township's Urban Services District. The in-depth study is to be conducted by Wade-Trim Associates and paid for by Salem Springs LLC.

Moved by Mr. Edwards and supported by Ms. Conzelman to approve Resolution No. 2015-11-17-28 authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between Salem Township and Plymouth Township to study the feasibility of Plymouth Township providing water and sanitary services to Salem Township's proposed Urban Services District.

AYES: Conzelman, Edwards, Kelly, Price
NAYS: Curmi, Doroshewitz
ABSTAINING: Mann

Motion carried.

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

M. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Mann thanked the Board for his appointment and hoped to see all work for the good of the Township. Mr. Curmi asked to see the information regarding easement gathering to fill sidewalk gaps and when the newsletter would be available for review. Mr. Doroshewitz asked to see a list of grants for which applications are being made, a detailed accounting for all projects in the park, and copies of the bills for legal services. He also asked why the Treasurer, rather than the Supervisor was meeting one-on-one with anyone who wanted to go over the budget since it's the Supervisor's budget. Mr. Edwards noted he has been assembling the budget for 15 years without any objections and that Mr. Price, just like prior Supervisors, had reviewed the line items and met individually with each department head in order to create the proposed budget. He also asked that questions be asked before the meeting, rather than at the meeting. Ms. Conzelman said that three elections are scheduled for next year: the presidential primary on March 8, the state primary in August and the November general election. She encouraged people leaving for Florida to notify the Clerk's office of the address where their absentee ballots should be sent if they won't be back in time for the

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March election. Mr. Price reviewed his involvement in preparation of the budget with the department heads and Treasurer and willingness to meet with Trustees to review the budget. He also reminded Board members that Tuesday, November 24, 2015, is “Pucks for Pasadena,” a game between the Red Wings Alumni and the USA Hockey team, to help send the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Marching Band to the Rose Bowl Parade. USA Hockey has donated the use of the arena, parking lot, etc., for the game. He also extended an invitation to attend the Township Christmas Tree Lighting at Township Park on December 1, 2015.

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Haggerty objected to the closed session being placed on the agenda near the beginning of the meeting;, Richard Beers had comments regarding developing utilities in Salem Township and Don Schnettler had questions on how members of the military can obtain absentee ballots and on the budget.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Mann to adjourn the meeting of 11:20 p.m. Ayes all.

Nancy C. Conzelman, Township Clerk

Shannon G. Price, Township Supervisor