

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017  
APPROVED MINUTES**

Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kurt Heise, Supervisor  
Jerry Vorva, Clerk  
Mark Clinton, Treasurer  
Charles Curmi, Trustee  
Jack Dempsey, Trustee  
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee  
Gary Heitman, Trustee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patrick Fellrath, Dir. of Public Utilities  
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker Associates  
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk  
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
24 Members of the Public

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Clinton to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of January 17, 2017. Ayes all

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS** – There were none.

**D. WTUA UPDATE** – Patrick Fellrath

Patrick Fellrath, Dir. of Public Utilities, gave a presentation on the analysis of alternatives for managing the City of Plymouth's sanitary flows tributary to the Plymouth Township and WTUA sanitary sewer systems. Possible alternatives are:

1. Separate from the City
2. Send City flow to YCUA
3. Send City flows to Wayne County

Michael McDonald, P.E., Vice President of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, and Aaron Sprague, WTUA Director of Operations also spoke at length on costs, time lines, and pros and cons of the various options. Mr. Heise indicated the next step would be communicating with the City.

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**E. DISCUSSION ON EASEMENT REQUESTS**

1) Storm Drain Agreement and Resolution as Required by Wayne County

Dave Richmond explained that this agreement and resolution is required for the Ravines of Plymouth, a new multi-family residential development on Plymouth Road and Haggerty.

Patrick Fellrath also indicated that easements were not vacated on the Kroger property at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon when improvements were made to the store and the gas station was built, and Kroger has now requested that they be formally vacated.

**F. PROPOSED ETHICS ORDINANCE**

Board members discussed with Mr. Dempsey the draft of the proposed Ethics Ordinance. It was agreed that suggestions could be made to Mr. Dempsey within the next two to three weeks.

**G. BIDDING OUT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Board members discussed the possibility of bidding out professional services in the future, including auditing, legal and engineering services.

**H. DDA APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Heise noted that the terms of Paul Fessler and Ryan Kolb are to expire on January 31, and they've agreed to continue to serve. He is considering the appointment of Paul Garon for an unexpired term caused by a resignation.

**I. DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARIES/NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Heise indicated he intended to present a request for a 2% increase for department heads and non-represented employees at the next meeting, with the exception of the deputies. There was discussion with Attorney Bennett regarding the need for separate resolutions for the deputies.

**J. BOARD PROCEDURES AND BILL REVIEW**

Discussion was held on the draft of Board procedures presented.

**K. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Curmi had questions regarding broadcasting the meetings on cable and taping the meetings.

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**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk, had information regarding whether separate resolutions will be needed for the deputies, Susan Bondie had questions about the BSA system and Ed Haggerty recommended a time frame for notification on employment application status.

**M. CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:48 p.m. Mr. Curmi moved that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation pursuant to OMA Section 8e). Seconded by Mr. Heitman. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

The Board returned to open session at 10:37 p.m.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Dempsey to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m. Ayes all.

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk