

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

PROPOSED 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
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
16 Members of the Public

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dorian Thomas.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of January 24, 2017. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - November 15, 2016 (Receive and File)

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Heitman to receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of November 15, 2016.

The motion was withdrawn by the maker and supporter.

It was suggested that the minutes be tabled until the next regular meeting, at which time Mr. Doroshewitz and Mr. Curmi could present an addendum to those minutes. Then those minutes could be received and filed with the addendum.

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Moved by Mr. Heise and seconded by Mr. Heitman to table the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of November 15, 2016. Ayes all.

Regular Meeting – January 10, 2017

Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of January 10, 2017. Ayes all.

Study Session - January 17, 2017

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

D.2 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

D.3 Approval of Township Bills:

		Year 2016
General Fund	(101)	336,338.20
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	1,843.79
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	--
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	--
Golf Course Fund	(510)	86.59
Senior Transportation	(588)	3,498.09
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	343,771.03
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	--
Police Bond Fund	(702)	2,220.00
Tax Pool	(703)	--
Special Assessment Capital	(805)	29.65
Total:		\$687,787.35

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the Township bills as presented. Ayes all.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Consider approval of the Storm Drain Agreement with Livonia Builders Grandover Park, LLC. Resolution #2017-01-24-02.

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Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Dempsey to adopt Resolution 2017-01-24-02 authorizing the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk to sign the Wayne County Permit M-47943 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with Livonia Builders Grandover Park, LLC, and authorize the Township Clerk to exercise same. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

- 2) Consider approval of Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Easement for Ravines of Plymouth.

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Doroshewitz to approve the water and sewer easements for the Ravines of Plymouth and authorize the Township Clerk to sign same. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 3) Consider approval of request for vacation of existing public utility easements at the Plymouth Square Shopping Center.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Doroshewitz to approve vacating the portion of the public utility easements on the Plymouth Square Shopping Center Property, as shown and described on the prepared Exhibits. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 4) Approve the reappointment of Paul Fessler to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) for a four-year term expiring on January 31, 2021.

Moved by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Clinton to approve the reappointment of Paul Fessler to the Downtown Development Authority and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a four-year term expiring on January 31, 2021. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 5) Approve the reappointment of Ryan Kolb to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) for a four-year term expiring on January 31, 2021

Moved by Mr. Curmi and seconded by Mr. Vorva to approve the reappointment of Ryan Kolb to the Downtown Development Authority and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a four-year term expiring on January 31, 2021. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 6) Approve the appointment of Paul Garon to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) to complete the term of Michelle Ludtke, with a term expiring on January 31, 2019.

Moved by Mr. Doroshewitz and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the appointment of Township Resident Paul Garon to the Downtown Development Authority and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term expiring on January 31, 2019. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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- 7) Request for Board Action –Approve 2% raises for Department Heads and other non-represented employees who worked all of 2016.

Board members discussed eventually changing to a personnel evaluation system, including weighing on a combination of role-based and merit-based recommendations. They also discussed the existence of contracts with individuals.

Susan Bondie commented that it is unknown whether the salaries are within range or accelerated because of relationships.

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Clinton to approve a 2% increase for Department Heads and other non-represented employees who remain active employees as of this date and who were on the payroll for all of the calendar year 2016, except for the Deputy Clerk and the Deputy Treasurer. Raise to be effective January 30, 2017.

ROLL CALL:	AYES:	Vorva, Clinton, Curmi, Doroshewitz, Heise
	NAYS:	Heitman, Dempsey

Motion carried.

- 8) Establish the salary for the Deputy Clerk and establish the salary for the Deputy Treasurer in accordance with State Statute.

Mr. Vorva and Mr. Clinton reviewed the extensive training, experience, responsibilities and performance of their respective Deputies, and the necessity for them to be able to step into the Clerk and Treasurer positions should the need arise. They then made recommendations for salary increases. Board members also discussed the salary history for these positions and salaries for comparable positions,.

Susan Bondie commented that she didn't believe the two positions should receive the same increases. She also asked if the two deputies could fully assume the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer and was assured they could.

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Clinton to approve the establishment of the salary for Deputy Clerk at \$68,900.00 annually with all benefits afforded other full-time employees and to establish the salary for Deputy Treasurer at \$64,000.00 with all benefits afforded other full-time employees, in accordance with established Township practices.

ROLL CALL:	AYES:	Vorva, Curmi, Dempsey, Heise
	NAYS:	Doroshewitz, Heitman, Clinton

Motion carried.

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- 9) Approve Tolling Agreement between the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, Resolution #2017-01-24-03

Mr. Heise explained this agreement creates a new mutual statute of limitations going forward with regard to the City and Township fire pension and health care dispute.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Dempsey to approve Resolution 2017-01-24-03 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign the Tolling Agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the City of Plymouth tolling the statute of limitations with regard to the legal rights of the Township to any and all claims or causes of action regarding outstanding financial liabilities as a result of the previous fire merger agreement. Further, we direct the Township Attorney to dismiss the lawsuit between the City and the Township without prejudice. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

G. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Heise indicated that work is beginning on clearing the DEHOCO property. He noted his work as a State Representative in writing the law to transfer the property to the Michigan Land Bank. He also noted the establishment of a Citizens Advisory Council with five units. Because of five Tuesdays in January, there will be no Board meeting next Tuesday.

Mr. Doroshewitz asked for more clarity and earlier arrival for the Board packets, and improvements to the e-mail system.

Mr. Heitman said he talked to people, and voted the way they asked him to vote.

Mr. Vorva thanked Mr. Clinton for his efforts in putting together their proposals for the salaries for their deputies. He also thanked Mr. Heise for all his efforts with the City of Plymouth. He pointed out the painting of the fountain in Kellogg Park give to him by artist Gordon Eddy, now framed and hung in Township Hall by the Information Center. Also, he said he takes to heart what was said regarding the deputies. In light of his deputy being paid prior to this meeting, he said he would be presenting a cashier's check from his personal funds to the Township for the difference in pay from noon on November 20 until today.

Mr. Dempsey noted he's received good comments from the public regarding the ethics ordinance and encouraged additional comments. He also had questions for DTE regarding a major electrical surge in his neighborhood.

Mr. Curmi had questions to be asked of the County regarding road crew issues. He also asked about golf course financial reports, invoices for cross-connections, snow-machine status, Hazardous Waste Day, and tree planting.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Clinton to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk