

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES**

Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Dempsey, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
19 Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Steve Rapson

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Study Session - Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Study Session of February 21, 2017. Ayes all.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were none

C. DISCUSSION RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS/METRO ACT
Attorney Kevin Bennett

Attorney Bennett discussed with Board members the METRO Act (Michigan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act) as it relates to wireless communications within and without rights-of-way. Also discussed was the METRO Act as it pertains to wired telecommunications within public rights-of-way. Mr. Bennett also informed the Board of applications to the Township which are pending.

D. POND AND LANDSCAPING CONTRACTS DISCUSSION – Mark Lewis

Chief Building Official Mark Lewis reviewed with Board members the quotations received for weed and algae control for the park and Township Hall ponds, and for possible renewal of the

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contract with Serene Landscape Group for landscape maintenance and turf fertilization services in the park and at Township Hall. Board members discussed the possibility of bidding out the landscape contract. Also discussed were various ways of reducing costs.

Ms. Ann Greskowiak, president of Charnwood Condo Association, complimented Serene Landscape Group on the fine job they've done for them.

Mr. Paul Opdyke of Serene Landscape Group addressed the Board and answered questions regarding how the scope of work evolved for the Township Hall and in the park. He indicated they also have a contract with the Downtown Development Authority for landscaping services along the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

E. WAYNE COUNTY ASSESSING PRESENTATION – Doug Shaw, WCA

Aaron Powers and Doug Shaw of Wayne County Assessing gave a presentation regarding the assessing services they've provided Plymouth Township for a number of years. They reviewed the procedures for determining the taxable value and assessed value figures that appear on the assessment change notices which will soon be mailed to all property owners. Property owners then have the Board of Review before which they can appeal their assessments. They also discussed the phase-out of the personal property tax and the WCA staff that mans the Assessing Department in Township Hall.

F. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE – Fire Chief Phillips

Fire Chief Phillips presented the Emergency Management Resolution and Support Operation Plan, which updates the last plan from March, 2012. The plan is part of Wayne County Emergency Management and PA 390. This allows the Township to comply with State law and allows the communities to work with the County. This also allows for obtaining funds from the State emergency fund in case of a natural or man-made disaster. The adoption of the resolution also increases the Township's eligibility for receiving grants.

Susan Bondie reminded Board members of the necessity for a plan because of the major highways and major railways upon which dangerous chemicals may be carried.

G. ADDITIONAL CAMERA EXPENSE-TOWN HALL – Clerk Vorva

Mr. Vorva informed the Board the shortcomings of the current camera placement in the Town Hall meeting room in relationship to the podium. Ideas were discussed for moving the present cameras, the podium, or purchasing a new camera. Discussion also evolved into the difficulties involved in attempting to live-stream the meetings

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H. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Heise mentioned items that will appear on the agenda for the regular meeting February 28. He also spoke about the park money available from Wayne County and a LED lighting proposal for the ball diamonds. He also noted the back buildings at DEHOCO have been torn down and the mess hauled away.

Mr. Doroshewitz expressed concern about the lack of lighting in the parking lot near the park pavilion.

Mr. Curmi asked for an updated status report on SAD reimbursement collected from the County.

Board members also discussed hiring at the park with Steve Rapson, Park Foreman.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

In response to a resident's question, Mr. Heise said the snow machine has not yet been sold, though he received three calls today.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Heitman and supported by Mr. Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk