

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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 Services
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker Associates
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Sara Visel, Solid Waste & Public Serv. Coord.
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
19 Members of the Public

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Girl Scout Troop from Isbister School led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Mr. Vorva asked that Resolution No. 2017-03-14-10 be added to Item F.4. He then moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of March 14, 2017 as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Heitman. Ayes all.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 28, 2017

D.2 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

Building Department Monthly Report – February, 2017

Fire Department Monthly Report – February, 2017

FOIA Monthly Report – Police Department, February, 2017

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FOIA Monthly Report – Clerk’s Office, February, 2017

D.3 Approval of Township Bills:

		Year 2017
General Fund	(101)	578,059.02
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	1,983.97
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	--
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(266)	84,723.00
Golf Course Fund	(510)	2,618.76
Senior Transportation	(588)	4,611.18
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	106,556.58
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	4,721.61
Police Bond Fund	(702)	8,099.00
Tax Pool	(703)	40,373.66
Special Assessment Capital	(805)	407.68
Total:		\$832,154.46

Mr. Dempsey asked that the minutes of February 28, 2017 be corrected as with the following substitution for the second paragraph on Page 6:

“Mr. Dempsey asked for verification as to whether the Fire Department fee changes will be on the March 14 agenda. He also commented on the Arts and Heritage Committee of the Citizens Council along with its relationship to the PARC project.”

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Dempsey to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of March 14, 2017 as corrected. Ayes all.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Request for Board Action – Award Contract for Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Mr. Fellrath reviewed the bids received for Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Days for 2017-2020. He indicated the Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Days are combined in this contract. The recommended bidder has been operating the Township’s events since 2000.

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Heitman to award the Township’s Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection to EQ Industrial Services, Inc., dba US Ecology,

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and to authorize the execution of the contract documents by the Supervisor and Clerk. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 2) Request for Board Action – Approve Application #2223-1116 for the rezoning of Parcel R-78-058-99-0004-000 from OS (Office Service) to R-1-S (Single Family Residential).

Laura Haw of McKenna Associates addressed the Board regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of this zoning request.

Moved by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Curmi to approve Application 2223-1116 for the rezoning of Parcel R-78-058-99-0004-000 from OS (Office Service) to R-1-S (Single Family Residential), as described in the Amended Zoning Map. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 3) Request for Board Action – Approve Installation of Distributed Antenna Systems by Fibertech.

Attorney Bennett discussed with Board members the Zoning Ordinance wording that allows the installation of wireless equipment on existing utility poles with administrative approval by the Building Official. However, the ordinance assumes the applicant to be the property owner and, in this case, the installation is in the public right-of-way; thus the matter is coming before the Board.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to approve Fibertech's application for installation of Distributed Antenna Systems at three locations within the Township: 1) Ridge and Main Drive; 2) Ridge south of North Territorial; and 3) Beck Road south of Five Mile near the McDonald's Restaurant, subject to approval of the plan and issuance of a building permit by the Building Official. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 4) Request for Board Action – Approve Resolution #2017-03-14-10 authorizing the Fire Department to charge for services in accordance with the recommended schedule as presented.

Board members discussed with Fire Chief Phillips the fee schedule, which has not been adjusted since April, 2008.

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve Resolution 2017-03-14-10 with the attached restructured transport fees and add them in Plymouth Township's Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

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- 5) Request for Board Action – Approve the collection policy as proposed by Fire Chief Phillips for all unpaid transport and other emergency medical charges.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Dempsey to authorize MHR billing to send all non-payments to collections after non-payments have been reviewed and approval from the Supervisor’s Office is received.

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

Motion carried.

- 6) Request for Board Action – Authorize the purchase of six (6) Automatic External Defibrillators (AED’s) for placement and use at Township facilities.

Fire Chief Phillips indicated that three units would be replacements for those in the Police Department’s lock-up, at the pavilion, and at Friendship Station. The additional three would be added to the soccer park and baseball diamonds, Township Hall, and the DPW building.

Moved by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Curmi to authorize the purchase and installation of six Automatic External Defibrillators (AED’s) not to exceed \$12,000.00. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- 7) Discussion on the Fourth of July Fireworks

Board members discussed possibilities for funding the fireworks purchase through a community foundation, a third party with a 501C3, and whether the fireworks presentation should be a governmental function. They also sought input from Police Chief Tiderington and Fire Chief Phillips on the safety, traffic and fire concerns, particularly at the current location; and they discussed the overtime costs and short staffing for the remainder of the community. The need for funds for many other practical items was also expressed.

Mr. Heise noted that the City of Plymouth will be celebrating their 150th anniversary around that time, with many activities planned.

They also discussed the tremendous amount of staff time taken for planning the picnic, and expressed hope that in the future a more community-oriented event could be held after the parade, perhaps in Kellogg Park. There was also hope that some group in the future might want to hold the picnic.

Mr. Ron Hoge indicated he believes the place is a problem and he does not believe the fireworks are a function of government. He noted there was great concern about the potential

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risk of the snow machine; however, the risk of volumes of people in the park, in the dark, with one exit is even greater.

G. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Heise thanked everyone at Township Hall, DPW, and the Police and Fire Chiefs and their departments, as well as dispatchers, for their handling of the recent windstorm power outages. He also thanked North Ridge, First United Methodist, and St. Kenneth's Churches for providing warming centers for those in the community without power. GFL, the trash haulers, are providing limited yard waste pickup this week. He noted work is being done toward having a Cable TV government access channel for communication with residents. Also being discussed is a reverse 911 system, which gives the Township the ability to call residents' phone numbers and leave a voice message. There is also the possibility of a volunteer corps to help neighbors.

Mr. Vorva noted that Deputy Clerk Sandra Groth is receiving training for which she received a grant.

Mr. Curmi asked about Nixel for communication with residents and any need for budget changes because of extra pickups. He also asked about attendance at the MTA convention and invoicing the City of Plymouth for health care.

Mr. Clinton suggested a budget checkpoint at 6 months and the third quarter for reevaluation.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk