

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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:** Dan Phillips, Fire Chief  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney  
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker  
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk  
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
23 Members of the Public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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It was requested that Item G, 2016 Health Care Governmental Agreement, be moved for consideration after Item C, Staffing Proposal by WCA.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of April 4, 2017 as amended. Ayes all.

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

**C. STAFFING PROPOSAL BY WAYNE COUNTY APPRAISAL (WCA)**

Aaron Powers and Doug Shaw of Wayne County Assessing discussed with Board members their proposal for providing a full-time appraiser position for the remainder of their existing contract at a cost of \$18,750 for May-October, 2017 and \$45,000 for November, 2017 through October, 2018.

**G. 2016 HEALTH CARE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH – Kurt Heise and Kevin Bennett**

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Board members and Attorney Bennett reviewed the proposed agreement and the supporting material at length, especially with regard to five firefighters no longer listed. Also discussed were possible accounting issues. It was agreed that the figures should be finalized and then forwarded to the City of Plymouth with a dialogue that will, hopefully, lead to resolution.

**D. DISCUSSION ON HIRING INDUSTRIAL BROKER – Kurt Heise & Gary Roberts**

Gary Roberts of the Michigan International Technology Center presented his proposed seven-item action plan for the marketing and sale of the Township-owned property at Ridge and Five Mile Roads, including obtaining a current appraisal and obtaining a qualified real estate company after making other determinations such as the ultimate disposition of the linear park, and needed infrastructure improvements. He felt all of the land area should be declared an Industrial Development District and that it would be important to have a development agreement run with the sale.

Township resident Roman Kuzma expressed concerns about maintaining the preservation of the Willow Creek.

**E. DISCUSSION ON MARKETING OF DPW YARD – Kurt Heise & Gary Roberts**

Mr. Heise indicated that in the current attractive real estate market, the Township is considering options such as sale or lease of the valuable DPW building which is now underutilized. They are also considering where the personnel, equipment and trucks might be moved, perhaps working toward using the facilities of the City.

Mr. Roberts reviewed the possibility of a net lease for five or ten years at approximately \$6 a square foot or a sale at approximately \$75 a square foot.

Susan Bondie said she believes the Township should have a clear idea where to move the DPW and Water Departments prior to any sale or lease, and they should not enter into any further agreements with the City until the current agreements over the Fire Department are resolved.

**F. LANDSCAPING BIDS – Mark Lewis**

Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official, and Board members reviewed the four bids received and the recommended low bidder, TruGreen, whose bid was \$14,207.86.

Mr. Paul Opdyke of Serene Landscaping, the incumbent and next lowest bidder, asked the Board to divide the contract and he pointed out possible questions in the low bid.

The Board recessed briefly at 8:50 p.m. and resumed at 9:01 p.m.

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**H. MEDICAL MARIHUANA – Kurt Heise and Kevin Bennett**

Attorney Bennett and Board members discussed the possibility of passing a resolution declaring the intention not to adopt an ordinance to authorize marihuana facilities to exist and/or operate within the township. Mr. Bennett also indicated that taking no action would have the same effect.

Six members of the audience, one of whom was a township resident, spoke of their positive results using medical marihuana and the difficulties in going distances to have it dispensed.

Stephanie Fisher, who, as a C-Corp business owner, has applied for an occupancy permit to operate in the township, asked questions of the Board regarding their objections.

Peter Boam, out of Taylor, with equity in four businesses, spoke on the business aspects, and Matthew Able, attorney on the board of Cannabis Council, also addressed the Board.

**I. PURCHASING POLICY AND CREDIT CARD POLICY – Kurt Heise**

Board members made suggestions and discussed at length revision of the purchasing and credit card policies.

**I. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Heise noted there will be a regular meeting on April 11, but no study session on April 18.

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

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. Ayes all.

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Approved April 11, 2014 at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.