

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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  
Laura Haw, McKenna Associates  
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker  
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk  
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
16 Members of the Public

The birthdays of Mr. Vorva and Mr. Dempsey were celebrated with song and cake.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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Mr. Heise asked that Item E, Planning Consultant Contract, be removed from the agenda because Mr. Pacheco asked that his contract be withdrawn from consideration.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of June 6, 2016 minus Item E. Ayes all.

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

**C. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR FIRE STATION #2** - Supervisor Heise and Fire Chief Phillips

Board members discussed two versions of the proposed agreement, one drafted by the Township and the other returned by Northville Township Supervisor Nix. Among the items discussed were requiring payments for a portion of the operating costs, using the training officer, not using the Northville Township's fire truck though the truck will be housed in Fire Station 2 and will be responding to runs as requested in Plymouth Township, using mutual aid

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protocols, relationship with Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA), and receiving written reports for Station 2 for tracking purposes.

Susan Bondie had questions about the cost of overhead and the salary of the training officer.

**D. LAWN SIGN POLICY DISCUSSION**– Attorney Bennett

Attorney Bennett reviewed the opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding not being able to base the restriction of signs on the basis of content, such as political signs, garage sale signs, mattress sale signs, etc. He also discussed the effect this has on Plymouth Township’s zoning ordinance and the need for change. He suggested the Township not enforce the rules that are content based to avoid challenge. When the ordinance is changed, the purpose of the sign should be explicitly set forth, the focus should be on the purpose of the sign rather than the message, and content-based references should be eliminated. Regulation can be made by other characteristics, including time limits. He indicated work is being done on a model ordinance which, when done, can be used as a template.

**E. PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT** – Supervisor Heise

This item was removed from the agenda.

**F. BUDGET DISCUSSION AND AGENDA SETTING** – Supervisor Heise

Mr. Dempsey, at Mr. Heise’s request, presented a list of guiding principles to consider in discussing the budget. Also discussed was a time line for discussion with department heads regarding their budgets and Plante Moran on the audit. Water rates need to be considered at a later date and discussion should be held on revising fee schedules and on the future of the golf course.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Dempsey to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Ayes all.

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Approved June 13, 2017 at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.