

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017**

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the meeting was recessed at 7:07 until 7:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Mark Clinton, Treasurer
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Jack Dempsey, Trustee
Gary Heitman, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Vorva, Clerk, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker Assoc.
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
25 Members of the Public

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Brian, the young man in the front row.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Moved by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of July 11, 2017. Ayes all.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 **Approval of Minutes:**
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 2017

D.2 **Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:**
FOIA Report – Police Department
FOIA Report – Clerk’s Office
Thank You Letter to Firefighters Ian Culver and Chris Mack

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D.3 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	\$ 131,152.52	\$ 62,934.67	\$194,087.19
Solid Waste Fund	226	465.96	316.84	782.80
Improvement Revolving (Capital)	246	--	--	--
Drug Forfeiture Fund	265	--	--	--
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Golf Course Fund	510	190.00	--	190.00
Senior Transportation	588	307.51	--	307.51
Water/Sewer Fund	592	479,626.32	2,535.47	482,161.79
Trust and Agency	701	--	25,122.75	25,122.75
Police Bond Fund	702	--	--	--
Tax Pool	703	--	--	--
Special Assessment Capital	805	--	--	--
TOTALS:		\$611,742.31	\$ 90,909.73	\$702,652.04

Moved by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of July 11, 2017. Ayes all.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Susan Bondie requested that the Board avoid using acronyms.

Steve and Beth Birmingham, Lake Pointe residents, expressed their support for the reopening of Fire Station No. 2.

A resident of Lake Pointe expressed his support of the recreational vehicle parking ordinance, but he believes there should be at least a 24-hour parking period for loading or unloading.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Intergovernmental Agreement with Northville Township for Fire Station #2 – Supervisor Heise

Board members discussed various aspects of the agreement with Fire Chief Phillips.

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Susan Bondie expressed her support for the agreement and reopening Fire Station 2, considering the cooperation of the two communities a plus for obtaining future grants. Moved by Mr. Dempsey and supported by Mr. Heitman to approve the agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Northville for operation of Fire Station No. 2 in the Charter Township of Plymouth, consisting of eight pages inclusive of the cover page, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Heise indicated the document will be transmitted to Northville Township for consideration at their July 20th Board meeting.

Chief Phillips updated Board members on the process of hiring of new firefighters.

F.2 Hilltop Golf Course – Request for Legal Opinion – Supervisor Heise

Board members discussed the possible prematurity of, and reasons for, requesting an opinion at the present time.

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Clinton that the Board of Trustees authorize the Township Attorney to work with the Township Supervisor and staff to review the Township's contract with Billy Casper Golf for the management of Hilltop Golf Course, and provide a written Legal Opinion to the Board of Trustees with his recommendations on possible contract termination, including all legal and financial implications, sale of assets, and any other considerations.

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

Motion carried.

F.3 RV Parking Ordinance, Amendment #21, Second Reading – Attorney Bennett

There was discussion between Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Bennett, Board members and Police Chief Tiderington regarding enforcing the provisions of the existing Traffic Code.

Susan Bondie related incidents in her Lake Pointe neighborhood and had questions about policing any time limits which might be allowed.

A resident suggested that parking permits be obtained such as those for garage sales which would be dated and displayed. She also related various violations in her Lake Pointe neighborhood and the need for regulation because of safety and traffic issues. A fishing boat owner expressed his opinions regarding the proposed ordinance.

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Beth Birmingham, wife of the Homeowner's Association president of Lake Pointe, noted the calls they receive from the homeowners complaining about the recreational vehicle parking.

Moved by Mr. Heise to approve the second reading of the proposed RV Parking Ordinance, Amendment #21, to the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances #1016 and to make it effective on July 13, 2017, the date of publication in the Eagle Newspaper.

The motion died from lack of the support.

F.4 Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) for Commercial Realtor for Five Mile Road Property – Supervisor Heise

Mr. Heise listed the receipt of four proposals, similarly at 5%.

Signature Associates
Colliers
CDRE
Cushman and Wakefield

He said he may be asking Gary Roberts, the consultant on the Five Mile project, to also weigh in. Interviews will be held, with recommendations returned to the Board.

Board members discussed possibilities for the property and current interest in purchase of the property.

F.5 DTE Power Outage Discussion

Mr. Heise updated Board members on meetings with DTE and their attempts to make repairs or replacements to outdated equipment in problem areas. DTE plans to visually inspect wires, poles, and equipment in a particular grid area and have an aggressive tree-trimming program. They warned there will be brief power outages while they make repairs. DTE may hold an open house for people in the problem areas where questions can be answered.

Chris Hunter talked about the frequency of the recent power outages.

A resident complained that DTE has not invested in infrastructure, and his attempts for DTE reimbursement for damage to his air conditioner during a brownout were unsuccessful.

Another resident also noted the frequency of outages and damages.

F.6 Budget Discussion (If Required)

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Mr. Heise thanked Cindy Kushner and Mr. Clinton for their help in answering budget questions.

Mr. Curmi distributed sheets regarding capital projects from prior budgets that may serve as guidelines.

G. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Heitman expressed his disappointment in not getting an ordinance regarding recreational vehicle street parking.

Mr. Heise thanked the Board for their unanimous vote for the inter-governmental fire agreement with Northville Township for reopening Fire Station 2. He also believes the RV ordinance needs to be revisited.

He indicated there will be a study session on July 18, then no meetings on July 25 and August 1, with August 8 being the next regular meeting.

Mr. Dempsey also expressed positive feelings about reopening Fire Station No. 2. He also reiterated attempting to enforce the existing traffic code.

Mr. Curmi asked about resealing the parking lot, pond weed killing, and geese control in the park.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

A gentleman thanked the Board for cancellation of the fireworks on behalf of all the dogs and veterans in the community.

Susan Bondie thanked the Board on behalf of all Lake Pointe residents for reopening Fire Station 2. She also commented on a need for communication in the e-news regarding the rules for RV parking.

Another resident thanked the Board for the Station 2 reopening. She also asked about reporting violations of the current 48-hour parking rule.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Clinton to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Ayes all.

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk