

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING - STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Comm. Dev. Dir./Planner
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Cindy Kushner, Accountant
Sue Brams, Exec. Asst. to Supv.
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
15 Members of the Public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Heise asked that Item A.1 be added, Public Comments and Questions. Moved by Trustee Dempsey and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of September 19, 2017 as amended. Ayes all.

A.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

B. 45980 ANN ARBOR ROAD – CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION (CHO) REQUEST
Laura Haw

Mrs. Haw reviewed the request by ABAJ Development and the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, subject to the items listed in the Planner's and Engineer's reports, with particular attention on the pedestrian path from Litchfield Drive, but not the road connection.

Representatives of ABAJ Development addressed the Board and answered questions regarding their plans to develop the property into nine (9) 2,400 to 2,700 square foot single-family detached homes. Their intention in requesting the Cluster Housing Option is to preserve over

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an acre of open space, along with vegetation along Ann Arbor Road and between developments. They

also discussed with Board members the private road and cul-de-sac and their reasons for not connecting it to existing Litchfield Drive.

C. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS – FIRE DEPARTMENT – Cynthia Kushner and Fire Chief Phillips

Board members discussed various aspects of the proposed Fire Department budget with Chief Phillips and Mrs. Kushner. Among items discussed were personnel increases of 3 additional firefighters, anticipated promotions, replacing a fire truck, enhancing emergency medical dispatch, and obtaining eight computers. Mrs. Kushner explained upcoming increases that will be needed for MERS for a closed pension plan because of actuarial shortened amortization. On the revenue side, the possibility of a dedicated public safety millage was mentioned; as was issuing an RFP for supplementary emergency services, with the possibility of a franchise relationship.

D. ADVERTISE FOR POTENTIAL SALE OF DPW BUILDING – Supervisor Heise

Supervisor Heise, as advised by Attorney Bennett, recommended advertising to solicit interested purchasers for sale of the underutilized DPW building, which has been appraised at \$1,620,000. The ad would not authorize a sale. An offer has also been received from the cell tower property management firm to buy the cell tower on the property for \$375,000 with perpetual easement rights.

His recommended use for the funds received would be to purchase a fire engine and ambulance and other capital equipment/vehicles in the Police and Fire Departments, possibly setting up a building maintenance fund and upgrading a new DPW facility. He indicated a building on Mill Street, which would be suitable, is being considered for lease as a DPW facility.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were none.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 26, 2017.