

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Joann Coobatis, Human Resources Director
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Jon Brothers, Police Lieutenant
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker Associates
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk
Sue Brams, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor
Cynthia Kushner, Accountant
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
48 Members of the Public

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dorian Thompson

**1. PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE INTERNATIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS DAY ON MAY 4, 2018**

Supervisor Heise presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Dan Phillips to be shared with his department, along with the Township's appreciation for their service.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Dempsey to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of May 8, 2018. Ayes all.

C. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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D.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 24, 2018

D.2 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:

n/a

D.3 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	\$188,337.90	\$130,818.19	\$319,156.09
Solid Waste Fund	226	494.43	395.00	889.43
Improvement Revolving (Capital)	246	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture Fund	265	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture State	266	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	267	.00	.00	.00
Golf Course Fund	510	197.69	966.56	1,164.25
Senior Transportation	588	428.51	27.99	456.50
Water/Sewer Fund	592	30,987.44	333,834.80	364,822.24
Trust and Agency	701	.00	.00	.00
Police Bond Fund	702	1,338.00	.00	1,338.00
Tax Pool	703	.00	.00	.00
Special Assessment Capital	805	.00	.00	
TOTALS:		\$221,783.97	\$466,042.54	\$687,826.51

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Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of May 8, 2018. Ayes all.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Bill Pratt, long-time member of the Planning Commission and most recent Planning Commission liaison on the Zoning Board of Appeals, suggested to the Board they should consider revising Section 26 of the Zoning Ordinance which has a restriction on rear yard fences at 4 feet high. Seventy-five percent of the Zoning Board's variance requests have to do with this restriction. This section has not been revised, even when revisions were made to the ordinance in 2000.

Glenn Miller, a volunteer with the Miracle League of Plymouth (a league to give special needs children a chance to play baseball) thanked Supervisor Heise who came out to throw out the first pitch, a perfect strike, on opening day last Saturday.

John Stewart invited everyone to hear Dr. Edward Montgomery, President of WMU and the director of the auto recovery, speak on May 23 at a luncheon from 12:00-1:30 at PARC.

Bill Carter had questions about resolution with the City of Plymouth on the firefighter pension dispute, PARC, and OPEB issues.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Recreation Master Plan - Public Hearing – Clerk Jerry Vorva

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Dempsey to open the Public Hearing on the Joint 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan between the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth. Public Hearing is open at 7:15 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Steve Anderson, Recreation Director of the City of Plymouth, introduced Leah Groya of Living Lab who reviewed the aspects of the plan and proposed edits on Page 10 to clarify the bullet to read "Both contribute funding and/or facility usage to Plymouth Council on Aging." and insertion of a couple of paragraphs on Page 56 to summarize the City's Strategic Plan particularly in relationship to anything related to Parks and Recreation. On Page 39, under "Other Recreation Facilities and Offerings", a brief paragraph should be added to note that the Township has existing residential subdivision open space throughout the community that is common shared open space.

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On Page 45, there is a graphic that shows parks and acres of park land and a note will be added that basically describes the same thing.

Trustee Curmi asked that the .00's be removed on the "Capital" page and had questions regarding senior health and wellness center.

There were no comments from the public.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to close the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Copies of the Resolutions listed below are available in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

2. Consideration to Adopt Joint Recreation Master Plan – **Resolution #2018-05-08-24** – Supervisor Kurt Heise

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman that the Board of Trustees adopt **Resolution #2018-05-08-24** approving the Joint Recreation Master Plan for 2018-2022, with edits proposed during the presentation, and file same with all appropriate governmental entities. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

3. Acceptance of Multi-Year Fiber Optic Line Services Agreement with AT&T **Resolution #2018-05-08-25** – Lieutenant Jon Brothers

Lt. Jon Brothers explained the need for migrating off the current AT&T T1 line to a fiber optic line for future MPSCS radio usage and software support.

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Treasurer Clinton to approve **Resolution #2018-05-08-25** authorizing the Charter Township of Plymouth to enter into a 5-year agreement with AT&T for the fiber network for the MPSCS radio system at a cost of \$492.30 monthly, subject to review and approval by the Township Attorney. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

4. Presentation by Golf Course Committee

Members of the committee, Jason Winters, Bob McCurdy, Chris Hunter, and Joanne Lamar spoke on various aspects of the presentation. Among the items covered were an executive summary, review of what was learned, an analysis of potential courses of action and timeline and next steps.

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Supervisor Heise and Treasurer Clinton thanked all the members of the committee, including Trustee Doroshewitz and Trustee Dempsey, as well as member Andrew Malm for their time and efforts in serving on the committee and preparing the presentation.

Board members also commented on various aspects of the report.

Resident David Booker commented on other restaurants connected with golf courses and Bill Carter expressed his wishes for closing the golf course.

The Board recessed briefly at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

5. Presentation by Corporate Benefit Solutions – Supervisor Kurt Heise and Treasurer Mark Clinton

Steve Mattar and Fred Elias of Corporate Benefit Solutions, John Waugh of MERS, Lindsay Tittensor of Paylocity, and Colleen Burke of EctoHR addressed the Board and answered questions regarding OPEB compliance, HR department restructuring, preparation for future expiring labor agreements, and retirement and health savings program restructuring.

Board members and employees Diane Leclair, Kathy Pumphrey and Cindy Kushner had questions and expressed concerns about some aspects of the presentation and Board members asked for references.

G. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

In answer to questions asked earlier by Bill Carter, Supervisor Heise said it is hoped there will be resolution by the end of the month for the pension dispute with the City of Plymouth, discussions are continuing with the City on PARC, and OPEP issues were part of the presentation this evening. He also noted there will be a special meeting of the Board of May 15.

Trustee Doroshewitz referred to Bill Pratt's earlier request for amendment of the 4-ft. fence requirement in the Zoning Ordinance. With the Board's permission, the Planning Commission would like an opportunity to explore this and make a recommendation. Supervisor Heise said Laura Haw of McKenna could work with the Planning Commission on possible recommendations, to then be reviewed by the Township attorney. Trustee Curmi expressed his objections and concerns regarding changes to the ordinance.

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Trustee Heitman asked that the sign ordinance be returned to the agenda now that an abundance of signs are being seen in inappropriate and illegal places. Supervisor Heise asked that Attorney Bennett send an updated opinion on this subject.

Clerk Vorva thanked Supervisor Heise and Treasurer Clinton for their work on the benefit programs and packages, as well as for them seeking employee input.

Trustee Dempsey hoped that the issue of the aging fire apparatus would soon be addressed, and wanted to give a shout-out to his neighbor, Coach Bob, who patched the holes on their street.

Trustee Curmi asked who is making sure negotiations with Plymouth and OPEB costs are in the audit and was assured by Accountant Kushner that it is being monitored. He also asked her about when she anticipates payment by the City of Plymouth for their share of dispatch costs. She said there are plans to meet with the City's finance director in a couple of weeks. He also had questions regarding the soccer fields at Unisys. Trustee Dempsey noted he has a meeting coming up regarding the soccer field situation and plans to report quickly.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were no comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Treasurer Clinton to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Board of Trustees special meeting of May 15, 2018.