

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**

**APPROVED MINUTES - REVISED**

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:** Dan Phillips, Fire Chief  
Jon Brothers, Police Lieutenant  
Cindy Kushner, Finance Director  
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney  
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker  
Jeff Noble, 20<sup>th</sup> District State Representative  
Sandra Groth, Deputy Clerk  
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer  
Sue Brams, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor

42 Members of the Public

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

State Representative Jeff Noble led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Trustee Heitman moved to add the back up paperwork to the agenda for Item J.10, Settlement Agreement with the City of Plymouth and seconded by Clerk Vorva. Ayes All

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of June 26, 2018. Ayes all.

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**D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

D.1 **Approval of Minutes:**  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 26, 2018

D.2 **Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports:**  
Building Department Monthly Report – May, 2018  
Fire Department Monthly Report – May, 2018  
Police Department Monthly Report – May, 2018  
FOIA Report – Clerk’s Office – May, 2018  
FOIA Report – Police Department – May, 2018

D.3 **Approval of Township Bills:**

| <b>FUND</b>                     | <b>ACCT</b> | <b>ALREADY PAID</b> | <b>TO BE PAID</b> | <b>TOTAL:</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| General Fund                    | <b>101</b>  | \$391,661.86        | \$247,165.06      | \$638,826.92  |
| Solid Waste Fund                | <b>226</b>  | 4,252.66            | 145,065.59        | 149,318.25    |
| Improvement Revolving (Capital) | <b>246</b>  | .00                 | .00               | .00           |
| Drug Forfeiture Fund            | <b>265</b>  | .00                 | .00               | .00           |
| Drug Forfeiture State           | <b>266</b>  | .00                 | .00               | .00           |
| Drug Forfeiture IRS             | <b>267</b>  | .00                 | .00               | .00           |
| Golf Course Fund                | <b>510</b>  | 116.56              | 28,803.06         | 28,919.62     |
| Senior Transportation           | <b>588</b>  | 3,763.63            | .00               | 3,763.63      |
| Water/Sewer Fund                | <b>592</b>  | 265,861.64          | 110,594.20        | 374,455.84    |
| Trust and Agency                | <b>701</b>  | 44,336.75           | 13,500.55         | 57,837.30     |
| Police Bond Fund                | <b>702</b>  | 2,719.00            | .00               | 2,719.00      |

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| Tax Pool                   | <b>703</b> | .00                 | .00                 | .00                   |
| Special Assessment Capital | <b>805</b> | .00                 | 821.25              | 821.25                |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>             |            | <b>\$712,712.10</b> | <b>\$545,949.71</b> | <b>\$1,258,661.81</b> |

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of June 26, 2018. Ayes all.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Representative Noble addressed the public and reported that the State would be providing \$400,000 to the Township for the purchase of a new fire truck and an additional \$200,000 to go towards the purchase of a new VIPER system for use with the emergency dispatch system. In addition Representative Noble shared the allocation of an additional \$500,000 to go toward the rebuilding of General Drive in Plymouth Township and another \$96,000 for the Plymouth District Library.

Lena Epstein, candidate for Congress, 11<sup>th</sup> District introduced herself to the public and advised of her background and stated her desire to serve as our next Congressional Representative in the 11<sup>th</sup> District.

Mary Weidel, Plymouth Township resident expressed additional concerns about cost estimates for the completion of the PARC project.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

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

1. Reappointment of Dennis Cebulski to the Planning Commission for a 3 Year Term, **Resolution #2018-06-26-37.**

Trustee Curmi moved to approve Resolution #2018-06-26-37 authorizing the re-appointment of Mr. Dennis Cebulski to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring on June 30, 2021, seconded by Clerk Vorva. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

2. Reappointment of William Pratt to the Planning Commission for a 3 Year Term, **Resolution #2018-06-26-38.**

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Trustee Curmi moved to approve Resolution #2018-06-26-38 authorizing the re-appointment of Mr. William Pratt to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term expiring on June 30, 2021, seconded by Trustee Heitman. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

3. Approval of Storm Drain Agreement, AUTOZONE, (FRC Plymouth Magic LLC)  
**Resolution #2018-06-26-39**

Mr. Richmond addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the request for the Storm Drain Agreement. Attorney Bennett also explained about the need for a local company to act as an agent for this out of state company.

Trustee Heitman made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-06-26-39 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign the Wayne County Permit M-49513 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with FRC Plymouth Magic, LLC and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same, seconded by Clerk Vorva. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

4. 2017 Audit Presentation and Approval, **Resolution #2018-06-26-40**

Martin Olejnik, CPA and Kari Shea, CPA, addressed the Board and presented their Audit findings for the 2017 Plymouth Township Audit. They advised the Township was given an unqualified opinion. They addressed some of the legislative changes affecting the way we will do things in the future with State filings and procedures, legacy costs and the challenge of funding them under the new GASB standards on postemployment benefits, revenue sharing and other accounting and financial issues faced by the Township.

Supervisor Heise thanked Plante & Moran for their work on this audit and Clerk Vorva noted the significant savings in cost for the 2017 audit versus the 2016 audit that required much more research and work and he thanked Finance Director Kushner and her staff for their outstanding efforts.

Clerk Vorva moved to approve Resolution #2018-06-26-40 to accept and approve the audit of fiscal year 2017 along with financial statements, all reports, the letters of required communications and follow up recommendations to be filed with the State of Michigan by Plante Moran, seconded by Treasurer Clinton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

5. EMS Transport Request for Proposal, **Resolution #2018-06-26-41**

Trustee Dempsey and Chief Phillips addressed the Board and explained the scope of the work involved in providing EMS service, the lack of a contract to provide that service,

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despite the law that requires it and the need to go out for bid to find the best solutions to the medical transport issue.

Trustee Dempsey moved that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #2018-06-26-41, requesting the Supervisor and Clerk to draft and issue a Request for Proposals for the Provision of Private Emergency Response and non-transport pre-hospital life support services; furthermore that the RFP be issued no later than August 1, 2018, seconded by Trustee Heitman. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

6. Manhole Project Rebid Award Approval, **Resolution #2018-06-26-42**

Director Fellrath addressed the Board and explained the rebid on the manhole project as required due to the increased scope of the project. Discussion ensued and questions were directed to Mr. Brooks of Wade Trim inquiring about the original \$30,000 that was already paid to them for engineering and drawings on this project and he was asked why the Township should pay the cost twice for the same project. The Township Board expressed concern and hesitancy about approving this fee and ultimately did not approve the \$30,000 fee in their resolution. Completion date for this project is set for September 28, 2018.

Moved by Trustee Curmi to approve Resolution #2018-06-26-42 authorizing the award of the re-bid contract for the 2018 Sanitary Manhole Adjustment Program to J.B. Contractors in the amount of \$305,605.00 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the contract for same, seconded by Trustee Dempsey.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Curmi, Dempsey, Vorva, Heise, Clinton

Nays: Heitman, Doroshewitz

Motion Passed

7. Option Agreement to Purchase Communications Easement between 'New Par' d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless and Charter Township of Plymouth, **Resolution #2018-06-26-43**

Supervisor Heise addressed the Board and discussed the offer to purchase the easement for continued access to the cell tower located at the DPW Yard at 46555 Port Street as well as the tower's backup generator and related structures, all of which are enclosed by a fence.

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Moved by Trustee Dempsey that the Township Board approve Resolution 2018-06-26-43 authorizing the option agreement to purchase communications Easement with 'New Par' (d/b/a Verizon Wireless) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Township; furthermore that the intent of the Board is that the proceeds of the agreement be used to supplement the purchase of a new fire engine for the Township, seconded by Supervisor Heise.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Dempsey, Vorva, Heise, Clinton, Heitman, Doroshewitz  
Nays: Curmi

Motion carried.

8. Request to Purchase Fire Engine, **Resolution #2018-06-26-44**

Fire Chief Phillips addressed the Board and discussed the aforementioned purchase of a fire truck to replace the 1989 fire pumper that is currently in service but not able to meet current state and national requirements for a fire pumper. Chief Phillips indicated that a savings could be accomplished by prepayment but the Board will have time to make that decision once the truck is ordered as it takes over 10 months to build this custom piece of apparatus.

Trustee Heitman moved to approve Resolution #2018-06-25-44 authorizing the purchase of the Pierce Enforcer Pumper (Bid #598) from Halt Fire Inc., to be purchased through the Rochester Hills cooperative RFP for \$662,309.00 with the understanding that early prepayment could result in a discounted price to be determined at a later date, seconded by Trustee Dempsey. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

9. Approval of Ballot Resolution for Public Safety Millage, **Resolution #2018-06-26-45**

Treasurer Clinton addressed the Board and presented the suggested language for the 1.2 mil ballot proposal being considered for placement on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot for police, fire, dispatch and other public safety services and equipment.

The Board discussed this issue at length; including their concerns for the proper wording of the language to ensure that voters understand the reasons for the request and are assured the funds would be used only for those particular issues.

After much discussion, Supervisor Heise made a motion to postpone this item to a later date to give all Board Members ample time to submit their concerns before coming up with finalized language to submit to the County before the July 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for placement on

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the ballot for the November election, seconded by Trustee Heitman. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

10. Settlement Agreement with the City of Plymouth With Back Up Material Added By a Vote of the Board

Supervisor Heise addressed the Board and discussed the final settlement agreement with the City as well as the conditions that would require the Township to file suit to protect the interest of the Township due to the expiration of the Tolling Agreement on June 30, 2018, while the City Commission would not be voting on final approval until at least July 2, 2018.

Supervisor Heise moved that the Township Board approve Resolution #2018-06-26-46 authorizing the Township Attorney to initiate litigation against the City of Plymouth to protect the Townships interests under the Tolling Agreement which expires on June 30, 2018, seconded by Clerk Vorva. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

**G. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Supervisor Heise mentioned the next meeting scheduled for July 10, the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent ice cream social.

Trustee Doroshewitz expressed his hope that the Township will be upgrading to the Office 365 email system for ease of use.

Clerk Vorva thanked the Treasurer for his thoughtful presentation on the ballot initiative and the Clerk's staff for their help with voters who had been assigned to the wrong precinct.

Treasurer Clinton said the tax bills were going out in the mail on Thursday, June 28.

Trustee Dempsey thanked the citizens for their patience and willingness to stay so long for the meeting.

Trustee Curmi had questions about the signs, especially related to elections, and the enforcement of same.

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**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Dale Berry, President Emeritus of HVA thanked the Board for their long standing relationship and years of service since 1991, introduced Ron Slagel, new President/CEO and noted HVA had transported 29,786 patients out of our community since they started. He also thanked them for issuing a Request for Proposal for emergency medical services.

Mary Weidel and Mr. Don Soenen discussed concerns and issues related to PARC and the availability of information.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Minutes revised and approved at regular meeting of Board of Trustees on July 24, 2018.