

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDY SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019**

**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:** Mark Lewis, Building Director  
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney  
Sue Brams, Executive Asst. to Supervisor  
Cheri Palmarchuk, Bldg. Dept. Coordinator  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
11 Members of the Public

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of June 4, 2019. Ayes all.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (Limited to 3 minutes)** – There were none.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Building Department Update – *Building Department Coordinator Cheri Palmarchuk and Building Director Mark Lewis*

Cheri Palmarchuk, Building Department Coordinator, reviewed with the Board the efficiencies allowed by use of BSA Building. Some of the accomplishments include permits and inspections online; PZE processes; tracking of performance, legal, and landscaping bonds and escrows; tracking water and sewer agreements, bonds, and

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fees; property searches; and field inspections. She and Mark Lewis, Building Director, answered questions from the Board regarding safety concerns for the programs and potential uses.

2. Retiree Healthcare Reform Discussion – *Supervisor Kurt Heise, Treasurer Mark Clinton and Trustee Chuck Curmi*

A task force consisting of Fred Elias and Steve Mattar of Corporate Benefit Solutions, and Treasurer Mark Clinton, Trustee Charles Curmi, Supervisor Kurt Heise, and Finance Director Cindy Kushner reviewed Retiree Health Care Reform.

Treasurer Clinton gave a presentation regarding the current state, number of participants, and annual costs. Also included were projected costs, goals and objectives and recommendations.

Recommendations included standardizing retirees' contributions of 20% of premiums, creating a new base plan with "buy up" option, and mandated attestation, with projected benefits listed.

Mr. Elias and Mr. Mattar, along with Labor Attorney John Clark, answered questions from the Board.

3. Historic Marker Language Review – *Trustee Jack Dempsey*

Trustee Dempsey asked for input from the Board and public on the proposed text for the historical marker, so that it might come before the Michigan Historical Commission on June 20. The marker will be placed on the grounds of Township Hall. Trustee Curmi had a question regarding the accuracy of the Charter Township establishment date in the 1970's.

**E. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Supervisor Heise noted the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 11.

Trustee Heitman thanked Supervisor Heise, Clerk Vorva, Deputy Clerk Groth, Building Director Lewis, and Building Dept. Coordinator Palmarchuk for their expediting work for a brand new business through the inefficient Wayne County permit procedures. He mentioned the outstanding police work in containing a house party of 400 people on Ridge Road, especially Officer Fritz. Of his 11 retention visits in May,

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the average is 10 years in the community. Nine of the eleven were planning expansion and *\*only one had ever* heard from the Township before.

Trustee Dempsey mentioned a significant two-car collision this evening on McClumpha Road, and talked about having petitioned MDOT, etc. He asked for comments from the Police or Fire Departments. Chief Phillips offered to check into it.

Trustee Curmi asked about the closing on the two sale properties. Supervisor Heise said a motion has been filed for "quiet title" in Wayne County Circuit Court on the DEHOCO property. The DPW property is in process.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS  
(Limited to 3 Minutes)**

Jim Haar and Don Hahn, Township retirees, expressed their concerns regarding changes to the current retirement plans.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Heitman and second by Trustee Curmi to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Ayes all.

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

*\*Correction made at Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019.*

Minutes approved as corrected at Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019.