

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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:** Patrick Fellrath, P.E., Director of Public Services  
Chris Mack, Fire Captain  
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief  
Laura Haw, AICP, NCI, Planning Consultant, McKenna  
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney  
Jeremy Shrot, Spalding DeDecker Associates  
Sue Brams, Exec. Asst. to Supervisor  
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary  
15 Members of the Public

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - John Stewart, Former State Representative

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Trustee Dempsey to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 10, 2019. Ayes all.

**D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

D.1 **Approval of Minutes:**  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 27, 2019

D.2 **Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports**  
N/A

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

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<b>FUND</b>	<b>ACCT</b>	<b>ALREADY PAID</b>	<b>TO BE PAID</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
General Fund	<b>101</b>	\$475,398.75	\$320,680.01	\$796,078.76
Solid Waste Fund	<b>226</b>	2,550.90	11,378.99	13,929.89
Improvement Revolving (Capital)	<b>246</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drug Forfeiture Fund	<b>265</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drug Forfeiture State	<b>266</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	<b>267</b>	0.00	129.78	129.78
Golf Course Fund	<b>510</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Senior Transportation	<b>588</b>	3,512.89	0.00	3,512.89
Water/Sewer Fund	<b>592</b>	39,379.33	485,323.40	524,702.73
Trust and Agency	<b>701</b>	82,975.10	0.00	82,975.10
Police Bond Fund	<b>702</b>	6,205.00	0.00	6,205.00
Tax Pool	<b>703</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Assessment Capital	<b>805</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$610,021.97</b>	<b>\$817,512.18</b>	<b>\$1,427,534.15</b>

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Curmi to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of September 10, 2019. Ayes all.

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**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (Limited to 3 minutes)**

Lisa Howard, Executive Director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, representing a committee of PCAC volunteers and members of the Great Lakes Art Foundation, spoke regarding bringing public arts to the community in the form of an outdoor sculpture initiative. She issued an invitation to discuss further the many benefits, including financial, of a community based art initiative in the proposed "Golfview Park."

A resident of N. Territorial Road discussed the sculptures in Canton's Heritage Park, and the Township's Rockwell sculptures. She also discussed the vision for the addition of sculptures in the Township's proposed park.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

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

1. Appointments to the Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission, **Resolution #2019-09-10-78**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

The following appointments were recommended for the term lengths listed:

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|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. Anita Yeager          | 3 years |
| 2. Mary Ann MacLaren     | 3 years |
| 3. Joanne Lamar          | 3 years |
| 4. Angel Price           | 2 years |
| 5. Andrew Wolf           | 2 years |
| 6. Ashley Binion-Zuccaro | 2 years |
| 7. Cheryl Bord           | 1 year  |
| 8. Linda Barterian       | 1 year  |
| 9. Robert Prohaska       | 1 year  |

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Trustee Curmi to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-78**, appointing the initial nine members of the Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission for the terms specified therein. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

2. Tree Planting Plan for 2020, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Planning Director Laura Haw*

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Board members discussed the tree planting plan covering 151 trees contributed by Webasto, 13 trees from the Re-Leaf Program, 50 trees requested from ARC, and purchases from the tree fund. Potential locations include the proposed "Golfview Park," Township Park, and various locations in the residential tree program.

There was no action taken on this item.

3. "Golfview Park" Proposal, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Planning Director Laura Haw*

Board members discussed possibilities for creating a new neighborhood passive park in the triangle adjacent to Hilltop Golf Course, an area of approximately 9 acres. Suggestions include walking paths, park benches, bike racks, additional trees, and opening the area to leashed dogs.

Laura Haw was asked to attempt to obtain the services of a grad student(s) to design the park.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Dempsey to authorize the Supervisor to study the conversion of the Township-owned property bounded by Beck, Ann Arbor Trail, and Powell Roads to a public neighborhood park, subject to final review and approval by the Township Board. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

4. Colony Farms SAD Engineering Authorization, **Resolution #2019-09-10-79**,  
*Public Services Director Patrick Fellrath*

Board members discussed at length with Public Services Director Fellrath and George Tsakoff of OHM Advisors the changes to the procedure for presenting petitions for Special Assessment Districts. They discussed the differences in the previous requirement of at least 51% of the total units as criteria, rather than at least 51% of the total frontage of the road. Also discussed were raising the cost limit for preliminary engineering from \$7,000 and the use of two petitions, one for preliminary engineering and one for creating the SAD after costs are known.

Mr. Fellrath was asked to return to the HOA to inform them they need an additional 8 houses to start the preliminary engineering, which would meet the criteria of at least 51% of the total units involved.

5. Brembo Water Main Easement Agreement, **Resolution #2019-09-10-80**,  
*Public Services Director Patrick Fellrath and Engineer Dave Richmond*

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Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Curmi to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-80**, authorizing the Township Clerk, Township Attorney, and Township Engineer to sign the Water Main Easement for Brembo, North America, Inc., and to authorize the recording of same. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

6. Employee Benefits Through Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS); Various Resolutions, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

John Waugh of MERS addressed the Board and answered further questions regarding transfer of employee plans to the Municipal Employees Retirement System.

Police Officer Jeffrey Fetter appeared on behalf of Jason Hayes, TPOAM president, to communicate to the Board the membership's wish not to transfer their funds to MERS.

Board members discussed their concerns further.

Moved by Treasurer Clinton and seconded by Trustee Doroshewitz to postpone consideration of transferring employee benefits to MERS for at least 30 days.

The motion was amended to postpone consideration to September 24, 2019 by the both the maker and supporter.

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

Motion defeated.

- a. MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement, **Resolution #2019-09-10-81**

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-81**, the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign any required documents to effectuate the implementation of the plan.

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- b. MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution, **Resolution #2019-09-10-82**

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Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-82**, the MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign any required documents to effectuate the implementation of the plan.

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

Motion carried.

c. MERS 457 Participation Agreement, **Resolution #2019-09-10-83**

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-83**, to approve the MERS 457 Participation Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign any required documents to effectuate the implementation of the plan.

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

Motion carried.

d. MERS Health Care Savings Program Uniform Resolution, **Resolution #2019-09-10-84**

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-84**, to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Uniform Resolution and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign any required documents to effectuate its implementation.

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

Motion carried.

e. MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement, **Resolution #2019-09-10-85**

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-85**, to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign any required documents to effectuate its implementation.

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Ayes all on a roll call vote.

- f. Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals Resolution, **Resolution #2019-09-10-86**

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to adopt **Resolution #2019-09-10-86**, Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign any required documents to effect its implementation.

Ayes all on a roll call vote

7. Draft 2020 Budget Discussion

Board members discussed the budget overview and how the preparation is proceeding without the services of a full-time Finance Director.

**G. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Supervisor Heise noted the Study Session on September 17 would include a presentation from HVA and discussion of the Public Safety Portion of the budget.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (Limited to 3 Minutes) – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

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Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk