

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES



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

PRESENT: Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Chuck Curmi, Trustee
Jack Dempsey, Trustee
Bob Doroshewitz, Trustee
Gary Heitman, Trustee

ABSENT: Mark Clinton, Treasurer (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Fellrath, Dir. Of Public Services
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Sue Brams, Admin. Asst. to Supv.
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
7 Members of the Public

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Jerry Vorva, Clerk

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees regular meeting of July 28, 2020. Ayes all.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, July 14, 2020

D.2 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions, Reports

Building Department Monthly Report - June 2020

Fire Department Monthly Report - June 2020

Police Department Monthly Report - June 2020

Planning Department Monthly Report - June 2020

FOIA Monthly Report - Clerk's Office - June 2020

FOIA Monthly Report - Police Department - June 2020

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D.3 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	483,056.84	102,547.44	585,604.28
Solid Waste Fund	226	4,137.94	113,938.12	118,076.06
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	.00	.00	.00
Senior Transportation	588	4411.99	267.35	4679.34
Water/Sewer Fund	592	274,978.96	32,810.38	307,789.34
Trust and Agency	701	.00	.00	.00
Police Bond Fund	702	.00	.00	.00
Tax Pool	703	.00	.00	.00
Special Assessment Capital	805	.00	469,590.55	469,590.55
TOTALS:		766,585.73	719,153.84	1,485,739.57

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E. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 Minutes)

George Belvich and Laurie Mayers, members of Pflag (an advocacy group for the LGBTQ+ community and their friends and families), had questions regarding the Police Department and their handling of racial issues, and made suggestions for improvement including training and budgetary considerations.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Copies of resolutions, attachments, and exhibits listed below are available in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

1. Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) Annual Budget Approval, **Resolution #2020-07-28-71**, *Aaron Sprague, WTUA*

Aaron Sprague, WTUA Executive Director, addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the proposed budget which has been approved by the WTUA Board of Directors and must be approved by the Boards of Plymouth, Canton, and Northville Townships.

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve **Resolution #2020-07-28-71**, adopting the 2020-2021 WTUA Budget per the recommendations of the WTUA Executive Director. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

2. Great Lakes Water Authority/Western Townships Utilities Authority (GLWA/WTUA) Industrial Pretreatment Program Resolution, **Resolution #2020-07-28-72**, *Patrick Fellrath, Director, Public Services, and Aaron Sprague, WTUA*

WTUA Director Sprague explained the necessity for adopting updated IPP rules of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) because certain areas of the Township, pursuant to the sanitary sewer service agreement with the City of Plymouth, WTUA and Wayne County discharge wastewater flow to the GLWA sewer system.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman to approve **Resolution #2020-07-28-72**, adopting the Great Lakes Water Authority Industrial Pretreatment Rules for purposes of certain areas within the Township, as shown in Exhibit A of Resolution. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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3. DPW Land Purchase Agreement Extension, **Resolution #2020-07-28-73**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

Leo Gonzales of Phoenix Management Holdings addressed the Board regarding work yet to be done with Wayne County regarding access and issues with the Wayne County Drain Commission and EGLE. Much of the work was delayed by the COVID crisis and is still slowed by it. This second extension would end December 31, 2020 rather than August 31, 2020.

Moved by Trustee Curmi and seconded by Trustee Heitman that the Township Board approve **Resolution #2020-07-28-73** authorizing the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Real Estate Purchase Agreement Amendment with Phoenix Management Holdings, LLC, IV, for surplus Township parcels located at 46555 Port Street. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

4. Approval to Advertise for Lease of Excess Office Space at the DPW Building, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

Supervisor Heise proposed leasing excess DPW office space to realize additional revenue. Operations would be sought who have limited parking and storage needs, and any offers received would come before the Board for approval.

Moved by Trustee Doroshewitz and seconded by Trustee Curmi to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to advertise and seek responsive bids for the lease of surplus office space at the DPW building and to recommend final approval of a tenant to the Board of Trustees if a suitable tenant is found. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

5. Reinstatement of COVID-Related Budget Cuts to Police Department, **Resolution #202-07-14-74**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

With the State's agreement to reimburse First Responders' salaries for April and May using Federal CARES Act Funding, Supervisor Heise noted his confidence that sufficient reimbursement will enable restoration of Police Department cuts made in May.

Trustee Curmi suggested some of those funds being earmarked for cyber-crimes, identification theft, and fraud.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Heitman that the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees hereby adopt **Resolution #2020-07-28-74** authorizing the Finance Director to amend and appropriate the General Fund balance in the attached Police and Dispatch Capital Outlay expenditure accounts in the amount of \$109,429.00.

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 Minutes) - None

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Heise indicated the next Board meeting will be held on August 25.

He updated Board members on the Salem Springs project in Salem Township and their attempts to run water and sewer lines to the project.

Clerk Vorva spoke on the 9200 absentee ballots issued, with a return thus far of 40%. He asked that the public return the ballots personally to Township Hall, placing them in one of the boxes provided, rather than relying on the mail. They must be received by the Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 4.

Trustee Dempsey commented on the installation of the traffic light at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Roads. He asked that crossings be examined in the township.

He appreciated the public comments today, and he spoke on the strides made in diversity in the last four years.

Trustee Curmi asked that something be posted regarding benchmarks made.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Trustee Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk

Minutes approved at Board of Trustees regular meeting of August 25, 2020.