

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES



CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Heise.

A. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Mark Clinton, Treasurer
Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Chuck Curmi, Trustee
Bob Doroshewitz, Trustee
John Stewart, Trustee
Audrey Monaghan, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Dan Kudra, Police Lieutenant
Laura Haw, Township Planner
Denisa Terrell, Recording Secretary

23 Attendees

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Trustee John Stewart

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of May 11, 2021. Ayes all.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Trustee Curmi requested that the total number of meeting attendees is added to the minutes as well as, removal of addresses from public comments, and the correction of a misspelled word.

Moved by Trustee Curmi and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to postpone the adoption of the May 11, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Trustee Curmi, Trustee Doroshewitz, Treasurer Clinton, Trustee Monaghan

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NAYS: Trustee Stewart, Clerk Vorva, Supervisor Heise
Motion Passed



D.2 Consent Agenda – New Business

- a. Reappointments to the Planning Commission, Environmental Leadership Commission, and Historic District Commission, **Resolution 2021-05-25-36**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

Trustee Curmi requested the Environmental Leadership reappointments are voted on separately.

Moved by Trustee Doroshewitz and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to approve Resolution # 2021-05-25-36, reappointing various individuals to the Planning and Historic District Commissions as described therein.

All Ayes on a roll call vote. Motion Passed

Moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve Resolution # 2021-05-25-36, reappointing various individuals to the Environmental Leadership Commission as described therein.

Ayes: Trustee Doroshewitz, Supervisor Heise, Clerk Vorva, Treasurer Clinton, Trustee Monaghan, Trustee Stewart

Nays: Trustee Curmi

- b. Appointment of Christopher Hunter to the Civil Service Commission, **Resolution #2021-05-25-37**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

Trustee Curmi inquired how Mr. Hunter would handle conflict of interest as an attorney, should his firm represent an individual who was to sue the Township. Mr. Hunter advised he would apply the code of ethics obligations as an attorney to the Township and the firm he represents.

Moved by Trustee Monaghan and seconded by Clerk Vorva to approve Resolution # 2021-05-25-37 to appoint Mr. Christopher Hunter as the Township representative to the Civil Service Commission for a term ending June 30, 2027.

All Ayes on a roll call vote.

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D.3 Acceptance of Communications, Resolutions & Reports

- Letter to Fire Department from Bradbury Residents

D.4 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	478,864.83	150,919.97	629,784.80
Solid Waste Fund	226	4,583.01	116,806.75	121,389.76
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	5,108.37	.00	5,108.37
Water/Sewer Fund	592	306,316.85	119,634.99	424,951.84
Trust and Agency	701	.00	.00	.00
Police Bond Fund	702	.00	.00	.00
Tax Pool	703	.00	.00	.00

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Special Assessment Capital	805	.00	.00	.00
TOTALS:		793,873.06	387,361.71	1,181,234.77

Moved by Clerk Vorva and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to approve items D3 and D4 of the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of May 25, 2021. Ayes all. Motion Passed

E. PUBLIC COMMENT (*Limited to 3 Minutes*) –

- Daune Zantop shared his opposition to the tree ordinance.
- Mary Ann MacLaren, Chair of the Environmental Leadership Commission expressed that the Commissioners are doing their best and should not be judged based on the tree ordinance agenda item.
- Donna H takes care of the acre of land that includes trees. She is a responsible property owner and is concerned about the tree ordinance.
- Rick Ward is opposed to components of the tree ordinance.
- Bob Newton is against the tree ordinance.
- Lisa D agrees with planting trees but has concerns with the specifics of the Ordinance.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Copies of attachments, resolutions, or ordinances referred to below are available in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

1. 2021 Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit Renewal, Resolution #2021-05-25-38, Supervisor Kurt Heise

Supervisor Heise advised there are local bars and restaurants that want to maintain outdoor seating. The permits would be extended through the end of the calendar year expiring on November 1, 2021.

Moved by Trustee Curmi seconded Trustee Monaghan hereby adopt Resolution #2021-05-25-38 authorizing the implementation and use of the Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit; such permit to automatically expire on November 1, 2021, unless otherwise re-authorized by the Board.

All Ayes on a roll call vote. Motion Carried.

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2. Attestation Policy for pre-Medicare Retirees, Discussion Only, *Supervisor Heise, Treasurer Clinton, and Trustee Curmi*

The Benefits Coordinator, Steve Mattar provided a detailed presentation on Pre-Medicare Retiree Healthcare. He outlined an annual attestation policy and the healthcare premium cost savings available to the Township. Pre-Medicare employees choosing to opt-out and obtain other sources of available healthcare would receive \$3900 per calendar year.

Treasurer Clinton- Noted that retiree healthcare is not a critical issue this year, however conversations with unions should take place to reach common goals to satisfy the safety of healthcare and save money. The cost will rise further as more retirees enter the system. He will also give a status update on pension and retiree healthcare funding at the second Board of Trustees meeting in June.

Clerk Vorva- Noted just as retirees enter the system others will drop off.

Trustee Curmi- Voters approved a 40% tax increase to cover retiree healthcare. Retiree healthcare ranked five in goal setting and is considered a priority. He also indicated whatever is saved should be put in a trust fund to pay for benefits.

Supervisor Heise- Cautioned the Board to consider the legality. He does not want to become a test case with the makeup of the current supreme court. The previous township administration was not fiscally responsible. The (OPEB) was funded at zero. The voters approved a tax increase to get the Township out of trouble with the state in 2018. The current administration has been responsible in funding pensions and retiree healthcare. We are no longer in a pay as we go along status.

Trustee Stewart- Questioned if all the pertinent individuals (unions, police & fire chiefs) been informed of the consideration given to retiree healthcare.

Trustee Monaghan suggested a future discussion to consider the possibility of eliminating opt-out if individuals already have other healthcare insurance to gain savings.

Chief Tiderington spoke about recent injuries incurred by police while on duty that is long-lasting. Benefits are a part of the compensation package.

3. Tree Ordinance and Tree City Designation, Discussion Only, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Township Planner Laura Haw*

Supervisor Heise gave an overview of the Tree City designation requirements.

Public Comments:

Mr. Ronald Hoge opposes the ordinance.

Mr. Zantop is opposed to the tree ordinance

Donna has called the county for years to take down a tree. Supervisor Heise advised Donna to email him and he will facilitate the tree removal.

Damon Krueger, an Environmental Commission is excited about Tree City.



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Mr. Zantop there are invasive trees in the parks



Board of Trustees Comments:

Supervisor Heise- The study session on June 1, 2021, is canceled.

Covid Funding will be approximately 2.8 million. It will come in two checks that may be spent on infrastructure.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was successful. There were 1086 cars that came through.

There will be a Ceremony at noon on Memorial Day at Haggerty/Hines Drive at the Wayne County 1st Responders Memorial.

A police officer was parked on the shoulder in his vehicle on Monday night and was hit by a vehicle driving 100 mph.

Clerk Vorva thanked Ginger Moriarty, Carol, and the finance department for the best audit. The auditor audit presentation on June 8th.

Trustee Curmi requested the status of the two pressure-reducing valves.

At 9:37 p.m. Trustee Doroshewitz moved that a Closed Session be called for the purpose of an Attorney consultation on specific pending litigation and settlement strategy in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8€, MCL 15.268(8) and seconded by Trustee Monaghan.

Return To Open Session

At 10:14 p.m. Trustee Doroshewitz moved that the Board of Trustees return to Open Session and seconded by Trustee Monaghan.

Ayes all.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Clerk Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk