

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

APPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
7:00 PM



CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Under Public Act 228 of 2020 Attended Remotely:

Jerry Vorva, Clerk, Location Plymouth Township

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Laura Haw, Township Planner
Jeremy Schrot, Township Engineer
Denisa Terrell, Recording Secretary
10 Members of the Public

Moved by Supervisor Heise seconded by Trustee Monaghan to appoint Treasurer Clinton as acting Clerk for the July 27, 2021 meeting, in absence of Clerk Vorva's physical presence.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chief Tiderington

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by Trustee Doroshewitz and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of July 27, 2021. Ayes all.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Moved by Treasurer Clinton and seconded by Trustee Doroshewitz to approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees meeting of July 13, 2021. Ayes all.

D.2 Consent Agenda-New Business

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- a. 44736 Joy Road 10' Pathway Easement, **Resolution # 2021-07-27-47**, *Jeremy Schrot, Township Engineer*
- b. 44780 Joy Road 10' Pathway Easement, **Resolution # 2021-07-27-48**, *Jeremy Schrot, Township Engineer*
- c. Appointment of Zachary Funk to the Historic District Commission, **Resolution # 2021-07-27-49**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*
- d. Resolution to Approve IT/CLEMIS Service Agreement, **Resolution 2021-07-27-51**, *Police Chief Tom Tiderington*

D.3 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	673,290.20	308,168.33	981,458.5.
Solid Waste Fund	226	5,993.73	105,519.99	111,513.72
Improvement Revolving (Capital)	246	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture Fund	265	.00	37,683.00	37,683.00
Drug Forfeiture State	266	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	267	.00	.00	.00
Golf Course Fund	510	.00	.00	.00
Senior Transportation	588	7,006.37	.00	7,006.37
Water/Sewer Fund	592	357,998.58	430,774.43	788,773.01

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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	.00	.00
TOTALS:		1,044,288.88	882,145.75	1,926,434.6

Trustee Curmi requested a discussion on the CIPP Bid Award under new business.

Moved by Treasurer Clinton and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of July 27, 2021. Ayes all.

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

There were None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. CIPP Bid Award, Resolution # 2021-07-27-50

Mr. Schrot advised the bid is for the sanitary sewer lining as the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan. The project is to maintain sewer health throughout the Township. There were three bids for 2021 that were better than the previous one bid the year prior. The awarded bid is closer to the cost of four years ago.

Moved by Trustee Monaghan and seconded by Trustee Curmi to approve Resolution #2021-07-27 to award the contract for 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining to Insituform Technologies USA for \$222,026.20.

All Ayes.

2. Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) approval of Annual Budget, Resolution # 2021-07-27-52

Ms. Reel from WTUA presented. The Board of Trustees will approve the departmental budget. She shared documentation that supports that the budget is down by 13% which is predominantly due to sewer treatment

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charges. The current budget will be an 18% decrease in sewage and treatment costs. It was also expressed that after the 2021 /2022 fiscal year the Township will only have one debt payment.

Supervisor Heise shared the next steps will include the budget being presented to both the Canton Township Board, as well as the Northville Township Board for approval, followed by the WTUA Board of Directors for approval.

Moved by Treasurer Clinton and seconded by Trustee Curmi that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution #2021-07-27-52 adopting the 2021-22 WTUA Budget per the recommendation of Western Townships Utilities Authority.

All Ayes.

3. Second Reading of Update to Tree Ordinance 1016, Amendment 25, Section 98.01 et seq.

Supervisor Heise advised the edits and changes were completed for the Tree Ordinance as well as changes to pages 7 and 8. There were amendments to section 98.13(B) amended 98(15), as well as removed 98.13 (H) with assistance from the Board, community, and staff.

Moved by Treasurer Clinton and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to approve the second reading of the Township Tree Ordinance and to make the Ordinance effective upon publication by the Township Clerk.

All Ayes.

4. Tree Ordinance Fee Schedule, Resolution # 2021-07-27-53, Supervisor Kurt Heise and Laura Haw

Supervisor Heise expressed a comparative fee schedule of nearby communities were included for review in the board packet. Mrs. Haw also indicated in the current environment developers plan to address fees associated with tree removal and replacement.

Moved to by Supervisor Heise and seconded by Trustee Stewart to adopt the attached Resolution #2021-07-27-53 establishing the fee schedule for the Township Tree Ordinance, to take effect upon publication of the ordinance, by the Township Clerk.

All Ayes.

5. Agreements with the U.S. Homeland Security Detroit for use of Office Space and Reimbursement of Expenses at the DPW Building

Chief Tiderington presented the agreement to lease office space to U.S. Homeland Security Department, Detroit at the DPW Building. An existing police officer of the Township will be assigned to the task force responsible for investigating money laundering, fraud, and scams. Chief

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Tiderington indicated the office space usage is intended to be long-term. He thanked the Board of Trustees for their support.

Moved by Trustee Monaghan and seconded by Trustee Curmi that the Board of Trustees approve the reimbursement from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund and the Office Space in Plymouth Township, Michigan Memoranda of understanding between Plymouth Township and the United States Homeland Security Investigation Detroit and authorize Police Chief Tiderington to sign both on behalf of the Township.

Ayes all.

6. Pension and Retiree Healthcare (OPEB) Funding Status Report

Treasurer Clinton provided a presentation in which he outlined legacy cost, Other Post Retirement Benefits (OPEB) and the status report provided to the State of Michigan. The visual presentation provided a time graph of legacy cost of retiree pension, healthcare, and underfunding. He also emphasized Public Act 202 of 2017 was created under Governor Snyder which addressed the State's underfunded retiree pensions and healthcare. The funding schedule was presented and he explained the rate of return and the exit of retirees resulting in paying down liability and adds to the funding of OPEB. Treasurer Clinton indicated the Township is currently in compliance due to corrective action from the current Board of Trustees and the support from the voters allowing the millage.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Zantop expressed concern about an area of Beacon Hill Drive and Ann Arbor Trail where the trees block the vision of traffic. Supervisor Heise requested that he send an email so that the concern could be addressed.
 - Mary Ann MacLaren expressed appreciation for the work put into the Tree Ordinance
- Trustee Stewart thanked the Environmental Commission for their work.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

- Trustee Doroshewitz is happy Ridge between Ann Arbor Road and Territorial has been resurfaced. The Planning Commission had a study session in which a proposal was presented for the Elks Property, which he also supports.

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- Clerk Vorva thanked Treasurer Clinton for taking his place as a Clerk in this meeting. He also commented on the recent adjustments that provide savings for life insurance benefits.
- Trustee Curmi inquired what can be done to motivate the county to act on complaints as he receives multiple communications from citizens. Supervisor Heise indicated he meets monthly with Commissioner Melissa Daub and would be willing to request that she attend a meeting so that trustees may ask questions.
- Trustee Stewart suggested going to a Public Commission meeting.
- Trustee Curmi also inquired if an elected official will be on the Tree Board. Supervisor Heise advised the Ordinance would have to be amended to include an elected official.
- Trustee Stewart indicated some emails received and reviewed by his long-time assistant and wife have been serious and sometimes inappropriate and would merit the loss of a job. Emails are not shared if they are litigation or an attorney-client privilege. He requested sensibility with words.
- Supervisor Heise advised there will not be a Board of Trustees meeting on August 3rd or August 10th.
The next Board of Trustees meeting will take August 24th, 2021. The agenda will include Budget Amendments, a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, and the Huron Valley Ambulance Contract.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Monaghan to adjourn.

All Ayes.

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk