

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022
7:00 PM



CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Heise opened the meeting and stated that Treasurer Doroshewitz would be participating remotely, in accordance with state law and a recent Attorney General Ruling,

- A. ROLL CALL:** Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Jerry Vorva, Clerk
John Stewart, Trustee
Trustee Chuck Curmi
Jen Buckley, Trustee
- REMOTELY:** Bob Doroshewitz, Treasurer (Pursuant to MI AG OP 7318)
- EXCUSED:** Audrey Monaghan, Trustee
- Also Present:** James Knittel, Police Chief
Patrick Conely, Fire Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Steven Mann, Brownfield Attorney
Laura Haw, Township Planner McKenna
Jeremy Schrot, Township Engineer
Patrick Fellrath, Director Public Works
Denisa Terrell, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public 27

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Trustee John Stewart

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Curmi to approve the agenda for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 23, 2022.

All Ayes of Those Present

C. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, July 26, 2022

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D.2 Consent Agenda – New Business:

- a. Metro Opportunities 7/Amazon Storm Drain Agreement, **Resolution # 2022-08-23-48**, *Township Engineer Jeremy Schrot*
- b. Quickpass Plymouth LLC Storm Drain Agreement, **Resolution # 2022-08-23-49**, *Township Engineer Jeremy Schrot*

D.3 Acceptance of Reports

- Building Department Monthly Report - July 2022
- Fire Department Monthly Report - July 2022
- Planning Department Monthly Report - July 2022
- Police Department Monthly Report - July 2022
- FOIA Monthly Report - Clerk’s Office - July 2022
- FOIA Monthly Report - Police Department - July 2022

D.4 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	843,098.63	383,912.51	1,227,011.14
Drug Forfeiture Federal	262	36,983.00	445.00	37,428.00
Drug Forfeiture State	265	.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	266	.00	.00	.00
ARPA	285	10,039.75	.00	10,039.75

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Improv. Rev.	446	(2,573.32)	.00	(2,573.32)
Senior Transportation	588	(34,592.04)	521.74	(34,070.30)
Water/Sewer Fund	592	363,220.89	488,890.19	852,111.08
Solid Waste Fund	596	5,655.89	114,347.60	120,003.49
Tax Pool	703	1,578.78	.00	1,578.78
Police Bond Fund	710	.00	.00	.00
Special Assessment Capital	805	40,294.25	00	40,294.25
TOTALS:		1,263,705.83	991,617.04	2,255,322.87

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Stewart to approve the Consent Agenda for the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on August 23, 2022.
Roll Call Vote. All Ayes of Those Present.

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

Donna Broderick indicated after reading minutes from a previous meeting it is important to note that Trustee Buckley was not endorsed by police or fire unions. She also voiced her concern that turkeys are attacking her neighbors. She inquired if there was anything the Township could do. Trustee Curmi suggested decoy coyotes may work.

Anna Steel requested clarification in that the engineer report from Spaulding DeDecker as it reads the Elks Project was not recommended for approval. Mr. Schrot, the engineer indicated there was site approval given. He provided the difference in site approval and the following processes necessary to obtain engineering approval.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. McClumpha/Ann Arbor Road Zoning Appeal, **Resolution # 2022-08-23-50**,
Township Planner Laura Haw

Moved by Trustee Curmi and supported by Trustee Buckley to hereby approve Resolution #2022-08-23-50, denying the conditional rezoning of parcel ID R-78-054-99-0015-000 and a portion of parcel R-78-054-99-0014-000 from the R-1-H, One-Family Residential District to the R-, One-Family Residential District.
Roll Call Vote. All Ayes of Those Present.

2. Request to Order Two 2023 Ford Transit 350 12-Passenger Vans for Senior Transportation Program, **Resolution # 2022-08-23-51**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Transportation Director Kim Boyce*

Moved by Trustee Stewart and supported by Trustee Curmi to approve Resolution #2022-08-23-51, placing an order with Signature Ford Lincoln of Owosso, MI for two (2) 2023 Ford Transit 350 12-passenger vans for the Senior Transportation Program per the attached specifications, said vehicles to be paid in FY2023 from the 285 ARPA Fund's 285-000-970-000-2023285v0005 Capital Outlay-Senior Bus project account.
Roll Call Vote. All Ayes of Those Present.

3. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Modernizing the Water Meter Infrastructure, **Resolution # 2022-08-23-52**, *Treasurer Bob Doroshewitz and Director of Public Services Patrick Fellrath*

Director of Public Services Patrick Fellrath and Treasurer Doroshewitz gave a detailed presentation emphasizing the need to replace and upgrade the Township water meter system. They detailed the cost difference between replacing the system with the existing technology and moving to the preferred AMI system. The replacement of the existing system would cost approximately \$1 to \$1.5 million more. They further detailed the necessary infrastructure to be placed throughout the Township. They related that the overall cost saving would not be significant, but that customer service would improve in a more rational billing system and would control exorbitant water losses as this would be a more on time detection system.

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Trustee Curmi was critical of the presentation as not being well prepared and detailed enough to allow Trustees to determine what was the best way forward. Treasurer Doroshewitz countered that the cost difference was presented along with the benefits and that the RFP would provide further detail for both the Board and citizens to evaluate the system.

Mr. Zantop read a statement critical of this type of system as being a health hazard to the homeowner. Director Fellrath corrected Mr. Zantop's assertions with details of the difference in the frequencies used by other types of systems.

Moved by Supervisor Heise and supported by Clerk Vorva to approve **Resolution # 2022-08-23-52** authorizing the Township Treasurer and Director of Public Services to engage engineering services to assist with the RFP and to authorize the completion and release of the RFP for replacement of water meters and implementation of AMI.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Clerk Vorva, Trustee Buckley, Supervisor Heise

Nays: Trustee Curmi, Trustee Stewart

Motion Carried.

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

There were none

F. BOARD COMMENTS

- Clerk Vorva shared the 2022 Primary Election was successful. He thanked his staff and volunteers for the good work. He also introduced RJ, a high school senior who helped with the primary.
- Treasurer Doroshewitz thanked his team. He also expressed that in his current position he has witnessed how the Township staff are helpful to the residents as they come in to do the Township business.
- Trustee Stewart thanked the Clerk's office for an extremely clean Primary Election. He also shared that a long-term resident shared that the Township police stop a car for driving through a stop sign. He invited both fire and police to Lakepointe for cider and donuts on October 9th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Trustee Curmi inquired when and where the sidewalk repair will take place. Mr. Schrot advised the sidewalk repair started on 8-22-22. It

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started on Sheldon and Five Mile. The project will take approximately 20 days. Trustee Curmi also inquired about the Ann Arbor Trail sidewalks. It was advised the project will be addressed on the September 13th agenda. Trustee Curmi also asked if the senior picnic will take place and if donations are being accepted. Supervisor Heise shared the picnic will take place on September 14th at the Township Park at the Four Seasons Pavilion. The event is put on by the Plymouth Council of Aging. It is not a Township event. It is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit. Trustee Curmi would also like to address the property tax collection fee at the next Board meeting. He indicated that he had a discussion with Treasurer Doroshewitz and felt that it could be eliminated or reduced and that the savings would buy every homeowner a free dinner. Treasurer Doroshewitz countered that it would blow a hole in the budget.

- Supervisor Heise shared the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on September 13, 2022. He also shared that there will be the annual tax rate approval and he will also add the tax collection fee on agenda, as requested by Trustee Curmi. The police and fire budget will be presented. The final approval of the Elks Lodge will also be presented.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Stewart and supported by Clerk Vorva to adjourn the Regular Meeting for the Board of Trustees on August 23, 2022, at 9:23 p.m.
All Ayes of Those Present.

Clerk, Jerry Vorva

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