

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

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

7:00 PM



**CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

**A. ROLL CALL:** Kurt Heise ✓, Bob Doroshewitz ✓, Jerry Vorva ✓,  
Jen Buckley ✓ Chuck Curmi ✓, Audrey Monaghan ✓,  
John Stewart ✓

**ALSO PRESENT:** Police Chief J. Knittel  
Fire Chief P. Conely  
Attorney K. Bennett  
Engineer J. Schrot  
Recording Secretary Denisa Terrell  
Recording Secretary Laura Simpson

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Stewart**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Monaghan to approve the Agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of July 11, 2023.

All Ayes.

**D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**D.1 Approval of Minutes**

a. Regular Meeting, June 13, 2023

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Buckley to approve the Minutes for the Board of Trustees meeting of June 13, 2023.

All Ayes.

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**D.2 Consent Agenda – New Business**

- a. Approval of DTE Underground Easement No. 66707454 at 9955 N. Haggerty Road for EV Chargers, **Resolution # 2023-07-11-50**,  
*Jeremy Schrot, Township Engineer and Nani Wolf, Township Planner*

**D.3 Consent Agenda - Acceptance of Communications, Correspondence, and Reports**

- b. Correspondence:
  - James Harless, PhD, CHMM, MITC Brownfield Consultant
- c. Reports:
  - Building Department Monthly Report - June 2023
  - Fire Department Monthly Report - June 2023
  - Planning Department Monthly Report - June 2023
  - Police Department Monthly Report - June 2023
  - FOIA Monthly Report - Clerk’s Office - June 2023
  - FOIA Monthly Report - Police Department - June 2023

**D.4 Approval of Township Bills:**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>ACCT</b>	<b>ALREADY PAID</b>	<b>TO BE PAID</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>
General Fund	<b>101</b>	<b>670,214.68</b>	<b>456,833.92</b>	<b>1,127,048.60</b>
Drug Forfeiture Federal	<b>262</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>
Drug Forfeiture State	<b>265</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>
Drug Forfeiture IRS	<b>266</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>

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ARPA	<b>285</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>646,563.85</b>	<b>646,563.85</b>
Improv. Rev.	<b>446</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>
Senior Transportation	<b>588</b>	<b>4,172.80</b>	<b>858.36</b>	<b>5,031.16</b>
Water/Sewer Fund	<b>592</b>	<b>47,855.27</b>	<b>23,296.19</b>	<b>71,151.46</b>
Solid Waste Fund	<b>596</b>	<b>3,850.31</b>	<b>24,626.20</b>	<b>28,476.51</b>
Tax Pool	<b>703</b>	<b>5,992.38</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>5,992.38</b>
Police Bond Fund	<b>710</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>
Special Assessment Capital	<b>805</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>732,085.44</b>	<b>1,152,178.52</b>	<b>1,884,263.96</b>

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Buckley to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of July 11, 2023.

All Ayes.

Trustee Curmi requested the removal of June 27, 2023, minutes, from the Consent Agenda to address when abstentions should apply when approving minutes. It was agreed when a Trustee is absent an abstention shall apply.

**Approval of Regular Meeting, June 27, 2023**

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Buckley to approve the Minutes for the Board of Trustees meeting of June 27, 2023.

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All Ayes of those Present.

Treasurer Doroshewitz Excused Absence-Abstained

Trustee Monaghan Excused Absence-Abstained

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

- Dale Bernhardt, Janet Wilson, Bill Pine, David Mashni, Dorcas Smith, Marianne Adams, Eileen Coleman, Howard Hamerink, Andy McDowell, Jessie Swan, Linda Auwers, Lily Swan, Luanne Smulsky, Margaret Bechter, Ron Hogue, Dennis Picard, Walt Coleman, Ray Lalli, Anton Von Will, Andrew Miller, Bill Smulsky, Judy Garbarino Willard, Chuck Hamilton, Dr. Alice Rainville, Judy Hart, David Hart, Joan Cummins, Shirley Peters, Jim Woods all expressed concern over the prospect of the Racetrack at 5 Mile and Ridge.
- Jeff Lee was in favor of the Racetrack.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. EGLE Grant and Loan Acceptance Brownfield Plan Amendment for the Hillside Overlook Apartments (the Courthouse Grille Site – 41661 Plymouth Road, **Resolution # 2023-07-11-51**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

Anne Jamison represents the development team and EGLE for the Reimbursement Agreement with the State of Michigan. She is working to obtain the Gap financing to remediate the property (Brownfield Site). The grant of \$525,000 was awarded in conjunction with the \$1 million loan from the State. The property must be remediated prior to the development of the property.

Moved by Trustee Stewart Supported by Treasurer Doroshewitz to adopt **Resolution #2023-07-11-51** approving the EGLE Grant and Loan Acceptance Brownfield Plan Amendment for the Hillside Overlook Apartments (the Courthouse Grille Site, 41661 Plymouth Road) authorizing approval of the Michigan International Technology Center Redevelopment Authority (MITC) Base Brownfield Plan Amendment No. 3.

Roll Call Vote

**AYES:** Trustee Stewart, Supervisor Heise, Clerk Vorva, Treasurer Doroshewitz, Trustee Buckley

**NAYS:** Trustee Curmi, Trustee Monaghan

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**Motion Passed.**

2. Wine Merchants Market, Inc., New Class C Liquor License, **Resolution # 2023-07-11-52**, *Clerk Jerry Vorva*

Al Jonna, owner, and representative of the Picnic Basket has been in business in Plymouth since 1988. He would like to add a small bar and café in front of the store. The area will be 500 sq ft and serve 20-30 people. The license would allow customers to wine taste with food pairing, increasing store sales, as his customers learned more about wines.

Trustee Curmi inquired what hours will the wine tasting take place. The response was the tasting will be throughout the day. Mr. Jonna advised the hours will remain the same closing at 9:00 p.m.

Move by Treasurer Doroshewitz, Supported by Trustee Monaghan to adopt **Resolution #2023-07-11-52** authorizing the Township Clerk to sign the MCLL application for a Class C Liquor License for Wine Merchants Market, Inc (Picnic Basket) and authorize the Township Clerk to execute the same.

Roll Call Vote

**AYES: All**

**Motion Passed**

3. First Reading of Resolution Repealing Township Emergency Management Ordinance, **Resolution # 2023-07-11-53**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise, Fire Chief Patrick Conely, and Township Attorney Kevin Bennett*

Fire Chief Conely spoke. Plan to renew our Emergency Management Agreement with the county next month, which we had been under for a decade. The plan will repeal an old Township Emergency Management Ordinance from 2006, that the Township no longer follows.

Move by Trustee Stewart, Supported by Trustee Monaghan to approve **Resolution #2023-07-11-53**, First Reading of an Ordinance repealing the Township Emergency Management Ordinance, Sections 35.01 to 35.13 of the Code of Ordinances.

Roll Call Vote

**AYES: All**

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

- Walt Coleman – Western Township Utilities Association bond has been paid but he wanted clarification on why there was a wait to close it out.

Supervisor Heise stated he needed to make sure that the Township was not obligated to do anything else.

- Andrew Miller – Asked what contamination was at the Courthouse Grille that it was a Brownfield site.

Supervisor Heise stated that it was his understanding that there was contaminated fill at the site.

**H. BOARD COMMENTS**

- Trustee Buckley has interviewed 9 applications for the newly formed Veterans Commission. She also asked for a return to civility, as she was harassed upon leaving the meeting to go to her car 2 weeks ago.
- Trustee Stewart was pleased to say that 5 Plymouth Twp Police Officers showed up to walk in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and had an Honor Guard. Paid honor to Kristin McKinley, Lt Col, and Wade Meyers, who made the 61-mile Filmont Hike with 8 scouts. Trustee Stewart was honored with the invite to celebrate Judge James Garber's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Treasurer Doroshewitz stated that taxes are coming in, and because of the interest rate improvement, there were significant returns on the investments being seen on behalf of the Township. He also stated that politeness is really appreciated rather than insults.
- Clerk Vorva discussed hosting the quarterly meeting with the other Wayne County Clerks on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Phoenix Mill. He indicated the topics that will be discussed will include the new early voting passed by voters, and how the State plans to direct the municipalities. Clerk Vorva also thanked the members of the community for attending the Board of Trustees public meetings.
- Supervisor Heise shared that pensions are now 75% funded and OPEB is currently at 29% which is a significant increase from 4 years ago which was at zero. He indicated the accomplishment honors the obligation of the Township to first responders. He also shared that the Board always complies with the Open

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Meetings Act by publishing the Board of Trustees agenda online by the Friday before the meeting. He shared that there have been approximately 9 hours of public comments on the racetrack. The racetrack has also been before the Planning Commission twice and passed, and then went on to the Board of Trustees and passed the initial review. He would like individuals to reach out by email with questions or any issues. He indicated he responds within 24-48 hours. We have received \$10 million from the State of Michigan toward the rebuild of 5 Mile Road between Beck and Napier as part of the MITC redevelopment zone. This area was previously an ugly prison site, DeHoco and the Robert Scott prison on the Northville side. Thankfully, it was not turned into a regional jail. He was able to get money from the State to get it torn down and the money from the state for the road will go far to building and strengthening 5 Mile Rd. Supervisor Heise thanked State Senator Bayer, State Rep Morgan, and State Rep Koleszar for championing funding and those from Wayne County who helped lobby for the funding as the County owns 5 Mile Road and is ultimately responsible for it. He also thanked the State of Michigan for the funds. The Recreation Master Plan has surveys out and the public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, the City of Plymouth. Salem Township would like a wastewater treatment facility on the western border of Plymouth Township. The Township is fighting the application. The next Board of Trustees meeting will; take place on July 25, 2023. The agenda will include budget adjustments, the solar ordinance adoption, water and sewer rates, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Emergency Management Repeal.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Steward and Supported by Monaghan to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 11, 2023, at 9:38 p.m.

All Ayes

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Jerry Vorva, Clerk

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