

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
PROPOSED MINUTES
7:00 PM



CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: J. Knittel, Police Chief
P. Conely, Fire Chief
K. Bennett, Atty
L. Haw, Planner
D. Terrell, Recording Secretary
L. Simpson, Recording Secretary
J. Schrot, Engineer
E. Kutey, Finance Director
C. Rochon, Deputy Finance Director

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Treasurer Doroshewitz

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Monaghan to approve the Agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting of October 24, 2023.

All Ayes

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

D.1 Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting, October 10, 2023

D.2 Consent Agenda – New Business

a. Adient us LLC Storm Drain Agreement, **Resolution #2023-10-24-88**, *Jeremy Schrot, PE, Township Engineer*

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b. Adient US LLC for Vacation of Existing Water Main Easement and New Water Main Easement, **Resolution# 2023-10-24-89**, *Jeremy Schrot, PE, Township Engineer*

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

a. Communications

- Certification of Petition Signatures - Clerk Jerry Vorva

D.4 Approval of Township Bills:

FUND	ACCT	ALREADY PAID	TO BE PAID	TOTAL:
General Fund	101	422,279.61	84,468.45	506,748.06
Drug Forfeiture Federal	262	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture State	265	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	266	.00	843.30	843.30
ARPA	285	.00	600,781.99	600,781.99
Improv. Rev.	446	.00	.00	.00
Senior Transportation	588	3,332.96	161.44	3,494.40

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Water/Sewer Fund	592	261,477.17	538,358.70	799,835.87
Solid Waste Fund	596	3,238.80	116,725.42	119,964.22
Tax Pool	703	1,947.08	.00	1,947.08
Police Bond Fund	710	.00	.00	.00
Special Assessment Capital	805	.00	.00	.00
TOTALS:		692,275.62	1,341,339.30	2,033,614.92

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Monaghan to approve the Consent Agenda with Clerk Vorva noting a letter of certification by the Clerk’s office of the petition submitted in opposition to the proposed Sparr’s Greenhouse Development.

Roll Call Vote

All Ayes

Motion Passed.

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

- Dale Bernhardt, Joyce Janicki, Barbara Korte, Bill Pine, Bee Friedlander, Maryann Adams, Diane Bielowos, and Ann Kosal were in opposition to the racetrack encouraging the Board of Trustees to focus on the future of Plymouth Township and the Master Plan citing potential new industrial spinoff developments in conjunction with the new Nel Hydrogen plant coming to the Township. The added concerns over gambling, the safety of horses, and well-paying jobs.
- Ed Ruehle shared his concerns over overnight commercial vehicle parking on Tavistock Circle citing noise and diesel fuel odor. He added that DTE and Firetrucks would have a difficult time maneuvering this road, so safety is a concern.
- Supervisor Heise indicated that this would be investigated.

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- Paula Vance asked about the site just west of La Bistecca and its accessibility off Hines Drive.
- Supervisor Heise indicated that this will be a “Home for Mom and Dad” residence, but there will not be any permanent access from Hines Drive.
- Mark Hendricks, David Graham, Laura Schumat, and Nancy Sheehan all expressed concerns over the ditches on Main Street and Joy Road. Sidewalks and drainage ditches have been added. These ditches are very deep and steep making maintenance nearly impossible. Mr. Hendricks added that his property was not brought back into order after the completion. The residents indicated that they now have standing water in their yards. The ditches are close to the edge of the road, so there are concerns for the safety of bikers and drivers should they veer off the edge and end up in the ditch.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting and Study Session Schedule for 2024, **Resolution # 2023-10-24-90**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Clerk Jerry Vorva*

Supervisor Heise noted that the calendar for 2024 lists fewer meetings, due to conflicts with Holidays and Election Activities in Town Hall.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Monaghan to adopt **Resolution #2023-10-24-90**, authorizing the formal scheduling and publication of the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees meeting and Study Session schedule for the calendar year 2024.

Roll Call Vote

All Ayes

Motion Passed.

2. Appointment of David Latawiec to Planning Commission, **Resolution # 2023-10-24-91**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

Supervisor Heise introduced David Latawiec as the candidate for appointment to the Planning Commission for a partial term ending June 30, 2025. Mr.

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Latawiec is a Plymouth Township resident and has been active in the community for many years.

Trustee Curmi asked how long Mr. Latawiec had been in the Township.

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Trustee Monaghan to approve the appointment of David Latawiec to the Plymouth Township Planning Commission for a partial term ending June 30, 2025, as indicated in **Resolution 2023-10-24-91**.

Roll Call Vote

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

NAYS: Trustee Curmi

Motion Passed.

3. Public Hearing for FY 2024 Budget, *Clerk Jerry Vorva*

Moved by Clerk Vorva and supported by Treasurer Doroshewitz to Open the Public Hearing at 8:05 P.M.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

No Public Comments.

Moved by Supervisor Heise and Supported by Clerk Vorva to Close the Public Hearing at 8:11 P.M.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

4. Request to Delete Tax Administration Fee, **Resolution #2023-10-24-92**,
Chuck Curmi

Trustee Curmi suggested that the one percent administration fee which began in 2018 be removed, saving \$50 - \$150 per household per year. To compensate for those Township dollars, he proposed budget cuts to several

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different departments including fire and police, with an increase in interest rates in 2022.

Treasurer Doroshewitz added that of the thirteen different funds earning interest, the largest is the water and sewer. He explained that the interest earned in each fund stays with that fund and does not get added to the general fund. Therefore, all these additional monies cannot go to offset the budget cuts. He also noted that cutting the recurring revenue stream would necessitate cutting recurring expenses. Costs related to personnel (recurring expenses) make up about 70% of the budget. About 70% of that, is public safety-police and fire.

Clerk Vorva indicated that we have to offer comparable wages to encourage individuals to work for the Township, so cutting costs in this area of people and public safety is not good for the Township. He added he was not willing to defund the police. In addition, costs this year are going to be much higher than normal due to the early voting and all the costs incurred with the three elections.

Moved by Trustee Curmi that the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approve **Resolution 2023-10-24-92**, to halt collection of the 1% property tax administration fee beginning with the December 2023 tax bills and implement the revenue increases and budget reductions to offset the anticipated administration fee revenue reduction.

The Motion was not seconded.

Motion Failed for lack of support.

G. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:32 P.M. Supervisor Heise moved and was Supported by Clerk Vorva that a Closed Session be called for the purpose of consultation with attorneys on specific pending litigation; Wayne County Circuit Court Case Number 20-002999-NI, *Laskos v. Plymouth Township*, in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section MCL 15.268(8e).

All Ayes

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H. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 9:14 P.M. Supervisor Heise moved and was Supported by Clerk Vorva to return to Open Session.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

I. BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Heise commented that there will be a vote on the Budget Approval on November 14, 2023, and Rules over the Park for 2024 will be discussed on December 12, 2023.

Trustee Curmi asked if this discussion could include the topic of Dogs in the Parks on leashes. Supervisor Heise added that this could be discussed.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clerk Vorva and Supported by Trustee Monaghan to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 24, 2023, at 9:20 P.M.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Jerry Vorva, Clerk

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth