

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
6:00 PM



**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM**

- A. ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Heise ✓  
Treasurer Doroshewitz ✓  
Clerk Vorva ✓  
Trustee Buckley ✓  
Trustee Curmi ✓  
Trustee Stewart ✓  
Trustee Monaghan – arrived at 6:52 PM upon return from closed  
Session

**ALSO PRESENT:** D.Kudra, Asst Police Chief  
P. Conely, Fire Chief  
K. Bennett, Attorney  
J. Schrot, Engineer  
L. Simpson, Recording Secretary

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Attorney John Clark

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Moved by Clerk Vorva and Supported by Trustee Buckley to approve the agenda as amended combining points **F** and **H** for the Board of Trustees meeting of May 14, 2024.

**All Eyes of those present**

**Motion Passed**

**D. CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:02 PM, Supervisor Heise moved that a Closed Session be called for the purpose of discussion of current Fire Contract negotiations with Township Labor Attorney in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section MCL 15.268(8)(c). Seconded by Clerk Vorva

**All Eyes of those present**

**Motion Passed.**

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**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At 6:52 PM, Supervisor Heise moved that the Board return to Open Session.  
Seconded by Clerk Vorva

**All Ayes  
Motion Passed.**

**E. TRIBUTES**

- **911 HERO TRIBUTE** – *Supervisor Heise and Deputy Chief Kudra*

Public Service Officer Stefanie Smith took a call from a child caller. The caller was 7-year-old and was able to dial 911 and tell PSA Smith the location and address of the problem. The child was also able to explain what was happening inside the apartment. The child was calling for her mother who was having trouble breathing. While on the phone with Stefanie, the child followed all of her instructions and at times even put the phone near her mother who was able to answer some questions that were being asked. Once the officers arrived, the child was instructed to go to the door and use the buzzer to let them in. The first officer on scene was Tyler Cannon and he immediately assured the child that they did a great job, and the Fire Department was right behind him to help Mom.

Deputy Chief Kudra expressed how proud he and the department were of the child, who was then presented with the Civilian Citation Award by the Township.

**F. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** – *Supervisor Heise*

Supervisor Heise recognized National Police Week and National Peace Officers Day with a proclamation and noted that the flag would be flown at half mast on May 15, 2024, in honor of those police officers who have been killed in the line of duty across our country in the past year. Deputy Chief Kudra received the proclamation for the Police Department.

**G. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL EMS WEEK** – *Supervisor Heise*

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Supervisor Heise recognized National EMS Week honoring our emergency medical response providers with a proclamation. Fire Chief Conely received this proclamation for the Fire Department.

**H. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS DAY – Supervisor Heise**

**I. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Proposed Minutes – April 9, 2024 Board Meeting**

**2. Consent Agenda – New Business**

- a. Centennial Home Group, LLC (Verona Park), Sanitary Sewer Easement, **Resolution # 2024-05-14-22**, *Jeremy Schrot, PE, Township Engineer*
- b. Centennial Home Group, LLC (Verona Park), Water Main Easement, **Resolution # 2024-05-14-23**, *Jeremy Schrot, PE, Township Engineer*
- c. Centennial Home Group, LLC (Verona Park), Storm Drain Agreement, **Resolution # 2024-05-14-24**, *Jeremy Schrot, PE, Township Engineer*
- d. Appointment of Valerie Gunn to the Downtown Development Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, *Supervisor Kurt Heise*

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

**a. Reports:**

- Building Department Monthly Report - April 2024
- Fire Department Monthly Report - April 2024
- Planning Department Monthly Report - April 2024

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- Police Department Monthly Report - April 2024
- FOIA Monthly Report - Clerk's Office - April 2024
- FOIA Monthly Report - Police Department - April 2024

**I.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	101	1,881,400.16	436,160.49	2,317,560.65
Drug Forfeiture Federal	262	965.00	32,115.00	33,080.00
Drug Forfeiture State	265	.00	.00	.00
Drug Forfeiture IRS	266	.00	.00	.00
Opioid Fund	284	2,569.02	4099.00	6,668.02
ARPA	285	.00	2497.68	2,497.68
Improv. Rev.	446	2,249.15	.00	2,249.15
Senior Transportation	588	12,184.13	58.00	12,242.13

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Water/Sewer Fund	592	1,291,267.08	48,573.30	1,339,840.38
Solid Waste Fund	596	10,999.51	115,106.79	126,106.30
Tax Pool	703	.00	464,177.13	464,177.13
Police Bond Fund	710	3,290.00	.00	3,290.00
Special Assessment Capital	805	.00	13,499.50	13,499.50
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>3,204,924.05</b>	<b>1,116,286.89</b>	<b>4,321,210.94</b>

Moved by Clerk Vorva and Supported by Trustee Monaghan to approve the Consent Agenda for the Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Passed.**

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

Dale Bernhardt, Duane Zantop, Howard Hamerink, Bill Pine, Diane Bielowos, and Renee Zantop all expressed opinions and concerns about meetings, local government, and public safety.

Alex Wassell had questions regarding elections, Salem Wastewater status, and the sprinkler/irrigation cross-contamination program.

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

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1. Environmental Leadership Commission Annual Report of 2023 Activities and 2024 Goals to the Board of Trustees, *Mary Ann MacLaren, Chairperson, Environmental Leadership Commission (ELC)*

Mary Ann MacLaren presented a summary of the 2023 activities of the ELC. She explained the role of the Commission is to educate, partner with, and serve the community regarding all things environmental. She listed many organizations the ELC has partnered with, detailed the many ways the Commission has provided education to the community in 2023, including the Township's Solar Ordinance, brochures, meeting Arbor Day and Tree City obligations, Fall Colors Event, and outreach at two Earth Day events. She added that education continues at monthly meetings, which the public is invited to attend, typically the fourth Monday of each month. She noted that improving our environment in community parks through native flower seed plantings has been a priority and that working with the Township is very important to the Commission's success. She added that 2024 goals include building on their successes and continuing to connect, engage, collaborate, sustain, and join more with community members, organizations, and the Township for a sustainable community.

2. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Wayne County for Improvements to Golfview Park, **Resolution # 2024-05-14-25**, *Supervisor Kurt Heise and Township Engineer Jeremy Schrot*

Supervisor Heise noted that Wayne County Parks has given back a portion of tax monies to be used in some of the Township Parks. He added that some improvements to the Golfview Park/Triangle Park, such as cleanup of dead trees, brush, scrub trees, and concrete debris has already been done. He indicated that an informational historic sign, sponsored by the Historic District Commission will be installed at the park. He also added that the ELC is working on environmental awareness signs, installation of bird and bat houses, butterfly gardens, the rain garden and bioswales, and continuing to install trees, bushes, and native grasses in areas of the park. He added that this agreement will go back to the Wayne County Commission for their approval.

Engineer Schrot described the area in a little more detail noting the intention is to make it more walkable and inviting.

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Moved by Clerk Vorva and Supported by Treasurer Doroshewitz that the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees hereby approve **Resolution # 2024-05-14-25**, authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Improvements to Golfview Park.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Passed.**

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

Howard Hamerink questioned the accessibility of this park.

Duane Zantop questioned tree removal on new developments.

**M. BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Buckley encouraged residents to come out and march in or support the Ruck Walk/March on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the VFW Hall. Check-in time is 7:30 AM, with the walk beginning at 8:00 AM. There are more details on the Veterans Ruck Walk on the Township website. Flyers are also available. This march is in honor of Armed Forces Day and in appreciation for those who serve and for our first responders.

Trustee Monaghan was pleased to hear people praising the new ordinance allowing dogs on a leash in the Township Parks.

Trustee Stewart thanked everyone for coming out and participating. He also noted a Statewide Economic Outlook Summit at noon on Tuesday at Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township.

Supervisor Heise indicated the next Board of Trustees meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2024, the day after Memorial Day. It will cover a water main replacement bid, bylaw changes to the 35<sup>th</sup> District Court Authority, new fire station approval, and the new fire station intent to bond. He added that June 11, 2024, is the annual audit presentation. He didn't have any new information on the Salem Sewer status. He added that Northville Downs has signed an agreement to moved their operations to Fowlerville.

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**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Clerk Vorva and Supported by Trustee Monaghan to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 14, 2024, at 7:59 PM.

**All Ayes**

**Motion Passed.**

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