



## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

6:30 PM

### PROPOSED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

#### A. ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Curmi  
Trustee Buckley  
Trustee Stewart  
Trustee Clinton  
Trustee Groth  
Treasurer Doroshewitz

**EXCUSED:** Clerk Vorva

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Boy Scouts

##### ▪ **Recognition of National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day – Chief Knittel**

Chief Knittel offered brief remarks, thanking the Board of Trustees for the recognition and acknowledging the dedication and professionalism of Plymouth Township's police officers. He noted that officers demonstrate hard work and commitment every day. He believes the Township has "the best of the best," not only in Michigan but nationally. The department's officers perform at an exceptional level in their service to the community.

##### ▪ **Recognition of National EMS Week – Fire Chief Pat Conely**

Chief Conely shared that May 17 through May 23, 2026, is National EMS Week. He stated that every firefighter in the department is a certified paramedic. Chief Conely thanked the Supervisor and the Board of Trustees for issuing the proclamation. The proclamation recognizes the more than one million EMS professionals across the United States. He noted that all EMS personnel should be acknowledged, whether they serve in a full-time department, such as the township's, or in other capacities.

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Moved by Treasurer Doroshewitz and Supported by Trustee Buckley to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

**All Ayes of those present**

**Motion Passed.**



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#### D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

##### 1. Approval of Proposed Minutes –

- March 10, 2026, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Trustee Groth noted that her previously submitted revisions had not yet been incorporated into the March 10 minutes.

- April 21, 2026, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Moved by Trustee Groth and Supported by Trustee Buckley to approve the Proposed for April 21, 2026, and the proposed March 10, 2026, minutes with modifications.

**All Ayes of those present**

**Motion Passed.**

##### 2. Consent Agenda

- a) CSX Encroachment Agreement for Township Watermain Installation,  
**Resolution #2026-05-12-29, Patrick Fellrath, Director of Public Services**
- b) Wayne County Drain Commissioner Crossing Agreement,  
**Resolution #2026-05-12-30, Jeremy Schrot, Township Engineer**
- c) Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2025 Update, **Resolution #2026-05-12-31, Patrick Conely, Fire Chief**

##### 3. Acceptance of Communications, Correspondence and Reports

- Building Department Monthly Report – April 2026
- Fire Department Monthly Report – April 2026
- Planning Department Monthly Report – April 2026
- Police Department Monthly Report – April 2026
- FOIA Monthly Report – Clerk's Office – April 2026
- FOIA Monthly Report – Police Department – April 2026

##### 4. Approval of Township Bills

| FUND         | ACCT | ALREADY PAID | TO BE PAID | TOTAL        |
|--------------|------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| General Fund | 101  | 1,359,487.83 | 433,308.49 | 1,792,796.32 |



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| <b>Drug Forfeiture - Federal</b> | <b>262</b>   | -                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Drug Forfeiture - State</b>   | <b>265</b>   | -                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Drug Forfeiture - IRS</b>     | <b>266</b>   | -                   | 53.90             | 53.90               |
| <b>Opioid Fund</b>               | <b>284</b>   | 881.88              |                   | 881.88              |
| <b>ARPA</b>                      | <b>285</b>   | -                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Improv. Rev</b>               | <b>446</b>   | -                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Senior Transportation</b>     | <b>588</b>   | 7,086.10            | 161.44            | 7,247.54            |
| <b>Water/Sewer Fund</b>          | <b>592</b>   | 100,251.91          | 352,163.50        | 452,415.41          |
| <b>Solid Waste Fund</b>          | <b>596</b>   | 6,449.48            | 886.96            | 7,336.44            |
| <b>Tax Pool</b>                  | <b>703</b>   | -                   |                   | -                   |
| <b>Police Bond Fund</b>          | <b>710</b>   | 300.00              |                   | 300.00              |
| <b>Special Assess Capital</b>    | <b>805</b>   | -                   |                   | -                   |
|                                  |              | -                   |                   | -                   |
|                                  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1,474,457.20</b> | <b>786,574.29</b> | <b>2,261,031.49</b> |

***E. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 Minutes, non-agenda items)***

Dale Barnhart shared his thoughts on interview questions regarding Trustee Groth at the last meeting.

Duane Zantop noted the toxic environment and disrespect towards Trustee Groth.

Stella Lansky stated that the character assassination should not have occurred during the previous meeting.

Bill Pine spoke to the Board about behavior.

Mary Pine noted that the last meeting displayed toxic theater.

Diane Bielows indicated the last Board meeting was an orchestrated take-down of Trustee Groth.



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Estelle Oliansky offered thanks for the integrity displayed and for the service of board members at the last Board meeting.

Donna Broderick shared Robert's Rules of Order that should be implemented in meetings.

Mary Roberts thanked everyone for their role in local government and expressed thoughts of adding new faces to the Board.

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Water and Sewer Rate Increase, **Resolution #2026-05-12-32**, *Bob Doroshewitz, Treasurer, and Patrick Fellrath, Director of Public Services*

Treasurer Doroshewitz explained that there is an annual water and sewer rate adjustment; however, it is being conducted earlier than usual to stay ahead of anticipated changes. He noted that there is one issue that will be addressed later in the presentation. He then proceeded to review water and sewerage charges and the factors contributing to the recommended rate structure. Treasurer Doroshewitz stated that the objective of the water and sewerage rate structure is to ensure that fees fully cover the township's operating costs while also contributing to long-term accruals for debt obligations and future capital projects. He noted that one challenge in forecasting and setting water and sewer rates is that the various agencies involved operate on different fiscal years. He noted the following schedule differences:

- The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.
- The Western Township Utility Authority (WTUA) fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31.
- Plymouth Township operates on a standard calendar year, January through December.

He stated that GLWA implements its rate changes effectively on July 1 each year. As a result, the township's August 1 invoice from GLWA reflects the updated rates, and those changes must be incorporated into the township's rate planning and analysis. A resident raised concerns about future capacity issues related to water and sewer infrastructure. Treasurer Doroshewitz noted that as usage grows, significant investments in infrastructure will eventually be required. The resident asked whether Plymouth Township and the surrounding communities would be responsible for the cost of such upgrades, or whether it would be possible to isolate the usage of large consumers—such as data centers—and require them to bear a separate or



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proportionate share of the infrastructure expense. Treasurer Doroshewitz responded that he did not have specific information on that issue at this time.

Moved by Trustee Buckley and Supported by Trustee Groth to approve commercial billing in the July 2026 Billing Cycle and effective for residential in the September 2026 Billing Cycle, the water rate be increased from \$6.48 to \$6.71, and the sewage disposal rate be increased from \$5.34 to \$5.53 per 1,000 gallons of water.

**All Ayes of those present**

**Motion Passed.**

#### 2. **Formal Acceptance of Township Clerk Resignation, *Charles Curmi, Supervisor***

Supervisor Curmi noted that the Deputy Clerk has authority to act during a Clerk's absence or incapacity, that authority ends once the Clerk's resignation is accepted. To ensure uninterrupted legal authority for vital functions—such as signing checks, processing warrants, and managing payroll- the board must appoint a successor simultaneously with acceptance of the resignation.

Moved by Treasurer Doroshewitz and Supported by Trustee Clinton, to hereby accept the resignation of Jerry Vorva from the office of the Clerk, effective immediately.

**AYES:** Supervisor Curmi, Treasurer Clinton, Trustee Buckley, Trustee Stewart

**NAYS:** Trustee Groth

**Motion Passed.**

#### 3. **Selection and Appointment of New Township Clerk, *Charles Curmi, Supervisor***

Supervisor Curmi noted that the administration of the oath of office will be conducted to the nominee, with an effective start date of May 13, 2026. The clerk is also required to appoint a deputy clerk. He indicated the former deputy's powers terminated with the formal acceptance of Clerk Vorva's resignation.

Move by Treasurer Doroshewitz and Supported by Trustee Buckley that the Board of Trustees appoint Kim Gaedeke to the position of Township Clerk, with the appointment to take effect May 12, 2026. The new clerk will receive the identical salary and benefits package of the outgoing clerk.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Treasurer Clinton, Trustee Buckley, Supervisor Curmi, Trustee Stewart

**NAYS:** Trustee Groth

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

Mary Tavarozzi asked the Board to consider a bonus for the Deputy Clerk for performing Clerk duties.

Duane Zantop expressed concern about potential confidential information being released in the meeting last week. He also thanked the police for addressing a bad issue in the community.

Susan Bondi noted that Trustee Groth is due for an apology.

Estelle Oliansky shared that the separation agreement was discoverable through a FOIA request.

#### **H. BOARD COMMENTS**

- Trustee Clinton noted that he believes that Clerk Gaedeke will be a great Clerk.
- Treasure Doroshewitz shared the same sentiment as Trustee Clinton on the appointment of Clerk Gaedeke.
- Trustee Stewart spoke about how free speech has limits. He also encouraged the Board to consider the importance of boundaries and self-discipline in decision-making. He then stated that, because of the positive family in which he was raised, he wished to thank several individuals, identifying himself as an attorney with over 47 years of experience, that, in his experience, the most dangerous individuals are those who lack a "little red light," meaning a sense of restraint or internal caution. He proceeded to thank members of his family, including his mother, his two sisters, both retired public high school teachers, his wife of 47 years, with whom he had celebrated an anniversary the previous day, and his two daughters. He also expressed appreciation to several community members, including Pam Stopper, Diane Bielowos, Susan Bondi, Mary Pine, Estelle Oliansky, and Marcy Becker, acknowledging them for inspiring him to remain consistent and speak positively about Plymouth Township.
- Supervisor Curmi announced that the May 26, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting is cancelled, due to sound system upgrades and Memorial Day office closure.

He also shared that the westbound lane of Ann Arbor Road will be closed for approximately 12 weeks to build a sidewalk.



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The Sprayscape opens on May 23, 2026.

There will be a shredding event in the City of Plymouth on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

He also shared that the gym is installed in the township.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Stewart and Supported by Trustee Clinton to adjourn the Regular Board of Trustees meeting at 8:35 PM.

**All Ayes of Those Present.**

**Motion Passed.**

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**Kim Gaedeke, Clerk**

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Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth.**