

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James Anulewicz, Director of Public Service
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Randy Maycock, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Robert Smith, Assistant Police Chief
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey Associates
Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Joe Bridgman, Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Harbour, Dietrich Bailey & Associates
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
4 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Mr. Edwards suggested removing Item J.5, Discuss 2007 Amended Budget and 2008 Proposed Budget, because the closed session might prove to be lengthy. It was decided to table this item when it appears on the agenda for later in the meeting.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Appeals Regular Meeting of October 23, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 9, 2007
Special Meeting – Tuesday, October 16, 2007

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E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2007
General Fund	(101)	\$157,965.23
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	-
Water/Sewer	(592)	1,135,402.20
Improvement Revolving	(246)	175.00
Solid Waste Disposal	(226)	95,073.28
Trust and Agency	(701)	38,800.00
Tax Pool	(703)	-
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	130.00
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	1,580.34
Total:		\$1,429,126.05

E.3 Approval of Easements – N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

- a. Communications
Letter from American Water Works Association to Tom Hollis
Letter to the Supervisor and Staff
- b. Resolutions
Brownstown Township opposing Wayne County Community College District early Millage Renewal
- c. Reports
Building Department, September 2007
Fire Department, September 2007

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 23, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold.

AYES: Massengill, Arnold, Doroshewitz, Edwards, Mann, Reaume

NAYS: Curmi

Motion carried.

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F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Don Schnettler asked why Board meetings are not being shown on cable TV.

Mr. Reaume explained how the tapes are distributed and agreed to check on their availability on Comcast and on WOW.

Mr. Schnettler also asked that the budgets be available on the Township web site.

Mr. Reaume said he believes they are on the website and said he would check as to how they can be accessed.

G. PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – N/A

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – N/A

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Reconsider rates for Sewage only Customers

Board members reviewed the list of 20 sewage-only customers. Mr. Curmi suggested returning the rates to the June level and moving them upward in phases. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the rates at their current level since the recent changes were the first in many years and brought the rates to the level other customers are paying.

J.2 Change Administrative Purchasing Authority

Objecting to purchases made and the Board not being kept informed of said purchases, Mr. Curmi suggested revising the purchasing policy to allow purchases up to \$2,000 rather than \$15,000 before Board approval. Board members discussed various aspects of the purchasing policy; how departments might be stymied in their operations; how inter-governmental transfers, professional services and state or Oakland County contracted purchases would be handled; and whether the entire policy should be updated.

Mr. Curmi moved to change the dollar amount requiring Board approval, as currently stated in the purchasing policy, from \$15,000 to \$5,000, effective this meeting. The motion died for lack of support.

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Board members asked department heads to inform the Clerk in writing of proposed purchases so they can be placed on the Consent Agenda thus keeping the Board informed of items they're planning to buy.

Mr. Edwards agreed to get a copy of a model purchasing policy for review.

J.3 Medical Benefits for Employees

Mr. Reaume explained the need for establishment of new medical care plans because of the purchase by others of the health organizations currently used by the Township.

Mr. Reaume moved to provide a Township-paid HMO plan, less any premium sharing required by contract or Township policy, with a maximum prescription co-pay of \$10/\$20/\$30, office visit co-pay of \$10, urgent care co-pay of \$10 and emergency room co-pay of \$25 to all eligible active employees and retirees within the AFSCME, COAM, POAM Dispatch, POAM Patrol, IAFF, and Non-represented groups. Furthermore, he moved to offer a PPO plan with a maximum prescription co-pay of \$10/\$40, office visit co-pay of \$15, urgent care co-pay of \$15 and emergency room co-pay of \$50 to all eligible active employees, retirees or retiree spouse within the COAM, POAM Dispatch, POAM Patrol and Non-represented groups with the employee, retiree, or retiree spouse paying the difference in cost between HMO and PPO plans, in addition to any premium sharing required by contract or Township policy. Additionally, he moved to offer a PPO plan with a maximum prescription co-pay of \$10/\$20, office visit co-pay of \$15, urgent care co-pay of \$15 and emergency room co-pay of \$50 to all eligible active employees and retirees/spouse within the IAFF. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

J.4 Senior Bus

Mr. Reaume explained the need for a new senior bus, the contribution of \$15,000 toward the approximate bus cost of \$70,000 by the City of Plymouth, and the contribution of \$30,000 by the Wilcox Foundation. An additional \$10,000 will be requested from the Plymouth Community United Way.

Mr. Mann moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$15,000 as the Charter Township of Plymouth portion for the purchase of a new Senior Bus. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

J. 5 Discuss 2007 Amended Budget and 2008 Proposed Budget

Mr. Mann moved to table Item J.5, Discuss 2007 Amended Budget and 2008 Proposed Budget, until later in the meeting. Ayes all.

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K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume asked for Board review and comments on the 2008 calendar draft.

He noted Mr. Anulewicz has passed out a memo regarding the pole barn maintenance building.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Massengill asked if the trees planted at the corner of the Township Hall building were part of the original landscape plan.

Mr. Reaume indicated they were part of a 50/50 Global Relief grant. The six trees cost \$472.

Mrs. Massengill indicated she would have liked the Board to have had input on where the trees were planted.

Mr. Doroshewitz and Ms. Arnold complimented Fire Chief Maycock on the great job done for the Fire Department Open House.

Ms. Arnold also had questions regarding the payment to Comcast and Mr. Reaume explained that it was for high-speed internet service.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

N. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Edwards that a closed session be called for the purpose of

RE: Attorney Opinion concerning the Felts Case

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (e)

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 9:22 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Mann and seconded by Ms. Arnold to return to open session.

Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 9:23 p.m. the Board recessed briefly and returned to open session at 9:36 p.m.

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The Board returned to Item J.5, Discuss 2007 Amended Budget and 2008 Proposed Budget, which was tabled earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the figures and Board members discussed the Communications section with Police Chief Tiderington and Assistant Police Chief Smith.

Assistant Chief Smith explained they're investigating options available for replacement of the 911 Positron System, which will no longer be supported next year. Early next year they should be able to come back to the Board and recommend which product would be the best replacement, an expenditure of approximately \$170,000.

In the area of PC replacements, it was decided to replace two PC's, rather than three, at a cost of \$3,000, and the office furniture section was changed to zero. Mr. Reaume offered the possibility of a desk being available from another location.

The Board also discussed the Law Enforcement Budget, hiring a replacement officer, and constraints caused by reduced revenues.

Mr. Edwards cautioned the Board that there is a \$400,000 increase (well over 5%) over a two-year period, from \$3.8 million in 2006 to a requested \$4.2 million for 2008. There is the same difficulty in the Fire Department and those vacancies aren't filled. The Board will have to decide if it's going to be police, fire, and communications and nothing else. The dollars are not there and it will not get any better unless a revenue source is found. An increase will be received from property taxes related to the rate of inflation, but state-shared revenue will not increase. The Board will have to decide what they're going to do on the administrative side or they'll have to change things to provide more revenue to the community.

Mr. Edwards and Chief Tiderington discussed loss in population and whether or not the possible decreases in staffing levels in the Police and Fire Departments has been adequately explained to the public after officers assured the public staffing levels would be maintained.

Other issues discussed were maintenance on current vehicles, using vehicles past the 70,000 replacement schedule, and timing of vehicle replacement because of mandated side airbags.

Police Chief Tiderington agreed to work with the Supervisor and Treasurer to identify approximately \$40,000 in savings to enable hiring of a replacement officer. They were also asked to check with Bob Janks regarding their computers.

O. ADJOURN

Mr. Mann moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

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Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 11:04 p.m..

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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