

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Joe Bridgman, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Kay Arnold, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee, attended via teleconference
Michael Kelly, Trustee
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Robert Smith, Assistant Police Chief
Mark Wendel, Assistant Fire Chief
Paul Sincock, Manager, City of Plymouth
13 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Special Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2009, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes
Special Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. Bridgman moved to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2009, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Bill Pratt, Planning Commission member, suggested that the Planning Commission size of 9 members is a good cross-section of the population and he feels to shrink it would be detrimental to its operation. He and other commissioners he's polled would be willing to cut their pay to keep the present size of the commission.

G. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Police Department – Staffing, Overtime, Community Policing, and TEAM

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Police Chief Tiderington updated the Board regarding operational concerns for the Police Department.

J.2 Fire Department – Pumper (Fire Truck), Fire Station Concrete

The Board reviewed the list of the Community Fire Department vehicles with Assistant Fire Chief Wendel and City of Plymouth Manager Paul Sincock. Assistant Chief Wendel suggested obtaining quotes on a pumper and mini-pumper and various ways of financing such as leasing and lease-purchase.

Mr. Reaume indicated an engineer from OHM has been asked to look at Fire Stations 2 and 3 with regard to concrete issues.

J.3 Parks – Sprayscape Surface, Township Park Parking Lot Repairs

Mr. Reaume moved to table Item J.3. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

J.4 H-Van and Senior Van

Board members reviewed alternatives for providing these services such as using a minivan for both the handicapped van and as a senior van.

Ms. Arnold recommended dropping the H-van services with 60-90 days notice and referring clients to United Way or the FISH organization.

Mr. Reaume moved to remove Item J.3 from the table. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

J.3 Parks – Sprayscape Surface, Township Park Parking Lot Repairs

Board members reviewed the need for replacement of the sprayscape surface, which is necessary every 5-6 years according to MMMRA. It was agreed to bring the item back for the next meeting.

The Board then discussed park parking lot repairs, which have been delayed from last year. It was recommended by OHM that saw-cutting be done on the upper lot cracks. More specific recommendations and bids will be obtained.

Mr. Reaume mentioned the recent park closings in Livonia and Canton because of arsenic found in the ground surrounding their playscapes. He indicated the playscape in Township Park passed testing three years ago and is safe.

J.5 Assessing – Commercial Property

Mr. Reaume indicated a complaint was made by a resident to the State that the Township is not assessing improvements to mobile homes in licensed parks when they add value

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and when similar improvements are assessed on other Township parcels. Also, it was found that the Township has been using the 1972 manual for those parcels still in override. All of the residential parcels will be taken off override and the State Tax Commission agreed with the recommendation from Wayne County Appraisal to provide guidelines to our Assessing Department. When those guidelines come in, the Township will move forward with those guidelines and evaluation. Also, all the commercial and industrial will be put into the BSA Equalizer System.

The Board discussed the confusion as to whether adding the commercial and industrial parcels was included in the original bid by Wayne County Appraisal. The number of parcels all three companies were told to bid on was 10,401. Wayne County Appraisal came back with a lower number, knowing there would be vacant parcels. The number of parcels input is to be verified.

J.6 Building Department – Empty and Foreclosed Home Ordinance

The Board discussed the possibility of enacting an ordinance to handle the upkeep of empty and foreclosed homes.

J.7 Board of Trustees – Microphones, Township Policies, MTA vs. MML, Friendship Station (Group rentals)

Board members considered the bids received for various sizes of gooseneck microphones to improve sound to the audience in Township Hall. It was agreed to try a sample microphone prior to the next meeting.

The Board then discussed pros and cons of membership in MTA (Michigan Townships Association) vs. MML (Michigan Municipal League).

Mr. Edwards recommended moving to MML on July 1, along with many other suburban communities and townships with similar problems.

Mr. Reaume discussed with the Board the possible rental of Friendship Station to groups. Board members felt it should be available, with a policy and fees to be set similar to using the park reservation system.

J.8 Cost Savings – Furlough Days, Size of Planning Commission, Voting Precincts

Mr. Reaume indicated more research would be necessary to consider furlough days.

With regard to the size of the Planning Commission, there is a per-meeting stipend of \$110 for Planning Commissioners, plus the fees for the consultants' attendance.

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Ms. Arnold suggested that Mr. Anulewicz attend some of the meetings when there are no outside applicants and internal items such as the Master Plan are being studied, rather than having the consultants attend.

With regard to the voting precincts, Mr. Bridgman noted there is to be a maximum of 2,999 voters per precinct. The Election Commission (Ms. Arnold, Mr. Doroshewitz, and Mr. Bridgman) determine the number of precincts. Location of polling places and voter turnout per precinct have to be considered. Some of the current precincts are enlarging and may need to be split and some of the smaller ones may need to be combined

H. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS – There were none.

I. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Mann and Mr. Reaume discussed working toward eliminating the long wait for the next Hazardous Waste Day.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

K. C. Mueller, township resident and realtor, addressed the enforcement of upkeep of foreclosed homes. She indicated it could be done through the banks, the realtors, and the title companies. A compliance form can be created by the Township which includes weed cutting, proper winterization, and structural safety.

K. ADJOURN

Ms. Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bridgman. Ayes all.

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Joseph Bridgman, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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