

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010**

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer
Thomas Hollis, Public Works Manager
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
9 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Special Meeting - Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Mr. Bridgman asked that Item K, Closed Session, be moved after Item F, Public Comment and Questions. He then moved to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees special meeting of October 19, 2010 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes:

Special Meeting - Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, September 28, 2010

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E.2 Approval of Township Bills:

		Year 2010
General Fund	(101)	\$723,512.60
Solid Waste Fund	(226)	5,488.96
Improvement Revolving Fund (Capital Projects)	(246)	-
Drug Forfeiture Fund	(265)	4,958.41
Water and Sewer Fund	(592)	1,239,359.37
Trust and Agency Fund	(701)	8,739.27
Police Bond Fund	(702)	8,720.00
Tax Fund	(703)	242,144.93
Special Assessment Fund	(805)	7,510.08
Total:		\$2,240,433.62

E.3 Approval of Easements:

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports:

Moved by Mr. Bridgman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the consent agenda for the Board of Trustees special meeting of October 19, 2010. Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS - There was none.

K. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:02 p.m., Mr. Bridgman moved that a closed session be called for the purpose of

RE: Contract Negotiations
Attorney Opinions

This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (c & h). Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 7:22 p.m., Ms. Arnold moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Mann. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Liquor License Request - Blue Two LLC
Resolution Number 10-10-19-34

Moved by Mr. Reaume, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve Resolution No. 10-10-19-34 to transfer ownership of an escrowed 2007 Class C licensed business located at 4678 High, Ecorse, MI 48229, Wayne County, from Hines A & D, Inc., to Blue Tow LLC; transfer location (Governmental Unit) under MCL 436.1531(1) to 39500 Ann Arbor, Plymouth MI 48170, Plymouth Township, Wayne County; and requests Dance-Entertainment Permit. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

- 2) Police Department Budget
Separation Agreement

Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to approve the Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims between the Township and Officer Mike Lego. Ayes all.

Moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Township and the Police Officers Association of Michigan as provided by Labor Counsel, dated September 29, 2010. Ayes all.

Chief Tiderington, assisted by Lieutenant Robert Antal, presented recommendations for staffing levels after the imminent retirements of Assistant Chief Smith, Sgt. Wilson, Officer Senkbeil, and Detective Lego. The recommendations were to promote one sergeant to lieutenant, promote two officers to sergeants, recall one police officer, and hire two officers to fill vacancies. There would be 29 sworn officers, with two serving on and compensated by the DEA and WW Narcotics Task Force.

Board members discussed various aspects of the recommendations. Mr. Mann felt additional study should be done regarding distribution of staff prior to hiring additional personnel. Chief Tiderington explained the promotion process to Mr. Doroshewitz.

Moved by Mr. Bridgman, seconded by Ms. Arnold, to authorize the Chief of Police to hire two additional officers, rehire one officer, and start the process to promote one sergeant to lieutenant and promote two officers to sergeants.

AYES: Bridgman, Arnold, Doroshewitz, Edwards, Kelly, Reaume

NAYS: Mann

Motion carried.

Mr. Reaume briefly recessed the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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3) Department of Public Services Budget

Mr. Reaume and Mr. Edwards presented organizational charts and recommendations for reorganizing the responsibilities for the Department of Public Services in light of the recent retirement of Mr. Anulewicz. Recommended new hires were a second engineer and an individual for community development /planning with no benefits and fill the vacant full time administrative assistant position in the water department. Increases were recommended for the increased responsibilities of the current engineer, promotion of the administrative assistant to office manager, and promotion of two DPW employees to crew leaders.

Board members discussed pros and cons of various aspects of the proposal and it was agreed that additional information would be forthcoming regarding departmental work loads and upcoming projects.

**4) Assessing Department
Contract Renewal**

Mr. Reaume presented a new 3-year proposal from Wayne County Appraisal LLC which contains a 15% reduction for attorneys and a 20% reduction for other services. Other options would be sharing a Level 4 Assessor or preparing a new Request for Proposal. It was mentioned the savings in the new proposal from WCA should equal proposed savings for handling assessing in-house.

Suggestions were made to provide for an adjustment of fees if there are any significant changes in the tax laws, either for personal or real property; and adding "to the extent of the law" to the last sentence in Section 7, Use of Records.

It was agreed the contents of the new proposal would be sent to Attorney Cronin for his examination.

L. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Reaume indicated there will be a regular Board meeting next Tuesday, October 26.

Mr. Mann expressed his frustration with the Police Department budget and indicated he would like to have the information prior to the meeting.

He also had questions for Mr. Edwards regarding whether the Board had approved replacement of water meters as nothing was indicated in the minutes. He received a letter regarding the meter at his home. Mr. Edwards explained this was discussed as a possibility to prevent loss of revenue because of old meters when the Board was considering an increase in water rates. Mr. Mann felt the Township should have an agreement with SLC to enter private homes.

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Mr. Bridgman asked the Board to consider allowing the Clerk to set the public hearing date for requests, rather than having the date-setting appear as an agenda item. Board members agreed that the Clerk would set the date for public hearing as part of the agenda. Ms. Arnold suggested the Clerk put the information on the consent agenda to inform the Board of upcoming hearings.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT - There was none.

N. ADJOURN

Moved by Ms. Arnold, supported by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all.

Mr. Reaume adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Joseph Bridgman, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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