

Board of Trustees Minutes

March 8, 2005

Supervisor Reaume called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Reaume, Supervisor
Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Ron Edwards, Treasurer
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Steven Mann, Trustee

ABSENT:

Kay Arnold, Trustee, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Anulewicz, Public Services Director
Thomas Hollis, Public Works Manager
Mark Lewis, Chief Building Official
Randy Maycock, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Michael Bailey, Dietrich Bailey Associates
Timothy Cronin, Township Attorney
52 members of the public

Mrs. Massengill presented a plaque to Darwin Seaman in appreciation for 6 years of service on the Civil Service Commission.

Supervisor Reaume read a proclamation declaring "Help the Mentally Handicapped Week", March 18, 19, and 20.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 8, 2005

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by removing under New Business, Item J.4, Fire Station No. 2 Underground Storage Tank Removal/Remediation. She then moved to approve the agenda for the March 8, 2005, Regular Meeting of the board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mr. Edwards.

Ayes all.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E.1 Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting - Wednesday, February 9, 2005
Study Session - Monday, February 21, 2005
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 22, 2005

E.2 Approval of Township Bills

		Year 2005
General Fund	(101)	\$224,770.72
General Fund Loan to Downtown Development Authority	(101)	121,822.34
Water/Sewer	(592)	201,429.70
Improvement Revolving	(246)	36,629.67
SWD	(226)	85,764.47
Trust and Agency	(701)	17,500.00
Tax Pool	(703)	13,042.95
Drug Forfeiture	(265)	5,130.00
Special Assessment Capital Project Fund	(805)	-
	Total:	\$706,089.85

E.3 Approval of Utility Easements - N/A

E.4 Communications-Resolutions-Reports

A. Communications

Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting presented to

Treasurer Ron Edwards

B. Resolutions - N/A

C. Reports - N/A

Mrs. Massengill moved that the Consent Agenda for the March 8, 2005, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved as submitted. Supported by Mr. Edwards.

Ayes all.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Speaking in support of the full reinstatement of Firefighter Scott Gross were the following: Dan Phillips, President of Local 1496, Plymouth Professional Firefighters; Firefighter Pete Bukus, Local 1496; Susan Campbell of Canton Township; Diane Gross, mother of Scott Gross; Scott Gross; Chuck Russo, Captain in Plymouth Community Fire Department; Terry Chesney, Secretary/Treasurer of the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union; and Jim Harr, Captain in Plymouth Community Fire Department.

Discussion followed between Supervisor Reaume and Dan Phillips regarding receipt of a signed copy of the doctor's letter of certification for Scott Gross to return to light duty.

The Board also discussed with Chief Maycock various aspects of attempting to settle the matter.

Ronald Helveston, Attorney for Michigan Firefighters and Plymouth Firefighters, also commented on the dates of the receipt of the unsigned and signed letters from Dr. Anderson and the contractual obligation to return Firefighter Gross to light duty.

Mr. Gross also had questions regarding past dates of communications and meetings with Township officials and the lack of offers for light duty positions.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

G.1 Request from Consolidated Clips and Clamps, Inc., for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed within the facility located at 15050 Keel Street
Resolution No. 05-03-08-09

Jeff Asnavorian, Manufacturing Manager of Consolidated Clips and Clamps, addressed the Board and answered questions.

Supervisor Reaume opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. There being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 05-03-08-09, granting the request from Consolidated Clips and clamps, Inc., for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed within the existing facility located at 15050 Keel Street, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Massengill, Curmi, Doroshewitz, Mann, Reaume.
NAYS: Edwards.

Motion carried.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 22, 1984, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, by resolution, established an Industrial Development District for Metro West Industrial Park, located in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Clips and Clamps, Inc., filed an application on January 28, 2005, requesting a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to the cost of new machinery and equipment; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall commencing at 7:45 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the assessor, and representatives of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, installation of the new machinery and equipment within the facility had not begun earlier than six (6) months before January 28, 2005, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the installation of the new machinery and equipment is calculated to and will, at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the Charter Township of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Plymouth, after granting this certificate will exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth that:

1. The Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the Charter Township of Plymouth, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the Charter Township of Plymouth.

2. The application of Consolidated Clips and Clamps, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the addition of new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed on the following described parcel of real property situated within an Industrial Development District, to wit:

15050 Keel Street
Lots 27 and 28
Metro West Industrial Park

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, when issued, shall be and remain in effect for a period of twelve (12) years, after completion, in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in MCL et seq.

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - N/A

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I.1 Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan Membership Agreement
Resolution No. 05-03-08-10 & Resolution No. 05-03-08-11
Postponed from February 22, 2005 meeting to March 8, 2005

Supervisor Reaume addressed the Board and answered questions.

Discussion followed regarding the exclusion of Assistant Fire Chief Wendel's from MERS between Mrs. Massengill and other Board members and Dan Phillips, President of Local 1496, Plymouth Professional Firefighters.

Mr. Mann moved to approve Resolution No. 05-03-08-10 and Resolution No. 05-03-08-11, the implementation of MERS; and transfer all active Plymouth Community Fire Department employees, with the exception of individuals Mark Wendel, Assistant Fire Chief, and former City of Plymouth employees Doug Eldridge, Jim Valensky, and William Warren, conditional upon all members of the unit and Fire Chief Maycock agreeing to the irrevocably transfer all funds in the Township's current defined contribution plan to the MERS defined benefit plan. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mann, Massengill, Doroshewitz, Reaume.
NAYS: Curmi, Edwards.

Motion carried.

Resolution Nos. 05-03-08-10 and 05-03-08-11 are attached to the official copy of the minutes and are on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

- I.2 Addendum to A3C Architect Contract

Mr. Dan Jacobs of A3C Architects addressed the Board and answered questions.

Attorney Cronin also highlighted items of particular interest in the addendum.

Mr. Doroshewitz moved to accept the attached addendum that will increase the A3C Architect contract by \$155,000 for a new fixed total price of \$655,000 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the document. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

Ayes all.

A copy of the addendum is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Purchase of Neptune Water Meters

Thomas Hollis, Public Works Manager, addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the purchase of 1648 water meters at the total cost of \$146,275.78 from the SLC Meter Service and approve the water meter conversion program as proposed. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

Ayes all.

J.2 Thermal Imaging Camera

Fire Chief Maycock addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the purchase of a new Thermal Imaging Camera from Appollo Fire Equipment for the cost of \$11,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

Ayes all.

J.3 2005 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Program

Mr. Bailey of Dietrich Bailey Associates addressed the Board and answered questions.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Change Order No. 1 on the contract with Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc., increasing the contract amount by \$138,072.58 for a revised total of \$296,410.58, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi.

Ayes all.

J.4 Fire Station No. 2 Underground Storage Tank Removal/Remediation

The above item was removed from the agenda.

K. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Reaume informed the Board of the meeting with American Golf, who has the lease on the golf course. They anticipate that they will not be rebidding on lease renewal. They do continue to work on removal of the dead trees on the golf course.

In answer to Mr. Curmi's question, Supervisor Reaume indicated the process has been started to put together a bid document for leasing the golf course

Supervisor Reaume also recently conversed with the City of Plymouth regarding the 425 agreement, and they're going to put together an executive summary which will be passed on to the Board when received.

L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Edwards noted the Township has received the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for the second year from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mr. Edwards indicated the auditors would be coming in approximately April 1, coming back with recommendations to the Board possibly the first week in May.

In regard to state-shared revenue, a discrepancy has been discovered which is being investigated. Mr. Edwards commented he would keep the Board informed as information is received.

Mr. Curmi asked for a spreadsheet that shows how much state shared revenue was received in 2004, what is anticipated in 2005, and how that compare with what was budgeted so that plans can be made.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Don Schnettler encouraged the Board to consider thermal imaging training. The technology can be used for many things, including the possibility of selling pictures to residents showing heat loss in their homes.

Chief Maycock indicated the camera just does imaging, no pictures are made.

Mr. Schnettler read from material distributed at the time of the Township Hall referendum. He questioned the terminology, "without a tax increase," now that the Board agreed to place on the ballot of May 3, 2005, the millage renewal and increase for police and fire. He asked that they be placed on the ballot separately or that just the renewal be placed before the voters.

Mark Morose, former member of Local 1496, Plymouth Firefighters, a resident of Fowlerville, MI, spoke in support of the reinstatement of Scott Gross and Diane Gross, mother of Scott Gross and a resident of Novi, asked why the issue concerning Scott was not being resolved tonight. Scott Gross reiterated the various correspondence to the Township regarding his fitness for light duty.

Mr. Mann noted the Supervisor agreed to meet with Scott tomorrow and the Board meeting is not the proper forum for resolution of the situation.

N. ADJOURN

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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