

Plainfield Charter Township
Regular Meeting
January 08, 2007

1. The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:30pm on January 08, 2007 at the Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, MI by Supervisor Meek.
2. Members present: Supervisor Meek, Clerk Morrow, Treasurer Stover, Trustees Borek, Hagedorn, Heindricks, and Parris. Also present: Township Manager Robert Homan.
3. Mrs. Morrow offered the invocation and Supervisor Meek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mr. Parris moved, supported by Mr. Heindricks that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
5. Mr. Heindricks moved, supported by Mr. Parris that the consent agenda be approved as follows:
 - a. Approve December 18 regular minutes
 - b. Approve purchase of office furniture from Kentwood Office Furniture in the amount of \$4,265.46 for Water Plant
 - c. Appoint Jayne Dykema, Art Sturgis, Tom Makarewicz, Steve Van Vliet, Cheryl Scales and Bob Litzen to the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority; Re-appoint Shirley Norman and Dick Lee to the Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2008; Appoint Charles Compton to the Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2008; Appoint Charles Weldon to fill the un-expired term of Beverly Rekeny on the Health Insurance Committee with a term ending May 15, 2009
 - d. Approve Resolution #07-00 to appoint the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board Members to represent Plainfield Charter Township
 - e. Approve Personnel Committee recommendation on 2007 compensation adjustments for non-bargaining unit personnel
 - f. Approve three (3) proposed amendments to the Township Retirement Health Savings PlanAyes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
6. Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the agenda. There were no comments.
7. Discussion took place regarding the site condominium and preliminary private road approval for River Bluffs. Doug Stalsonburg, engineer for the applicant, Paul Renucci, explained the changes that had been made to the site condominium plans. Board members asked about the sidewalk placement. There are no sidewalks on the lots south of the creek. Mr. Stalsonburg informed the Board that this was due to challenging terrain with steep grades. Mr. Stover feels that the fifty-foot open space, which is provided to launch a canoe, should not be paved. Mrs. Morrow questioned the names of the streets with the words "Terrace" and "Court" seeming to be redundant. She also questioned whether the developer had an option to purchase the two lots that presently have homes on them. She was told that there is no option to purchase these properties. Mr. Hagedorn questioned the front footage of lots 54 and 36. At the road they have less than 66' and could be considered a flag lot, which the Board objected to at a previous meeting. Mr. Hagedorn would also like to see a connection on Jericho Avenue from Ella Terrace Court to the bridge. Supervisor Meek would like to see the sidewalks continued south of the creek. Mr. Stalsonburg said that they tried to minimize the loss of trees and to reduce the amount of grading which would be necessary when they made the decision not to install sidewalks in that area. Mr. Heindricks moved, supported by

Mr. Hagedorn that site condominium approval be tabled to work with Community Development staff regarding lots 29 to 37. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Morrow). Motion carried. Following discussion regarding the permits from other agencies for the private road Mr. Stover moved, supported by Mrs. Borek that preliminary private road approval for River Bluffs Site Condominium be approved with one condition as suggested by staff. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8. Mrs. Morrow moved, supported by Mr. Stover that the township accept the supervisors recommendation to meet on the fifth Monday (in months where applicable) from 7:00-9:00pm for discussion of general issues. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
9. Following discussion of the payback agreement with Grand Rapids Gravel Company for West River Road for sanitary sewer extension from Mall Avenue to Northland Dive and clarification that the township will collect all the connection charges and pay Grand Rapids Gravel Company once a year, Mr. Stover moved, supported by Mrs. Morrow that this subject be tabled to make changes to paragraph 3 on page 2 to reflect that the repayment will not exceed the sum of the collections. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
10. Mrs. Morrow recommended that the interim census be discontinued based on information from the Chief Enumerator, Bob Matthews, after a careful study of the collected data. The township had exceeded the census count of 2000 by more than 2000 people but will fall approximately 1000 citizens short of its goal. The interim census requirement is that the community shows a 10% increase over the 2000 census data. Mrs. Morrow thanked the community for its assistance and especially thanked the enumerators and the support staff for all their work on this project.
11. Mrs. Borek moved, supported by Mr. Stover, that accounts payable in the amount of \$246,945.30 be approved and authorized for disbursement. Roll call vote. Ayes: Meek, Morrow, Stover, Borek, Hagedorn, Heindrichs, and Parris. Nays: none. Motion carried.
12. Mr. Homan had no comments.
13. Mr. Hagedorn would like all the Board members to attend workshops at the Michigan Townships Association conference in Detroit on the subject of mobile home parks and their tax status.
14. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Susan L. Morrow, MMC, Clerk
Plainfield Charter Township

George K. Meek, Supervisor
Plainfield Charter Township

- CERTIFICATION -

I, the undersigned, Susan L. Morrow, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Charter Township of Plainfield, Kent County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2007.

Susan L. Morrow, MMC, Clerk
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