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Plainfield Charter Township
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2010

A work session of the regular board meeting of Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Meek at 6:30 PM at the Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont MI. Members present: Supervisor Meek, Treasurer Stover, Clerk Harvey, Trustees Borek, Hagedorn, Matthews, and Weldon. Also present: Township Superintendent Robert Homan and Township Attorney Eric Brandt. Supervisor Meek adjourned the work session at 7:15 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, MI by Supervisor Meek. Members present: Supervisor Meek, Clerk Harvey, Treasurer Stover, Trustees Borek, Hagedorn, Matthews, and Weldon. Also present: Superintendent Robert Homan, Water Department Director Rick Solle and Township Attorney Eric Brandt.

1. Mr. Weldon led the invocation.
2. Mr. Matthews led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Supervisor Meek stated that there would be a correction to the Agenda due to the omission from the agenda of a planned presentation of the KDL Annual Report by members of the Kent District Library. Mr. Matthews moved with support from Mr. Weldon that the agenda and the consent agenda be approved with the addition of Item 5 b, "The Annual Report of the Kent District Library presentation." Supervisor Meek requested a voice vote. Ayes: 7. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the August 2, 2010 regular meeting minutes.
 - b. Approve the August 9, 2010 special meeting minutes.
 - c. Approve the corrections to the minutes from the June 21, 2010 regular meeting.
 - d. Approve request from Bill Fischer for David Kloote to attend the Code Officials Conference.
 - e. Recommend to Kent County Road Commission the issuance of a parade permit for Comstock Park Schools 2010 Homecoming Parade.
 - f. Issue a proclamation declaring September 17, 2010 as Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Day.
 - g. Receive the financial, fire, building permits, ordinance enforcement, and passport reports.
4. Michelle Boisvene-Fox, Nancy Mulder, Dave Stracke and the Kent District Library Chair Shirley Buursema addressed the Board and shared the accomplishments of the KDL and local branches over the past year.
 5. Supervisor Meek opened the public hearing to extend sanitary sewer on the west side of Packer Drive and create a Special Assessment District. Mr. Art Spalding spoke in favor of the Special Assessment District. Supervisor Meek closed the public hearing. Mr. Stover moved with support from Mr. Weldon that Resolution No. 2 - Determination to make public improvements; Approval for plans and estimate of cost; and Final determination of Special Assessment District be approved. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Ayes: Borek, Matthews, Harvey, Hagedorn, Weldon, Stover and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mr. Matthews moved with the support from Mr. Hagedorn to approve Resolution No. 3 – Filing of Special Assessment Roll; Notice of Public Hearing. Supervisor Meek requested a voice vote. Ayes: Weldon, Borek, Matthews, Hagedorn, Stover, Harvey and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 6. Mr. Stover moved with support from Mr. Weldon to approve a resolution declaring intent to issue an additional \$1,750,000 in bonds for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund projects and authorizing publication of the Notice of Intent. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call. Ayes: Stover, Matthews, Weldon, Hagedorn and Meek. Nays: Borek and Harvey. Motion carried.
 7. Mr. Weldon moved with support from Mrs. Borek to authorize the Kent County DPW to complete the lower southerly trunk and other sewer lining projects; and authorize DPW to replace lateral connections for 13 homes on Briggs and Canright. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Ayes: Hagedorn, Weldon, Matthews, Harvey, Borek, Stover and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 8. Mr. Stover moved with support from Mrs. Borek to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$522,578.78. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Ayes: Matthews, Stover, Borek, Hagedorn, Harvey, Weldon and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. Supervisor Meek stated that the White Caps administration has hired a sound/acoustics person to work with citizens to reduce noise issues created at the ball park. Supervisor Meek recognized Luke Kneeshaw, a Boy Scout that is working on the Communications Merit Badge and Justin Kneeshaw a Cub Scout also attending the meeting. Supervisor Meek opened the floor for Citizens' Comments. Ann Hunt and her family addressed the Board concerning the ordinance that restricts travel trailers from driveways to 72 hours in a 30 day period. Art Spalding asked about the passage of the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Meek informed him that the Consent Agenda is approved when the meeting agenda is approved. Steve Besser commended the KDL for the ability to function in these hard times and wanted clarification concerning the bond issue and tax implications if any.
10. Superintendent Homan informed the Board that the law suit against the Township Board alleging violations of the Open Meetings Act has been dismissed with prejudice and Township Attorney Eric Brandt said the case should be settled. Mr. Brandt also informed the Board that the tax issue between Thousand Oakes Golf Course and the Township has been also settled.
11. Supervisor Meek asked if there were any board member comments. Mr. Matthews stated he was glad the law suit was behind us. Mr. Stover asked Mr. Besser to contact him in the office if he still had questions over the bond issue. Mrs. Borek thanked Mr. Homan for his response to her request for action concerning the formula that should be used to determine retiree health care benefits, but she wants action soon through the Personnel Committee. Mr. Weldon stated he is glad that the bond issue passed because he knows the water system well and that long standing problems will finally be fixed. Mr. Harvey gave an overview of a grant request for Urban Farmers Markets he is preparing and Supervisor Meek indicated that this item should be addressed at a special meeting he is considering calling on August 23, 2010 at 7 PM. Supervisor Meek read the following news release: "In our capacity as private citizens, Victor Matthews, George Meek and Charles Weldon are announcing today that, in response to allegations of threats and intimidation made in connection with the citizen recall campaign against the three of us in Plainfield Charter Township, we have retained the services of Private Investigator Gene Debbaudt to investigate these matters. Because we take allegations of threats or intimidation very seriously, especially if they are directed against citizens exercising their right to free speech, we have authorized Mr. Debbaudt to discuss and disclose his findings with the proper authorities for appropriate action. We emphatically condemn anyone who would resort to such tactics and fully support any action to identify and punish those responsible. Mr. Debbaudt is a retired FBI Agent and experienced investigator with over 35 years of law enforcement service and we have every confidence he will conduct a thorough and complete investigation. We pledge our complete cooperation with this investigation and ask anyone with information about these threats or intimidation being made in connection with the ongoing recall campaign in Plainfield Charter Township to contact Mr. Debbaudt at 616 464-2576."
12. Supervisor Meek adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.

K. Scott Harvey
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date

George K. Meek
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected and acting clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of August 16, 2010 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date