



**PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

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Plainfield Charter Township  
Regular Meeting  
July 19, 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 Attorney Eric Brandt, Fire Chief Dave Peterson, Fire Lieutenant Jeff Drake, and Water Department Director Rick Solle. Supervisor Meek adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

- 1) 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, Treasurer Stover, Clerk Harvey, Trustees Borek, Hagedorn, Matthews, and Weldon. Also present: Township Attorney Eric Brandt, Fire Chief Dave Peterson, Fire Lieutenant Jeff Drake, Accounting Manager Warren Smith, Water Plant Superintendant Don Petrovich and Water Department Director Rick Solle. Supervisor Meek made the following corrections to the agenda: Move Consent Agenda item 5c to item 8b of the Regular Agenda and remove item 5j from the Consent Agenda
- 2) Mr. Hagedorn led the invocation.
- 3) Mrs. Borek led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Mr. Hagedorn moved with support from Mr. Matthews for approval of the agenda as corrected. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Hagedorn, Weldon, Matthews, Harvey, Borek, Stover, and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 5) Consent Agenda:
  - a) Approve the July 6, 2010 regular meeting minutes.
  - b) Approve the request from the America Legion Post 47 – 3811 West River Drive, Comstock Park, MI 49321 for a Special Liquor License, in conjunction with their regular liquor license, for a special event (Chicken BBQ) to take place on September 6, 2010.
  - c) Accept the Packer Drive Petition to Extend Sanitary Sewer and Create a Special Assessment District and set a public hearing for August 16, 2010.
  - d) Approve recommendation to accept the low bid of \$2,350 from Front Line Services, Inc. for the purchase of 20 pieces of fire hose.
  - e) Approve recommendation to purchase rescue tools from Rescue Resources totaling \$44,569.

- f) Approve recommendation to accept the low bid of \$1,174 from Cascade Cement Contractors for the repair of the steps and replacement of a section of curb at the Plainfield Fire Department Training Center.
  - g) Approve recommendation to accept the low bid of \$3,270 from Hi-Lo Electric for the installation of heat tape at #3 Fire Station.
  - h) Approve Resolution accepting Amendment No. 35 (the withdrawal of Jamestown Township) in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metro Council.
  - i) Approve request from Chief Peterson to attend the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs Conference.
  - j) Receive the financial, water, fire, building permits, ordinance enforcement, and passport reports.
  - k) Approve the SAFER Grant hiring of Kurtis Gear and Brian Meyerholtz as recommended by Chief Peterson.
- 6) Supervisor Meek opened the public hearing to consider an amendment to Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Chester shared his concern about the burden it may cause property owners that have lots with irregular set backs. Ms. Lastocy wanted to know if car ports attached to mobile homes were going to be affected by this change. Mr. Brower praised the performance of Ms. Sue Thompson and requested the Board reconsider the permit approval that was given for a temporary building in his neighborhood. Mrs. Borek moved with support from Mr. Stover that the Zoning Ordinance Amendment amending Sections 3.01.A.14 and 3.01.B.1.e be adopted." Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Matthews, Stover, Borek, Hagedorn, Harvey, Weldon and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 7) Mr. Weldon moved with support from Mr. Hagedorn to approve a Resolution to replace Resolution #10-18 to allow for entertainment at 1259 Post (Florentines Pizzeria and Sports Bar). Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Mr. Stover, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Borek, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Weldon, Mr. Hagedorn and Mr. Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 8) a) Mr. Stover moved with support from Mr. Hagedorn to authorize the replacement of magnetic flow meters for Versluis Wells 4 & 5 at a cost of \$5,950. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Hagedorn, Weldon, Matthews, Harvey, Borek, Stover and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) Mr. Harvey requested that the additional fee being requested as a deterrent for late payments of water bills be removed from the Amendment for Township Rates and Charges. Mrs. Borek moved with support from Mr. Harvey to amend the Rates and Charges with the elimination of the increase for late water payments. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Weldon, Borek, Matthews, Hagedorn, Stover, Harvey and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 9) Warren Smith presented a proposal from Govolution to allow for payment of utility bills by credit or debit card.
- 10) Warren Smith requested the Board consider creating a OPEB Trust account. Several Board members asked him to provide the Board with additional vendors and a more formal process to obtain bids for this type of trust account.
- 11) Supervisor Meek shared a draft proposal of a new format for how he envisions Board agendas and meetings will function in the future.
- 12) Mr. Hagedorn moved with support from Mr. Weldon to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$396,585.66. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Borek, Matthews, Harvey, Hagedorn, Weldon, Stover and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 13) Supervisor Meek opened the floor for citizens' comments. Mr. Ken Chester requested that the Board consider video streaming of Township meetings to help promote transparency in government. Mr. Mark Wells asked about clarification of an e-mail referred to by Supervisor Meek dealing with an agenda that citizens might have. Mr. Don Keeling read a prepared statement. Mr. Jim Penrod stated

that if the statement just read was true that those mentioned in it should be able to recoup legal costs. Mr. Steve Besser, Mr. Nick Prill, Mrs. Jan Lastocy and Mr. Tim Rau spoke concerning issues that they would like addressed in the Township. Mr. Ron Stuitts wanted to let the Board know what a great job he thinks Charles Weldon is doing for the Township. Mrs. Christine Wernette addressed the board and stated she is still concerned with the safety of her children getting on and off the school bus on Belmont Road. Mr. John Lastocy asked the Board to listen to the citizens and work with them and not against them. Mr. Warren Smith shared his appreciation for the work all members of the Board and especially for the dedication of Bob Homan. Mr. Scott Corder stated he will be sharing his thoughts and concerns at future meetings. Supervisor Meek closed the public portion of the meeting

14) Mr. Matthews stated that the City of Grand Rapids has announced significant increase in water rate charges that will be levied upon the users of water in Ada Township. Mr. Hagedorn shared a comparison of sewer rates of ten townships that shows Plainfield Township as the 9<sup>th</sup> lowest rate of these 10 townships. Mr. Stover asked that the Township take a hard look at extending the moratorium on the sale of medical marijuana because this is a State of Michigan issue. Mrs. Borek shared her concern about any threats against citizens or board members that may have taken place recently. Supervisor Meek reported that the Master Program for water infrastructure projects Plainfield Charter Township of \$7,750,000 have been approved by the State of Michigan in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2011 budget. There will be over \$1,000,000 in principal forgiveness because of the nature of some of these infrastructure improvements.

15) Supervisor Meek adjourned the meeting at 9:53 PM.

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K. Scott Harvey  
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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Date

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George K. Meek  
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

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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 July 19, 2010 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

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Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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