

Plainfield Charter Township  
Regular Meeting  
May 17, 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. The Board reviewed the agenda items, the consent agenda items, and the accounts payable. The meeting recessed at 7:15 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, Clerk Harvey, Treasurer Stover, Trustees Borek, Hagedorn, Matthews, and Weldon. Also present: Superintendent Robert Homan and Accounting Manager Warren Smith.
- 2) Mr. Hagedorn offered the invocation
- 3) Mrs. Borek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) Supervisor Meek requested that the Consent Agenda be amended to read:
  - a. Approve May 3, 2010 regular meeting minutes
  - b. Receive the Financial, Investment, Plainfield Fire Department, Ordinance Enforcement, Building Permit and Passport reports for April 2010

Mr. Stover moved with support from Mrs. Borek that the agenda be approved as amended. Supervisor Meek requested a voice vote. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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- 5) Mr. Hagedorn moved with support from Mr. Weldon that the liquor license previously granted to Florentine's Pizzeria and Sports bar be put into a resolution with the corrected name of the business to be 1259 Post LLC. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Harvey, Hagedorn, Stover, Borek, Weldon, Matthews and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 6) Mr. Jerry Hunefeld addressed the Board and requested that the Board consider an extension of the Final Preliminary Plat approval for the Eastern Meadows single-family residential development. Mr. Stover moved with support from Mr. Matthews that an extension of the Final Preliminary Plat approval for the Eastern Meadows single-family residential development be granted until April 4, 2012. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Ayes: Hagedorn, Stover, Harvey, Borek, Matthews, Weldon and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- 7) Mr. Peter Haefner representing Vredevelde Haefner LLC, presented to the Board an overview of the 2009 Plainfield Charter Township Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Accounting Manager Warren Smith shared with the Board that Standard and Poor's recently gave Plainfield Charter Township improved **B** bond ratings.
- 8) Mr. Stover moved with support from Mrs. Borek that the accounts payable in the amount of \$281,719.75 be approved. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote.

Ayes: Stover, Matthews, Borek, Harvey, Weldon, Hagedorn and Meek. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 9) Supervisor Meek recognized Randy Garvin, a student from North Rockford Middle School, who was attending the meeting as part of a history project. Supervisor Meek opened the floor for citizen's comments for 5 minutes per speaker. Mr. Ken Chester shared that he was concerned with the suggestion that citizen's comments be reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes in the future. He also stated that the Clerk should not be filling out Freedom of Information Act requests. Mr. Steve Besser, Mr. Tim Rau and Mr. Jim Heagel spoke in opposition to the Kent County Road Commissions decision to bill the Township the entire amount of the work associated with the canceled Belmont Road project. Mr. Don Bairunwall and Mr. Christine Wernett spoke on continued safety concerns at the White Pine Trail crossing and by drivers passing stopped school buses. Assistant Fire Chief Steve McKeller thanked the Board, Fire Chief Dave Peterson and Superintendent Bob Homan for allowing him to utilize the Township's financial aid for education as he received his Bachelors Degree from Grand Valley State University after an 18 year effort.
- 10) Superintendent Homan had no comments.
- 11) Trustee Matthews shared his concerns about cars passing stopped school buses. Trustee Hagedorn stated he was disappointed with the position that the Kent County Road Commission took on billing the Township for all costs associated with the Belmont Road project that was canceled. Treasurer Stover shared that the Water Department rate increases should not exceed the programmed 2.9% through 2014 and in 2015 a major bond liability will terminate. Clerk Harvey stated that the money spent by the KCRC on surveying should not be part of any payment to the County and that citizens should voluntarily return any grading permit funds they received. Trustee Weldon invited the public to a Parks and Recreation meeting to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Trustee Borek said that an automatic increase in water bills of 2.9% should be looked into, as that amount is higher then the inflation rate and we have even experienced deflation recently. Supervisor Meek commented that the bill from the KCRC needs to have a complete breakdown and that there will be items the Township will be responsible for because we did sign a work order with the Kent County Road Commission.
- 12) Supervisor Meek adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

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K. Scott Harvey  
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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George K. Meek  
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

**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 May 17, 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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