



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD  
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
6161 BELMONT AVENUE NE; BELMONT, MICHIGAN 49306

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 2, 2014

**Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

1. The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Dave Grant, Vic Matthews, Dale Pomeroy, and Jon Rathbun. Members absent: none. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Fire Chief Dave Peterson, and Parks Development Director John Short.
2. A moment of silence was observed.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Rathbun.
4. Public comments: Ken Paquette spoke about extending The Rapid bus service to the Plainfield Avenue Meijer store or beyond. Brent Fields spoke about the bidding process for snowplowing contracts.
5. The consent agenda was reviewed.
  - a. Approve the August 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes
  - b. Approve the request from Chief Peterson to attend the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs Conference from October 14 – 17
  - c. Approve the 2014 Tax Rate of 3.3000 Mills to be levied on December 1, 2014
  - d. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$750,480.49
6. Matthews moved, with support by Karnes, to approve the agenda including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$750,480.49. Ayes: Brinkman, Spencer, Rathbun, Karnes, Grant, Matthews, Pomeroy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
7. Public hearing
  - a. A public hearing for the West Michigan Baseball Water Extension Special Assessment District to confirm the SAD roll; lien; payment and collection of the special assessment was opened by Spencer at 8:13 p.m. Seeing no one wishing to comment, Spencer closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.
    - i. Matthews moved, with support by Karnes, to approve Resolution No. 4 to confirm the SAD roll; lien; payment and collection of the special assessment for the West Michigan Baseball Water Extension Special Assessment District. Ayes: Brinkman, Spencer, Rathbun, Karnes, Grant, Matthews, Pomeroy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
8. There was no old business.
9. New business
  - a. Consider accepting the Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Prevention & Safety Grant in the amount of \$289,326 with 5% to be paid by the Township.

Prior to the Board discussion, citizens were offered the opportunity to make comments. Art Spalding said there was insufficient information included in Chief Peterson's memo explaining

the grant and asked many questions. Jack Hagedorn made several statements and urged the Board not to accept the grant.

- a. Karnes moved, with support by Grant, to table consideration of accepting the Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Prevention & Safety Grant in the amount of \$289,326 with 5% to be paid by the Township until the next regular Board Meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> with the stipulation that Chief Peterson respond to the questions asked by Board members and citizens and provide written responses in the Board packet for the September 15 meeting, include a written explanation of why Van Wyngarden was not informed prior to submitting the grant request, and include a copy of the grant request. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
10. There were no Board discussions.  
Jeff O'Hara, candidate for 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court Judge, introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief description of his qualifications.
11. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
12. Board members shared comments.
13. At 8:09 p.m. Matthews moved, with support by Brinkman, to move into closed session to discuss the Coit Avenue Pit litigation in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act; MCL 15.268; Section 8(e) because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. At 9:09 p.m. the Board returned from closed session to the open meeting.
14. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Ruth Ann Karnes  
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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Date

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Jay D. Spencer  
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

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Date

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, as the duly elected clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of September 2, 2014 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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Date