



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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY - JANUARY 20, 2015

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 Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes. Members present: Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Vic Matthews, Dave Grant, Jon Rathbun, and Dale Pomeroy. Members absent: Supervisor Jay Spencer. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Director of Public Services Rick Solle, Parks Director John Short, and Landscape Architects representative Matthew Hull. The first order of business was to appoint a Chairperson pro-tems due to the excused absence of Supervisor Spencer. Pomeroy moved, with support by Rathbun, to appoint Vic Matthews. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The invocation was given by Jon Rathbun.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Ann Karnes.
4. There were no public comments.
5. The consent agenda was reviewed. Item 5b was removed and placed on the agenda for discussion as item 10c.
 - a. Approve the January 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes
 - b. (Moved to item 10c) Approve the request by the Historical Preservation Committee to waive the Community Center rental fee for their monthly meetings
 - c. Approve the Contractors Application for Payment No. 5 from Kamminga & Roodvoets for the Premier Park, Phase I totaling \$24,212.42
 - d. Approve the Fire Department's request to accept the *Ready, Set, Go!* grant for the purchase of reflective address signs and posts to mark private streets and driveways in wildland areas
 - e. Approve Resolution No. 1 declaring the intent to make public improvements; a tentative designation of special assessment district; and notice of public hearing on February 2, 2015 for Northdale Estates #4
 - f. Approve the 2015 employment contract with John Short to serve as the Plainfield Township Parks and Recreation Director
 - g. Receive the Fire, Passport, Water, Building Permit, Ordinance Enforcement, Financial and Investment reports for December 2014
 - h. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$496,373.64
6. Rathbun moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$496,373.64. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, and Pomeroy. Nays: none. Motion carried.
7. A public hearing for the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan – third and final reading was opened at 7:07p.m.

Christine Friedt, Program Director for Northview senior citizens who meet the D.W. Richardson Community Center, stated she was happy to see a line in the Master Plan about an upgraded or expanded Community Center (*Note: this is a reference to Goals and Objectives, page 50, item IV. A., in the 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.*) Friedt said the Community Center is currently being used exclusively as a Senior Center until 4:30 on weekdays and it is used as a Community Center for rentals to citizens on weekdays after 4:30 and all day on weekends. Friedt asked if this schedule would remain in place or change.

Van Wyngarden responded that the document recognizes that the building is undersized for its use and there is a need for change, but how the community needs and senior needs will be scheduled has not been determined. Short explained that the driving force behind including the goal to upgrade or expand the D.W. Richardson Community Center is because of the seniors' growing need for more space, adding that the community's needs are pretty stable.

There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m. Brinkman moved, with support by Pomeroy, to adopt a resolution approving the 2015-2019 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8. Director of Public Services Rick Solle gave a presentation on upcoming infrastructure projects for 2015 which included: Five Mile Area Pressure District Conversion – Phase I South of Five Mile; Hills & Dales Phase I; Ten Mile Area Sewer – Childsdale to Ten Mile; Northerly Trunk Inverted Siphons; Forest Ridge Lift Station Flood Protection Improvements; Comstock Park Area Sewers.
9. There was no old business.
10. New Business
 - a. Karnes moved, with support by Rathbun, to exercise the Option to Purchase 5210 Forest Ridge Avenue (PPN 41-10-21-479-012) for the Forest Ridge lift station as presented. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, and Pomeroy. Nays: none. Motion carried.
 - b. Karnes moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the Water Main Easement purchase for the Five Mile – Plainfield Pressure District Conversion Project as presented. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, and Pomeroy. Nays: none. Motion carried.
 - c. (Moved from item 5b) Grant moved, with support by Brinkman, to approve the request by the Historical Preservation Committee to waive the Community Center rental fee for their monthly meetings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
11. Board discussions
 - a. The Board discussed the Michigan Township Association's Township of Excellence program. No action was taken.
 - b. The Board discussed models of Board Governance. No action was taken.
12. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
13. Board members shared comments.
14. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date

Jay D. Spencer
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

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 January 20, 2015 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date