

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes
Special Meeting
February 8, 2008

The Oshtemo Township Board held a special meeting at the Oshtemo Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Stan Rakowski
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was Attorney James Porter, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, and eight interested people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Glass, 6177 West G Avenue, representing C-COATS requested the Board keep 3 main points in mind when discussing amending the Truck Route Ordinance; by allowing amendment at this point would be premature, the persons requesting the amendment are not Oshtemo tax paying citizens, and not make the decision based on a potential lawsuit but on the taxpayers of Oshtemo Township.

Joe Gemmil, 3300 North 10th Street, encouraged the Board to stand firm of potential challenges.

Jim Sterenberg, 4110 Oak Harbour, thanked the Board for their support, asked the Board to consider the long term costs, and the quality of life for Oshtemo residents.

Morris Arnold, 1222 Cadet Lane, referred to the Upjohn Institute study and the loss of property values.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO AMEND TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE

Motion to go into closed session to discuss written legal opinion of counsel subject to attorney-client privilege by Neil Sikora, second by Jim Grace at 9:20 a.m. Carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Deb Everett second by Jim Grace at 10:05. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS
CONFERENCE ROOM RENOVATION

Jim Grace presented a quote to enclose the meeting room on the north side of the offices in the amount of \$8,412.00. Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the expenditure. Carried.

Planning Director Stefforia advised she is getting a quote to improve the public speaking area. She will bring it to the board when received.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
SUPERVISOR