

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
February 23, 2010

A retirement open house was held for Building Official Bob Horton and Senior Planner Mary Lynn Bugge.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, and 6 interested people.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by James Grace to approve the February 9th regular meeting and February 16th joint meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$68,764.86 and disbursements of \$151,805.73 were reported. Motion by James Grace, second by Borgfjord to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

RECOGNITION OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Rick Fuller, Sgt. Jim Sandlin (K9) handler, K9 Terek, Dep. Michelle Greenlee Dep. Larry Czarnowski, Dep. Ron Kelly, Dep. Joe Coleman, and Dep. Paul Runcie, were present for Board recognition of their work in solving a recent string of residential burglaries.

DENTAL INSURANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

A recommendation from the Personnel Committee to amend the Township's Dental Insurance Plan Ordinance to allow qualified retirees to participate in the dental plan was before the Board.

Motion by James Grace, second by Borgfjord to adopt the proposed ordinance amendment. Carried.

Motion by James Grace, second by Everett to adopt a resolution to establish the percentage the retirees will pay for dental insurance at 100% of the premium. Roll call showed McCormick-yes, Bushouse-yes, Everett-yes, Culp-yes, Borgfjord-yes, James Grace-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

ROAD PROJECTS – 2010

A list of proposed road projects for 2010 was before the Board for consideration. It was noted the road budget along with participating funds from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission would not be adequate to fund all projects recommended by the Road Committee. Consensus was to approve the list through what the budget would cover and consider additional projects if there are funds available when approved projects are completed.

It was also noted sami seal will not be included unless residents petition for it.

2010 Road Projects

West Port Plat

Rose Arbour Avenue – chip seal
Karabrook Court – chip seal
Countrywood Court – chip seal
Ramblewood Drive – chip seal
Signal Hill Drive – HMA wedge
Winddrift Avenue – HMA wedge

Oak Highlands Plat

Foxmoor Court – chip seal
Windcrest Court – chip seal
Steeplechase Court – chip seal
Farmwood Court – chip seal
Hawthorn Valley – chip seal
Arbor Valley – chip seal

Oshtemo Valley Plat

Oshtemo Trace – chip seal

Oshtemo Court – chip seal

Upper Valley Trail – chip seal

Oshtemo Trace 40' HMA Wedge/drainage

KL Avenue (Almena to 4th) – chip seal & HMA wedge

5th Street (M-43 to H Ave) – chip seal

2nd Street (M-43 to Almena) – chip seal

Big Rock Drive – chip seal

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to approve the list of road projects for 2010. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

ACTUARIAL STUDY

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised that while the Board had approved an expenditure to complete the actuarial study needed for the retiree benefit costs as required by GASB for the Township's 2009 audit, another vendor had been found which would complete the project for considerably less.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Borgfjord, to approve the proposal in the amount of \$2,962.00 from Watkins, Ross & Company for the actuarial study. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee James Grace advised the problem with the overhead doors at Fire House No. 1 had been determined and will be addressed by the door company.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COSGWELL
Supervisor