

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**February 26, 2008**

The Oshtemo Township Board public comment session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Van Dyke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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 James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and 1 interested person.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Discussion:** Geoff Lansky, representing the Ted Hartleb Agency, presented a proposal for the Township's liability, property, and vehicle coverage.

The public comment session was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and approximately 9 interested people.

Trustee Sikora noted "appraisals" is misspelled in the item heading. Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the February 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as corrected and the February 19<sup>th</sup> joint meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$36,573.86 and disbursements of \$201,289.12 were reported. Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Charles Agosti, representing State Systems Radio, commented he has never been offered an opportunity to bid on radio equipment for the Fire Department and inquired if bids were sought for the recent equipment purchased through the FEMA grant. Fire Commissioner Grace advised he would discuss the matter with Interim Fire Chief Karnemaat.

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY COMMISSION**

Dale Hein, Project Manager for the Kalamazoo County Public Transportation Authority Commission was present along with Authority President Linda Teeter and several other authority members. Mr. Hein commented they are visiting with entities in Kalamazoo County for input and assessing needs. Ms. Teeter commented the authority was formed in 2006 after passage of a county wide millage which will be placed on the ballot again sometime this year and they recently assumed responsibility for the contract with Pride Care that runs through 2009 for the Care-A-Van service.

**TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – FIRST READING**  
**WEST MICHIGAN FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO DRAKE ROAD**

A recommendation from the Planning Department for a proposed amendment to add West Michigan Avenue from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Drake Road to the Truck Route Ordinance was before the Board for First Reading.

Motion by Culp, second by Grace to accept the proposed amendment for First Reading and set Second Reading for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

### **WATER EXTENSION – O’PARK STREET**

A recommendation from the Sewer/Water Committee to extend public water in O’Park Street from Stadium Drive to Frie Avenue to service a proposed 4 unit residential site condominium was before the Board. Engineer Elliott advised the estimated cost is \$83,900 for the 8” main. He further advised the City of Kalamazoo would prefer the water also be extended on Frie Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Street to accommodate a loop, however, the committee’s recommendation at this time is to extend the water only on O’Park.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to direct the Engineer to seek bids for the water extension on O’Park Street. Carried.

### **WATER EXTENSION – TOWNSHIP PARK**

A recommendation from the Sewer/Water Committee to extend public water to the Township Park was before the Board for consideration. Discussion included the problems experienced with the current well serving the park facilities. Engineer Elliott advised the estimated cost is \$36,500.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to direct the Engineer to seek bids for the water extension to the Township Park. Carried.

### **PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE – CABLE & VIDEO PROVIDERS – FIRST READING**

A proposed ordinance regulating the use of public rights of way by cable and video service providers was before the Board for First Reading.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to accept the ordinance for First Reading and set Second Reading for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

### **FRANCHISE APPLICATION REQUEST – AT&T**

An application from AT&T for a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement was before the Board. Attorney Porter advised under current state law the Township must act on the request within 30 days or the agreement is considered approved.

There was lengthy discussion with Community Access Center Executive Director Hap Haasch regarding that currently AT&T is not connected to, or integrated with the Community Access Center to provide public educational and government channels, their technology is different from the other cable providers and they are unwilling to pay the current 35 cents per subscriber in support of the PEG channels but will agree to a .6% in addition to the 5% franchise fee.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the franchise agreement as presented. Carried.

### **SPRINGWOOD HILLS ROAD PROJECT**

Clerk Everett advised the Kalamazoo County Road Commission needs a letter of authorization to include the Springwood Hills Plat road project in the their group bid.

Motion by Everett, second by Grace to send the letter of authorization. Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS REQUEST FOR FUNDING – KATS STUDY**

Supervisor VanDyke presented a request from the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) for participation in an economic traffic study regarding US 131.

Motion by Culp, second by Everett to approve the request in the amount of \$1,547.29 to be sent with a letter that no further contribution will be available. Carried.

### **POSSIBLE MEETING – AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES**

In response to information that a request from Aggregate Industries for a meeting with Supervisor VanDyke and one other board member may be received, consensus was the Board would consider any proposal for a meeting only as an agenda item with the full Board and Attorney.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Sikora commented he has not received a copy of the inclement weather policy.

He also inquired if information regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> Street road/bridge project would be posted on our website.

Trustee Grace advised possible electrical problems are being investigated at Fire House No. 2 prior to purchase of a new television. There was also discussion that estimates of \$1,000 for a new television should be further explored.

He also advised the Fire Department will be conducting a two and half day trench rescue training seminar April 25-27 and inquired if department funds could be used to provide meals for the participants. It was noted the Employee Handbook provides for seminar meal expenses for employees.

Trustee Grace commented on the coating that seems to be coming off the aluminum trim on the Township Hall. Consensus was the Building & Grounds Committee should compile a list of issues and meet with the architect and contractor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

**DEBORAH L. EVERETT**  
Township Clerk

**Attested: John VanDyke**  
Supervisor