

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
July 8, 2008

Township Board work session was cancelled.

Township Board regular meeting was held at the Township Hall. Clerk Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Everett, second by Grace to appoint Trustee Rakowski as acting chair. Carried.

PRESENT:

Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Neil Sikora
Trustee Stan Rakowski

Also present were James Porter, Township Attorney, Associate Planner Brian VanDenBrand and 5 interested people.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve the June 24th meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$31,589.48 and disbursements of \$180,327.58 were reported. Motion by Grace, second by Culp to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dick Hertzell, 2484 Isle Harbor Court, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Fire Chief Selection Committee.

Margaret Masuzawa, 331 West Ridge Circle, inquired if the new traffic signal installed at West Main and Lodge Lane/10th Street would include a left turn arrow. Trustee Grace advised he had spoken with the contractors during the installation and had been advised it would not. Ms. Masuzawa related to the Board incidents of near accidents at the intersection. It was noted the Township has made several requests to the State for a left arrow at the intersection.

Attorney Porter provided an update on the court hearing held July 8th concerning Aggregate Industries motion to preclude the Township from enforcing the adopted truck route ordinance. He advised the court determined Aggregate Industries did not meet the criteria for the injunction. He further advised the complaint against the Township has been amended to include charges of denial of equal protection and due process.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF APPROVAL
LOT RECONFIGURATION/CONVERSION TO CONDOMINIUM
6145/6147 FAIRGROVE

Associate Planner VanDenBrand presented a request from Willard Glashower for extension of the approval of conversion of a duplex into condominium units and lot line reconfiguration that would bring the applicant's and the adjacent property at 6125/6127 Fairgrove into compliance with side setback requirements granted by the Township Board on July 10, 2007. He advised there had been a delay in securing the necessary legal documents.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to grant a one year extension of the approval granted July 10, 2007. Carried.

SITE CONDOMINIUM UNIT SPLIT – SKY KING MEADOWS PUD

Associate Planner VanDenBrand presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a request for an amendment to the Sky King Meadows Planned Unit Development (PUD) to allow the division of a 6.24 acre site into two site condominium units. He advised the Planning Commission recommendation was subject to conformance to all applicable Township Ordinances and providing all necessary easements and documentation for shared access, cross access, and shared stormwater facilities, a bike path with 10 foot paved width, and amendment of the Master Deed to establish one additional condominium unit subject to Township review of documents prior to recording.

Trustee Grace inquired as to the status of the retention pond repair. Mr. VanDenBrand advised conditions of a recent site plan approved provided there would be no building permits issued prior to the pond being corrected.

Motion by Culp, second by Grace to approve the amendment to the Sky King Meadows PUD as requested subject to all conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Carried.

SERVICE CONTRACT FOR GENERATORS

Clerk Everett advised the service contract with Norm's Electric for generators located at various Township facilities has expired and could be renewed at the same rate as last year; \$65.00 per hour. It was noted there was no contract for the generator located at the Township maintenance building.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve renewal of the service contracts for the generators including the maintenance building. Carried.

CHANGE ORDER – WATER EXTENSION TO TOWNSHIP PARK

Engineer Elliott presented a change order to the water extension project to the Township Park, advising the contractor had agreed to include the abandonment of a water well at the Old Township Hall on 8th Street and removal of a dead tree at that site for a total of \$3,100.

Trustee Sikora advised the Park Committee had already initiated removal of the tree with a different contractor.

Motion by Sikora, second by Grace to approve the change order for M & E Excavating in the amount of \$800 for abandonment of the well and up to \$2,300 for removal of the tree either by M & E Excavating or another vendor as arranged for by the Park Committee. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

PARK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – PARK USE APPLICATIONS

Trustee Sikora advised the Park Committee had reviewed and approved assembly applications from Berean Baptist Church for July 19th and Southwest Michigan Disc Golf LLC for August 8th – 16th for events to be held in the Township Park.

Motion by Sikora, second by Grace, to approve the applications. Carried.

PURCHASING PROGRAM

Treasurer Culp presented a proposal for purchase of an electronic purchase order program from BS&A Software advising it would integrate with the current accounting system. She advised the total cost of \$5,595 includes two days of training at \$800.00 per day which she felt can be accomplished in one.

Motion by Grace, second by Culp to approve the expenditure. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Sikora provided reminders of upcoming events:

July 11th – Oshtemo Fire Department Significant Others sponsoring a benefit dinner at Berean Baptist Church for the Barrett family

July 16th – Antique Car Display and Ice Cream Social at Flesher Field.

July 19th – Oshtemo Fire Department Significant Others sponsoring a benefit car wash at the former KIA dealership site for the Brad Wilson fund.

Trustee Sikora advised there are now 45 mph speed limit signs on 8th Street from M-43 to Stadium Drive.

Trustee Rakowski advised he received information from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission that the target completion dates for the 9th Street project are September 1st for the bridge and October 1st for the road.

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

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: **JOHN VANDYKE**
Supervisor