

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
September 9, 2008

Township Board work session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Also present were James Porter, Township Attorney, Township Engineer Marc Elliott and 4 interested people.

Bernie Main, representing the Home Builders Association was present and encouraged the Board to send a representative to the ICC Conference noting he had been told Art Earl would attend. Board members had concerns about sending a contracted inspector rather than an employee, not having a recommendation from the Building Official regarding the issues to be considered and not sufficient time to consider the issues.

Discussion Items –

Trustee Grace will provide a report regarding staffing Fire House No. 2.

A letter will be sent to the County regarding a police protection agreement for 2009.

An item will be placed in the next newsletter to advise residents that AT&T does not provide community access channels on their cable system.

The Personnel Committee will bring a recommendation to the Board regarding payment of dues for service organizations.

Closed Session – Motion by Rakowski, second by Sikora to adjourn to closed session pursuant to a resolution regarding closed session dated September 9, 2008 for purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll call showed Bushouse-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Grace-yes, Rakowski-yes, Sikora-yes, VanDyke-yes.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Sikora to return to open session at approximately 6:55 p.m.

The Board work session adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Also present were James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliot, Township Engineer, and approximately 16 interested people.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve the August 26th regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$53,426.77 and disbursements of \$157,861.19 were reported. Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Marty Dodge, Senior Vice President of the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, commented the Chamber and area businesses continues to have serious concerns regarding the truck route ordinance and asked that Township staff be directed to provide data and criteria used in formulating the ordinance. (*statement on file in Supplement to Minutes*)

Attorney Porter advised the data being requested had been provided and no businesses with problems relating to the ordinance have contacted the Township.

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve various Zoning Ordinance text amendments was before the Board for Second Reading. They included allowing gas station signs to utilize up to 50% of the permitted sign area to display fuel prices in LED, make a distinction on how sign height is measured for sites that sit higher or lower than the street, adding 11th Street to the list of designated highways which would increase setback requirements, requiring lights on poles less than 15 feet tall to be cut-off style fixtures in nonresidential settings, add a height limit of 5 feet for community event signs, special event signs located on the ground and non-commercial signs, and language for clarification of existing provisions and typographical error corrections.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to adopt the Zoning Ordinance text amendments. Carried.

SCANNER/PLOTTER

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to table this item to the September 23rd meeting for more information. Carried.

FACILITIES/VEHICLE MAINTENANCE MANGEMENT SOFTWARE

Dan Smith of the Township's Maintenance Department presented a request to purchase facilities and vehicle maintenance management software. He advised the program is designed for tracking assets, inventory, vendors, vehicle use and would also track all repairs, preventative maintenance, hours and repair costs. In response to board member questions, he advised several programs were reviewed with the recommendation for the one that best fit the Township's needs.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Grace to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$2,545.00 as described. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Culp, second by Grace to authorize the Attorney to take action as discussed in the closed session. Carried.

A budget workshop was scheduled for September 18th at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
Supervisor