

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
September 11, 2007

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 Stan Rakowski
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Interim Fire Chief Paul Karnemaat, Lt. Chip Everett, Lt. Kevin Putman, Lt. Matt Wilton.

Discussion was held concerning the process for hiring a Fire Chief and future direction of the Fire Department, particularly handling of EMS calls. Consensus was any changes should be determined prior to hiring a chief and to convene a committee of three board members, three members of the Fire Department and three citizens to provide input and make a recommendation. Trustees Grace, Rakowski, and Sikora will represent the Township Board and Interim Chief Karnemaat will notify all fire department personnel and seek volunteers.

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

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

Also present were James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Senior Planner Mary Lynn Bugge, Building Official Bob Horton and 7 interested people.

Clerk Everett noted the August 28th minutes should be corrected to reflect Trustee Rakowski voted no on the Waste Reduction Ordinance item. Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve the August 28th regular meeting minutes as corrected. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$578,425.75 and disbursements of \$154,665.42 were reported. Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

FINAL APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT – WESTERN WOODS

Senior Planner Bugge presented a request for Final Approval of a Final Plat for Western Woods consisting of 39 single family sites on 28.5 acres located on the northwest corner of West Main and North 5th Street. She advised approval should be subject to submission of updated title insurance, submission of a corrected copy of the Declaration of Building Restrictions and Covenants containing the signature of the Health Department representative, installation of sidewalks within three years or prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for each site, whichever comes first, and submittal of an electronic copy of the plat once State approval has been granted.

Board members complemented the developer on the efforts made to retain the topography and trees for the plat.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Grace to grant Final Approval of a Final Plat subject to the conditions stated. Carried.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN - FOUNTAIN VIEW

Senior Planner Bugge presented a request from Steve Ryan of Real Estate Solutions for Tentative Approval of Preliminary Plan for a site condominium for Fountain View, consisting of 4 single family sites on approximately 3.9 acres located on the north side of Beech Avenue. She advised Unit 4 has an existing house and a portion of Unit 1 encompasses a drainage easement to the City of Kalamazoo for water discharge from the adjacent water tower. She further advised all sites satisfy the dimensional requirements, will be served by public water and septic systems, access for each site will be from Beech Avenue, Consumers Energy has determined additional street lights are not needed, and the master deed will include language stating the condominium agrees to participate in an assessment district for sidewalks should the Township institute one in the future.

Ms. Bugge also advised the Planning Commission had recommended approval subject to the master deed language to participate in any future sidewalk special assessment project and condominium documents prohibiting Unit 1 from locating any buildings or structures within the limits of the City of Kalamazoo easement area.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to grant tentative approval of a preliminary plat for the site condominium subject to the conditions of the Planning Commission. Carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REQUEST – VEHICLE PURCHASE

Building Official Horton presented three proposals for purchase of a vehicle for use by the Building Department. He noted the 2007 Chrysler Sebring includes a lifetime power train warranty, free car washes and was low bid. Trustee Bushouse noted the material provided indicated government vehicles were listed as excluded from the warranty.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve purchase of the 2007 Sebring in the amount of \$22,438 if the lifetime power train warranty is applicable, if it is not, the approval is for the 2008 Camary in the amount of \$24,095. Carried with Culp voting no.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – WASTE REDUCTION ORDINANCE

Proposed text amendments to the Waste Reduction Ordinance were before the Board. There was discussion that the ordinance should also apply to multiple family and commercial sites as well as single family and residential four units and less; Supervisor VanDyke will take this issue back to the study committee.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for September 25th. Carried with Bushouse and Rakowski voting no.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE

Proposed text amendments to the Truck Route Ordinance that would prohibit use of engine brakes in certain areas of the Township was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Everett, second by Grace to adopt the text amendments. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR CONTRACT

Contract Electrical Inspector Art Earl presented two proposals to the Board; one for renewal of a contract at per inspection charge and one for becoming a full time employee.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to refer the matter to the Personnel Committee. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Everett advised no items had been received for the Joint Meeting agenda for September 18th; it was agreed if no items are received by September 13th, the meeting will be cancelled.

Trustee Bushouse commented he found the NaTAT Conference he attended to be beneficial.

Attorney Porter advised Alamo Township had submitted a motion to dismiss the suit brought by Aggregate Industries due to their filing being based on a complaint, not an appeal.

Trustee Rakowski commented when receiving information/materials from staff, a memo of explanation would be helpful.

Suggested topics for future work sessions included Township Vehicle Use Policy and committee meeting minutes.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
Supervisor