

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
October 10, 2006

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 Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Stan Rakowski
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Fire Chief Ken Howe and one interested person.

Ordinance Process – Discussion was held concerning the process for adopting ordinances. Clerk Everett advised the process being used provided for acceptance and First Reading as one step then Second Reading as the final step for General Ordinances but the process for Zoning Ordinances entailed three steps, acceptance, First Reading and Second Reading. The Board was in agreement to change the process concerning Zoning Ordinances to acceptance and First Reading as the first step then Second Reading as the second and final step.

Kalamazoo Regional Police and Fire Training Center – Fire Marshall Marty Myers from the City of Kalamazoo was present and reviewed with the Board plans for a proposed regional training center. Consensus was the Board supports the project but would postpone any action until a final agreement can be reviewed.

Jim Bauhof, 5298 Skyridge Avenue, commented he was concerned about the proposed rezoning of property on the east side of Drake Road by the City of Kalamazoo and that while he understood the 300 foot noticing requirement, felt his neighborhood should have been advised. He further commented he is concerned about the current traffic issues on Drake Road and how further development will impact them. Board consensus was the Supervisor with the Planning Director should share the concerns with the City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

The board work session was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

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

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

Motion by Sikora, second by Borgfjord to approve the September 26th regular and October 3rd special meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$605,316.77 and disbursements of \$191,208.16 were reported. Motion by Sikora, second by Rakowski to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

WESTHAVEN SITE CONDOMINIUM – WATER MAIN FEES

Trustee Bushouse advised the Sewer/Water Committee recommended the water main front foot charge attributable to the frontage on Drake Road for the Westhaven project be waived. He noted none of the lots in the development have road frontage on Drake Road, and the Township's investment in the Drake Road water main has already been recovered.

Motion by Culp, second by Rakowski to approve waiving the Drake Road front foot charge for

the Westhaven site condominium development. Carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – LAPINATA, INC.

Clerk Everett advised application for transfer of a liquor license had been received from LaPinata, Inc. for a restaurant located at 443 North Drake Road. She advised the required information had been received and reviewed by the Township Attorney.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Rakowski to recommend approval of the liquor license transfer. Carried.

NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – FIRST READING

Proposed amendments to the Township’s Noise Ordinance regarding barking dogs, hours allowed for construction to occur including emergency construction, hours for race tracks to operate and generators for emergency power were before the Board for First Reading.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to set the proposed amendments for Second Reading on October 26th. Carried.

REPORT FROM KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Capt. William Timmerman of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s Department presented statistics relating to calls for service in the Township. He advised 4,709 calls had been handled from January 1 through September 30 of this year. He also provided a map indicating locations.

OTHER BUSINESS

MDEQ LITIGATION

Clerk Everett advised a request had been received from Kalamazoo and Comstock Townships for financial assistance with litigation regarding the Phase II Urban Storm Water Discharge permitting process. It was noted other municipalities have provided assistance as the case will have impact on all units.

Engineer Elliott commented while the intent of the process is not being challenged, the current requirements can and will continue to be quite burdensome as most units do not own and operate storm system infrastructure.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Sikora to approve a contribution up to \$3,000 for this effort. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Sikora advised the Board Appointment Committee would meet next week.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
Supervisor