

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes
Special Meeting
October 19, 2011

The Oshtemo Township Board held a special meeting of the Township Board and Oshtemo Historical Society at the Oshtemo Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse

Present from the Oshtemo Historical Society were:

Neil Sikora, President
Millard Loy, Vice-President
Mary Ann Britvec, Secretary
Trustee Katy Steadman
Kay Oppliger
Joan Young

Also present was Zoning Administrator Karen High acting as facilitator for the discussion.

Background information was shared by each participant as to how they came to be involved in the formation and continuing efforts of the OHS. Township Board members commended the OHS and the great amount of work they have been able to accomplish in the restoration of the Drake House.

Discussion was held regarding use of the Drake House and property, future visions for the property, estimated time lines for completion and accessibility on a regular basis by the public, projections regarding costs to complete the house, grounds and future possibilities. Consensus was to continue pursuing an application to place the property on the National Register of Historic Places, and there is still an issue with part of the original driveway not belonging to the Township.

There was also discussion there are other historical structures in the Township that should be kept in mind for future opportunities. OHS members expressed while they are aware, they feel the Drake House project should be completed before they take on another, however, they do have a broader perspective than just the Drake House, including the history of the Township and its relationship to the region.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
SUPERVISOR