

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
November 14, 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 Bob Snell and Marc Elliott, Township Engineers, Trustee Elect James Grace, and Deputy Clerk DeAnna Janssen.

Record/Document Retention Program – Clerk Everett advised the current digital record retention program has encountered problems that cannot be solved and presented a proposal for review to obtain software, training, and current record conversion. She advised Deputy Clerk Janssen had worked with Municipal Code Corporation on the proposal. Discussion included the need to insure the program would allow for updates in the future and expansion to include other types of records, i.e., building and site plans. It was noted Municipal Code is a well established company that has always provided excellent service.

Stadium/Parkview Road Improvements – Discussion was held concerning the planned road improvements by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for the Stadium Drive/Parkview Avenue intersection.

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 Bob Snell and Marc Elliott, Township Engineers, Trustee Elect James Grace and 8 interested people.

Motion by Sikora, second by Rakowski to approve the October 24th regular meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$108,549.65 and disbursements of \$581,117.24 were reported. Motion by Rakowski, second by Sikora to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Elect John Nieuwenhuis introduced himself to the Board commented he is looking forward to serving as our representative.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING – TEXAS CORRAL

An application from Steve Montayne for issuance of the one remaining quota liquor license for a Texas Corral restaurant to be located at the former Russ' Restaurant location on West Main was before the Board for Public Hearing.

Mr. Montayne introduced himself to the Board and advised he is also the owners of Damon's in Kalamazoo, the new restaurant would employ approximately 75 people and after some renovation of the current building he hoped to be open in the spring. In response to Board members questions, he advised current licenses he holds in Kent County cannot be transferred to another county, and approximately 14% of his current business is alcohol sales.

Trustee Bushouse commented that while he supported the proposed use of the site, he had concerns regarding issuing the one remaining liquor license, smaller interests have transferred licenses in, and he would prefer the remaining license be available if needed for future new development. Other Board members felt a large development would be in a position of acquiring a license.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Culp to recommend approval of the liquor license application. Carried with Bushouse voting no.

RECORD/DOCUMENT RETENTION PROGRAM

The proposal discussed at the work session was before the Board for consideration; Clerk Everett advised the expenditure for the new software, training, and current record conversion would be \$15,983.00.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to approve the expenditure and pursue quotes for additional programs as discussed. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

WEST HAVEN EASEMENT RELEASE

Attorney Porter advised an easement that currently exists across the north boundary of the West Haven development at the corner of West H Avenue and Drake Road is no longer necessary and presented a termination and declaration and grant of ingress and egress easement for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Everett, second by Rakowski to approve the termination of the easement. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Trustee Sikora advised the recommendation for the reappointment of Planning Commissioner Terry Schley was inadvertently omitted from the list of recommendations at the October 24th meeting.

Motion by Sikora, second by Everett to reappoint Terry Schley to the Planning Commission term expiring 12/31/09. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Rakowski acknowledged this was Trustee Borgfjord's last meeting and thanked her for her service to the Township. Clerk Everett concurred and thanked Ms. Borgfjord for her work on the new fence project at Genesee Prairie Cemetery. Trustee Bushouse also thanked Trustee Borgfjord for her service and welcomed Trustee Elect Jim Grace to the Board.

Trustee Bushouse also commented he would look forward to discussing future park development of the KL Landfill site and nearby County owned property with County Commissioner Elect John Nieuwenhuis.

Clerk Everett advised there was 55% voter turnout in the Township for the November 7th General Election, 10% higher than the last mid term election.

Supervisor VanDyke advised the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department deputies assigned to Texas Township are now reporting from the satellite office in our Township Hall. Trustee Sikora thanked the Supervisor for his continued efforts in the area of police protection.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
Supervisor