

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**November 28, 2006**

A board work session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor John VanDyke.

**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 Bob Vlietstra, Alamo Township Supervisor who updated the Board on activities in Alamo Township. The Board also discussed the 2007 budget.

The Oshtemo Township Board public comment session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Bob Snell and Marc Elliott, Township Engineers, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Senior Planner Mary Lynn Bugge, and Associate Planner Brian VanDenBrand.

Lotta Jarneflet, Director of the Kalamazoo County Department of Planning and Community Development reviewed the county's efforts to establish a countywide Geographic Information System (GIS) and requested the Township permit the current parcel data be used for a website that would be established. Discussion will continue with the Planning Department to reach a formal agreement which will return to the Board.

The public comment session was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.  
Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Bob Snell and Marc Elliott, Township Engineers, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia and 1 interested person.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to approve the November 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$12,431.71 and disbursements of \$162,002.77 were reported. Motion by Sikora, second by Grace to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

**REZONING – SOUTH 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET – I-1 TO RR**

Planning Director Stefforia presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of a request to rezone the rear 20 acres of a 33 acre parcel located on the west side of South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and abutting KL Avenue for 66 feet on the south end, from I-1 Industrial to RR Rural Residential.

She advised the front seven acres will remain I-1 and the northern six acres is already zoned RR and the Planning Commission found the request was appropriate and consistent with the Master Land Use Plan.

Trustee Bushouse commented care should be taken not to eliminate too much industrial zoning.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to accept the rezoning request for First Reading and set Second Reading for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Carried.

#### **WATER FEE SCHEDULE**

Trustee Bushouse presented a recommendation from the Sewer/Water Committee regarding water fees and additional resolution language for 2007 which would reduce developer construction contract fees from 15% to 5%, increase water benefit fee from \$300 to \$400 and add language regarding inspection and collection of GPS data for new water mains. He advised the committee further recommends adopting a policy position that residential developments where the developer privately installed water mains after December 2004 will receive a pro-rated refund of the difference between 15% and 5% developer construction contract fee depending on the number of permits pulled in 2005 prior to adoption of the water benefit fee in January 2006.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Grace to adopt a resolution with the recommended changes and approve the refund policy. Roll call showed Bushouse-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Grace-yes, Rakowski-yes, Sikora-yes, VanDyke-yes.

#### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AGREEMENT FOR 2007**

The agreement for 2007 with the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center was before the Board for consideration. It was noted participation in the program continues to increase.

Motion by Everett, second by Sikora to fund the program at the 2006 level of \$6,000. Carried.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Bushouse inquired if a certificate of occupancy had been issued to the new office building at 6132 West Main. Planning Director Stefforia advised it had been issued as the site issues had been addressed. Trustee Grace commented the Planning Commission had also expressed concerns.

Mr. Bushouse commented that on two occasions he had asked for an update and review of the contract with Life EMS and the incidents that resulted in fines.

Mr. Bushouse also commented he feels the joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission, and ZBA should not be cancelled.

Trustee Rakowski inquired regarding street lights and West Main and 9<sup>th</sup> Street; Treasurer Culp advised she has been in contact with Consumers Energy. Clerk Everett advised a resident had inquired as well and also requested a street light be placed at the east drive of Meijers.

Trustee Sikora commented he agreed with Trustee Bushouse's commenting regarding canceling the joint meeting.

Mr. Sikora also advised some of the new park equipment has been installed.

Board members welcomed Trustee Grace to the Board; Mr. Grace commented he looks forward to working with the Board.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

**DEBORAH L. EVERETT**  
Township Clerk

**Attested: John VanDyke**  
Supervisor