

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF **OSHTEMO**  
Township Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
December 18,2007

The Oshtemo Township Board **held** a **special** meeting at the Oshtemo Township **Hall**. Supervisor VanDyke **called** the meeting to order at **3:30** 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 Attorney James Porter, senior **Planner** Mary Lynn Bugge, and two interested **people**.

**LOT SPLIT - SEECO CONDOMINIUM - UNIT 3**

Senior **Planner** Bugge presented a request from Hanson Properties proposing to divide Unit 3 of Seeco Condominium into two units. She advised the request **would comply** with required **dimensional** requirements, each site has direct access to a **public** or private road, access to **public utilities**, sewer and water and each **lot would** conform to the requirements of the Land Division Act and Township Ordinances. She advised **approval should** be subject to the **applicant** submitting amendments to the condominium documents for Township review and **approval** prior to recording.

Motion by Everett, second by Grace to approve the **lot split** subject to the **applicant** submitting amendments to the condominium documents for Township review and **approval** prior to recording. Carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST - WINGS, ETC.**

An **application** for transfer of a **liquor license** from DJ Concepts at 5015 West Main to Wings of Michigan LLC at 6740 Seeco Drive was before the Board for consideration. Attorney Porter advised the **application** was in order and meets the ordinance requirements and the **applicant** had been advised of the Township's restriction agreement regarding removing a **license** from the Township.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the liquor **license** transfer subject to the **applicant's** signature of the Township Restriction Agreement. Carried.

**911 DISPATCH CONTRACT**

**The** Board **held lengthy** discussion concerning paying the amount requested by **Kalamazoo** County for 911 dispatch services since 2005. The **Police** District Study Committee consisting of Supervisor VanDyke, and Trustees **Bushouse** and Grace, met with **Kalamazoo** County **officials** regarding the increase in fees and future funding mechanisms. There were concerns **expressed** that the increase in fees **should** have been graduated, and it was **acknowledged** there had been a **lapse** in communication with the information not getting to **all** Board members in a **timely** manner. It was noted **recently** passed **legislation will** provide a means for a different funding method for 911 dispatch centers which the County has indicated they intend to pursue.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Sikora to pay \$8,043.21 per year for 2005 thru 2007 and approve payment for 2008 with a **strongly** worded **letter** that the agreement **will** not be extended for 2009 with an expectation that other funding sources **would** be in **place**; with a copy of the **letter** to the Township's County Board of Commissioner representatives. Carried.

**POLICE PROTECTION AGREEMENT – 2008**

Trustee Grace advised the Police District Study Committee held discussions with Kalamazoo County Sheriff Mike Anderson regarding the proposed police protection agreement for 2008 which reflects a 1.5% increase from 2007. He advised that Deputy Pete VanderWeer will be the Township's liaison with the KCSD for obtaining information regarding scheduling of deputies, incident information, etc.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the 2008 police protection agreement in the amount of \$434,492.89. Carried.

**MECHANICAL INSPECTOR CONTRACT – 2008**

A contract with Richard Healy to act as the Township's mechanical inspector was before the Board. Attorney Porter noted the rates are the same as those previously approved for the electrical inspector, at \$40.25 per hour for inspections, plan review fee at 25% of building code review fee, and in office on an as needed basis at \$40.25 per hour.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Sikora to approve the mechanical inspector agreement for 2008. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Sterenberg, 4110 Oak Harbor, co-chair of C-COATS requested the Board endorse two petitions they plan to submit to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to request Natural Beauty Road designations for North 10<sup>th</sup> street south of G Avenue and West G Avenue, west of North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. He advised the group feels the named roads are in an unusual location bordering the Kalamazoo Nature Center and the Kal-Haven Trail trailhead.

Board member comments and concerns included the criteria required for designation, the Road Commission would have to downgrade the roads to local roads which then become the Township's responsibility for maintaining, and the Township's need to work with the Road Commission on other issues. Consensus was to not offer an opinion on the matter.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADDITIONS TO APPROVED LIST OF FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES**

Treasurer Culp requested the Board approve the addition of Chase National Bank and Citizens Bank to the list of approved depositories for 2008.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve the additional financial institutions. Carried.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**DEBORAH L. EVERETT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**Attested: JOHN VANDYKE  
SUPERVISOR**