

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes
Special Meeting
May 22, 2014

The Oshtemo Township Board held a special meeting at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Nancy Carr
Trustee Dusty Farmer
Trustee Lee Larson

ABSENT:

Trustee Dave Bushouse

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Parks Administrator Karen High and 2 interested people.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – GRANT MATCH

Chief Barnes advised a regional grant including the City of Portage, Alamo Township, South County Fire Authority, Texas Township, and Pavilion Township had been received for replacement of the department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units; the grant requires a 27.3% match of \$71,791. In response to Board members questions, he advised due to time constraints of completing the grant contract, action is needed prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, this item was not listed in the 2014 budget as pricing was still unknown at the time the budget was adopted, the equipment must be continually updated to meet NFPA standards and is planned for in the capital budget.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Larson to amend the Fire Equipment & Facilities Budget and approve the \$71,791 grant match. Carried 6-0.

FLESHER FIELD PHASE I – CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY

Parks Administrator High advised some change orders have arisen for the Flesher Field Phase I construction and requested the project contingency be increased to 10% as provided in the Township Purchasing Policy; 3% was the amount approved at the time of contract award. She advised the change orders included unstable soils found which has required additional excavation, requirements by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission regarding the deceleration lane on 9th Street, concrete curbing adjacent to the play area planned for Phase II which would be more cost effective to install in Phase I at the time of the walking path, and possible seeding of drainage basins to eliminate the need for mowing.

Motion by Culp, second by Farmer to increase the contingency amount by \$30,372 and amend the Parks budget. Carried 5-1 with Carr voting no.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Deborah L. Everett
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Attested: Elizabeth Heiny-Cogswell
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR