

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
June 23, 2015

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Nancy Carr
Trustee Dusty Farmer
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Grant Taylor

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, and 6 interested people.

Public Comment – State Representative Brandt Iden provided information on recent activities in the State Legislature.

Audit Review – Scott MacCallum and Brian Krol of Seber Tans, PLC presented the 2014 financial audit review.

Discussion – Fire Department – Fire Chief Barnes provided information regarding mutual and initial aid to neighboring communities.

The Board work session adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Nancy Carr
Trustee Dusty Farmer
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Grant Taylor

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Planning Director Greg Milliken and 6 interested people.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Minutes of June 9th regular meeting
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c) Update of Greenway Corridor Planning
- d) Boards & Committees Appointments
- e) County Household Hazardous Waste 2015 Contract Amendment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised Item D would be removed from the consent agenda as changes had been made since the item had been placed on the consent agenda. She also advised consideration of the June 8th special meeting minutes would be added to the agenda.

Motion by Taylor, second by Farmer to approve the consent agenda as amended. Carried 7-0.

Item D – Boards & Committees Appointments – Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell reviewed the updated list of recommendations.

Motion by Everett, second by Farmer to approve the appointments as recommended. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve the minutes of the June 8th special meeting. Carried 7-0.

REZONING REQUEST – RR TO R2 – SECTION 36

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning request for a 2.58 acre parcel on the west side of South 11th Street just south of Parkview Avenue was before the Board for Second Reading. Approximately 2 acres of the southern portion of the parcel are currently zoned “RR” Rural Residential with the remaining zoned “R4” Residence as is the parcel to the north; the applicants owns both parcels. He advised the request is to rezone the current “RR” portion to “R2” Residence

Motion by Farmer, second by Taylor to approve the rezoning request. Carried 6-1 with Heiny-Cogswell voting no.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Taylor, second by Carr to adopt a resolution to adjourn to closed session to discuss opinion of legal counsel regarding contract negotiation with the Sheriff’s Department. Roll call showed Taylor-yes, Carr-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Farmer-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes, Ford-yes.

The Board adjourned to closed session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Everett, second by Farmer to return to open session at approximately 8:00 p.m. Carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell provided a copy of the latest KCSD proposal for police protection advising the Police Committee has not yet met, a meeting will be scheduled and a recommendation from the committee anticipated for the July 14th board meeting; board members should direct questions to the Supervisor or Attorney Porter.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Taylor commented he would like the Township Board to consider updating the bidding policy for large scale projects; he has provided information to Attorney Porter for review.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell commented the independent audit review shows the Township in a good financial position.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor