

Clerk Branch felt, like it or not, we needed to take action on the ordinance, in order to be legal. She then moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Johnson and a roll call showed.

Branch - YES Johnson - YES Anderson - YES Brown - YES
 Bushouse - NO Block - YES Fleckenstein - YES

LAND DIVISION APPLICATION FEE

Supervisor Fleckenstein stated that along with the ordinance amendment regarding land division the Board needed to establish a fee for the Land Division Application. There would probably be no legal fees involved with these applications, therefore, he recommended a fee of \$75.00.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to adopt the resolution setting the fee at \$75.00.

Ed Sharp, of Country Club Village, stated he felt it was a State mandate and the State should cover the cost. He felt the township should write to the State requesting reimbursement!!

The roll was called to vote on the motion establishing the fee.

Anderson - YES Johnson - YES Bushouse - NO Branch - YES Brown - YES
 Block - YES Fleckenstein - YES

A motion was then made by Anderson, seconded by Brown to direct the Supervisor to write to the legislators regarding unfunded mandates. Carried.

Mrs. Brown reminded the Board that the suggestion was made at the last meeting, that our MTA County Chapter could discuss this Act with the legislators.

APPOINTMENT OF ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

A recommendation was presented to the Board to appoint Glenn Hartford to the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Mr. Hartford, a current member of the Township Fire Department, would serve as an OEO for the purpose of enforcing Township Parking Regulations.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Johnson to approve the appointment of Glenn Hartford as OEO. Carried.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT

A request for a fireworks display permit was received again this year from Don Bierens. For many years he has provided a fireworks display on the 4th of July at his home at 10855 West KL Avenue. The Fire Chief reviewed the request and approved it.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Branch to approve the fireworks display permit for Don Bierens. Carried.

FLAG DISPLAY

Trustee Bushouse reported that the Oshtemo Business Association purchased and will install 50 American flags with brackets, in the village areas. They would like the township to store the flags and be responsible for displaying them on Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.

He reviewed his three part proposal for the displaying American flags and Township flags.

American Flags - Township personnel, i.e., fire fighters or maintenance man, could be assigned to display and remove the flags. He estimated the cost to be \$160 to \$200 per year. He suggested storing the flags in the storage building west of the township hall.

Treasurer Brown voiced concern about damage from mice if they were stored in the storage building. Clerk Branch confirmed past damage of cotton ballot bags but did not know if mice would bother nylon. Trustee Johnson felt moth balls could be used to deter mice.

Supervisor Fleckenstein reported that he had been seeking volunteers to help with the flags and so far had one person who would do it but there may be others.

Treasurer Brown felt liability was a serious concern. She felt if we pay employees to put the flags up, then we have a liability. Attorney Reed stated employees, whether paid or not, would be covered by workers compensation. Later in the discussion, he agreed with Engineer Snell's comment that the Township would be responsible for anyone who was in the right-of-way and we would assume some liability, but ever so small, in his opinion.

Ted Corakis felt we need to pay a person and not rely on volunteers. He did not think \$200 a year would be too much

Neil Sikora voiced concern about the Township taking on this liability and felt it was unfortunate that the Business Association put the Township in this position. They should not have purchased the flags until the details had been fully arranged. He felt the OBA should have arranged for volunteers to put the flags up. Now it puts the Township in a poor position if they refuse. He further questioned who would monitor the condition of the flags and replace them when needed.

Fire Commissioner Anderson stated he was not sure using firefighters or fire equipment to put the flags up was a good idea. If they were used, he felt the expense should come from the General Fund not the Fire Fund. Supervisor Fleckenstein advised that he was seeking volunteers and we had been told there is a tool that can be used that would allow the person to stand on the ground to put the flags in place, no vehicle or ladder would be needed.

Trustee Block felt action should be taken on the proposal. He suggested we try it for one year to see how the volunteers work and see how it all goes. He made a motion that the Township would agree to arrange for volunteers to put up and take down the flags, donated by the Oshtemo Business Association, on the four holidays as proposed. The motion further included that the Township would be responsible for the storage of the flags and we will review the issue after one year. His motion was seconded by Trustee Bushouse.

Clerk Branch stated she was ready to support the idea of using volunteers, until Attorney Reed said we would have liability no matter who did the work. She agreed with Treasurer Brown's concern about exposing the Township to added liability.

Bob Janssen, 8670 Almena, thought it was a nice gesture by the OBA to purchase the flags. He suggested using a Boy Scout Troop to put up the flags. He also said we were over doing the concern about liability.

When the vote was taken, the motion carried 6 to 1, with Branch voting "no"

Township Flags - The Township could purchase ten township flags at a cost of approximately \$36.00 each plus poles and brackets. They would complement the American flags.

Supervisor Fleckenstein had questions about flag etiquette for displaying flags with American flags.

Clerk Branch stated she had no objection promoting the township, however, she was concerned about the appropriateness of flying them with the American flags on Federal holidays.

It was suggested that more information be obtained before the Board take action on this proposal. Supervisor Fleckenstein will gather the information and bring the matter back on a future agenda.

Flags at Flesher Field - A set of three flags, like the ones in front of the Township Hall, could be placed at the entrance to Flesher Field. The approximate cost would be \$2,037 for the poles and \$763 for the lighting system. The installation could possibly be done by the Rotary Club.

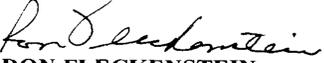
Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Block to refer this proposal to the Park Committee because of the location. Carried.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Trustee Bushouse reported a problem with barking dogs in the South 9th Street area. The matter had been referred to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, however, the problem has continued. He was referred to the County Sheriff's Deputy.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


ELAINE J. BRANCH, CMC
 Township Clerk


 Attested: **RON FLECKENSTEIN**
 Supervisor