

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes

JULY 8, 1997

The Oshtemo Township Board held its regular meeting at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Fleckenstein, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Supervisor Ron Fleckenstein	Trustee Norman Anderson
	Clerk Elaine Branch	Trustee Marvin Block
	Treasurer Lois Brown	Trustee David Bushouse
		Trustee Fred Johnson

Also present was Richard Reed, Township Attorney and Robert Snell, Township Engineer, along with 2 interested people.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of our last meeting, June 24th, as prepared. Carried.

Income to the General Fund of \$14,503.42 and disbursements of \$80,901.54 were reported. Fire Fund income was \$17.00 with disbursements of \$29,447.80. Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Anderson to approve the report and pay the bills. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

NONE

COMMUNICATION TOWER ORDINANCE

A Zoning Ordinance amendment to regulate communication towers was presented for First Reading. The Planning Commission's recommendation had been discussed at the June 24th meeting.

Additional questions were raised related to residential television antenna or CB radio towers, such as, under D subsection 4., does this include home antennas? Attorney Reed felt the current language would include residential uses, however, an exemption could be provided

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to table this item for more information from the Planning Commission regarding residential uses. The motion was later reworded to: motion to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission for additional review and consideration of an exemption for residential uses. Motion carried.

REGULATION TO CONTROL SMOKING

Supervisor Fleckenstein reported that Dr Tooker, representing the Kalamazoo County Health Department, spoke to the Council of Governments (COG) regarding support for the enactment of a County wide regulation to control smoking in enclosed public places. The regulation would be patterned after the one adopted by Genesee County in 1993.

Before COG would take a position, the members were asked to obtain their Boards position on this matter

In response to a question, it was explained that the our Board established a policy regarding smoking in the Township Hall/Office Building, based on State Law. However, this regulation would go further and would be County wide. The County would create the regulation and enforce it.

Board Member's comments included concern that the regulation was not necessary because people are already regulating the matter themselves. Smoking in public places has seen a major decline. This would cause a hardship on small restaurant owners, etc. The Board recognized the health dangers of smoking but felt it is not a matter that the Township should be involved in.

There was no action taken.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Clerk Branch informed the Board that the Township Board Agenda and Minutes are now available on our Internet Page. The Planning Commission Agenda is also available and plans are being made for their minutes.

Trustee Block commented that he was unhappy with the MDOT announcement about the location for the US 131 by-pass of the Village of Schoolcraft. It appears they have pushed it through on the west side, without further investigation or consideration. He urged people to contact our State Legislators.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Elaine J. Branch

ELAINE J. BRANCH, CMC

Township Clerk

Ron Fleckenstein

Attested: **RON FLECKENSTEIN**

Supervisor