

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes

October 13, 1998

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
 Clerk Elaine Branch
 Trustee Norman Anderson
 Trustee Marvin Block
 Trustee David Bushouse
 Trustee Fred Johnson

ABSENT: Treasurer Brown

Also present was Richard Reed, Township Attorney, and Robert Snell, Township Engineer along with 6 interested people.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of our last meeting, September 22, as prepared. Carried.

Income to the General Fund of \$29,700.62 and disbursements of \$141,842.60 were reported. Fire Fund income was \$2,226.00 with disbursements of \$35,201.07. Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Block, to acknowledge the receipts and pay the bills. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Kalamazoo County Road Commissioners, Norm French, Maggie Groggen and John Peters, were present along with Ron Reid, Managing Director.

Mr. Reid reviewed the 1998 Road Projects and informed the Board that we could anticipate an increase in our road funding for local roads in 1999. There was an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

PUBLIC NUDITY AND ADULT BUSINESSES

This item had been tabled from our September 8 meeting, in order to receive additional information, especially a copy of the ordinance adopted by the City of Kalamazoo.

The Board had been urged to enact an ordinance to regulate adult entertainment businesses. Supervisor Fleckenstein stated that the Board had two options; deny the request or refer it on to the Planning Commission for their review of the issue.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Anderson to refer it to the Planning Commission for their report. Carried.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Management Plan had been recently updated and now needed approval of two-thirds of the municipalities for final approval.

Attorney James Porter had attended the meetings where the draft language of the Plan was considered. In a letter from Mr. Porter, he stated that the Plan still does not call for a Type II Landfill site in Kalamazoo County because of our arrangement to export our solid waste to landfills in nearby counties. He found no reason to oppose the update.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Johnson to adopt the resolution approving the update. Roll call showed: Block - yes Johnson - yes Bushouse - yes Branch - yes Anderson - yes Fleckenstein - yes

LEAVE BURNING BAN

The recommendation from the committee investigating a request for a ban on burning leaves, was presented by Trustee Anderson. They felt that before a ban could be considered, there had to be an alternate method for disposal of the leaves.

This proved to be a very difficult problem because of our community make up, part platted and part rural. The cost of curb side disposal and the administration of that cost further complicates the problem.

The committee felt there was not enough time to put a program together for this season. However, they recommended a drop off site be implemented for this year only. A separate truck could be available in October and November to coincide with the trash drop off program. The cost would be \$825.00 per 6 hour day.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Block to approve a maximum of \$1,650.00 for two days for the drop off program. Carried.

There was concern that there will not be enough leaves down by our October trash day on the 31st. The committee will look at the possibility of another date. *(It was later arranged for a truck to be available in the Township Park on W. Main, on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)*

It was emphasized that **no plastic bags will be accepted**. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags or boxes.

BOARD APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustee Block presented the recommendation for appointments to fill vacancies on various Boards for the township. These appointments would all be effective on January 1, 1999.

Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals - Phillip E. Wise 3 yr term 1-1-98 to 1-1-00
EDC Board - Ron Zuiderveen 6 year term
Board of Review - June Taft, Marcia Husted and Fred Gould 2 year term
Zoning Board of Appeals - C. Lara Meeuwse and Sharon L. Kuntzman 3 year term
Planning Commission - Ted Corakis and Elizabeth Heiny-Cogswell 3 year term

Motion made by Block, seconded by Anderson to approve the recommendations as presented. Carried.

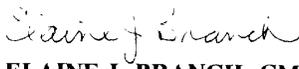
OTHER BUSINESS

Jacob Van Giessen asked to speak concerning the Adult Businesses Ordinance, stating he was afraid the Board did not see an urgency in taking action. He was also disappointed that the people who came to speak on this issue were unable to before the vote was taken.

At that point, the following people addressed the Board and expressed their concern for the future of this township because we have no regulations for Adult Businesses; Gloria Romence, Lydia Hines, Mike Henderson and Keith Nichols. They voiced concern about the dangers of pornography on our society and what can happen to neighborhoods where these businesses have located. The Board was urged to take the matter seriously and take action as soon as possible.

Supervisor Fleckenstein explained that the Board was not trying to delay action, and that the next step in the process was to refer it to the Planning Commission. In response to their request, a list of the Planning Commission members would be provided.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


ELAINE J. BRANCH, CMC
 Township Clerk


Attested: RON FLECKENSTEIN
 Supervisor