

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
September 13, 2016

The Oshtemo Township Board Budget Workshop #2 was held 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 Zak Ford
Trustee Grant Taylor

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Lt. Troy Faulk and 1 interested person.

Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department – Lt. Faulk provided information on recent activities in the Township.

Budget Discussion – The Board reviewed a first draft of the 2017 budget.

The budget workshop was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

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

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Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Lt. Troy Faulk and 7 interested people.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Minutes of August 22nd budget workshop & August 23rd regular meeting
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c) 2016 Budget amendment for building plans records digitization
- d) 2016 DDA Budget amendment for commercial access drive

Trustee Carr requested item c be removed.

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

Item c – in response to Trustee Carr's questions, Clerk Everett advised the scope of the project was greater than first estimated.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve Item c. Carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Taylor, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution to adjourn to closed session to consult with legal counsel for purposes of discussing pending litigation because to do so in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect upon the Township's position and disclose matters protected by attorney client privilege. Roll call showed Taylor-yes, Carr-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Farmer-yes, Ford-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes. The Board adjourned to closed session at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Taylor, second by Culp to return to open session at approximately 7:40 p.m. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Taylor, second by Culp to follow the recommendation of legal counsel as discussed in closed session. Carried 6-1 with Carr voting no.

**REZONING – 10145 WEST KL AVENUE – AG AGRICULTURAL TO RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL
SECOND READING**

A recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of a rezoning request from James Geresy, on behalf of Louis and Barbara Geresy to rezone approximately 46.7 acres of property located at the southeast corner of West KL Avenue and South 2nd Street from AG Agricultural to RR Rural Residential was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Farmer, second by Taylor to approve the rezoning request. Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – SOLE SOURCE TRASH SERVICE

Bob D'Orsey, Municipal Services Manager and Jim Porter, General Manager of Republic Services provided information on sole source trash service; Kalamazoo Township recently put such a plan in place. They commented benefits include, safety, less heavy truck traffic on local roads, and savings for residents from 15% to 25% in trash removal charges. Mr. D'Orsey advised their company provides contracted service to 150 municipalities, their contract with Kalamazoo Township services single family and up to 4 unit residences.

There was discussion that feedback and input from residents would be needed to gauge interest in such a program.

George Betten commented safety is not an issue, he has the right to choose who he does business with, such a plan could cause job losses for other trash hauling companies, and the trash hauling businesses pay taxes for the roads.

**SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN BUILDING AUTHORITY (SMBA)
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BY-LAWS**

AFFECTED ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Attorney Porter presented the Interlocal Agreement with Cooper Township to establish the Southwest Michigan Building Authority (SMBA). He also presented the by-laws of the authority.

Motion by Taylor, second by Culp to approve the interlocal agreement and by-laws. Carried 7-0.

Attorney Porter presented for Second Reading the ordinances that require amendment to remove reference to the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority as the Township's enforcing authority. Ordinance No. 530, 521, 176, 208, 98, 507, 502, 510.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt the text amendments as presented. Carried 7-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Taylor commented the rear access drive at the Oshtemo Community Center is open.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor