

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
7275 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
269.375.4260

June 28, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION
5:00 p.m.
AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comment
- C. Request to Enter into Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation (Mystic Heights)
- D. Other Business

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- 4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Minutes – June 14, 2016, Regular Meeting
 - b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- 5. Consideration of Conditional Rezoning for Self-Storage at 4221 South 9th Street (Second Reading)
- 6. Consideration of Step One Site Condominium Review - Mystic Heights on South Van Kal Street (Continued)
- 7. Consideration of Property Line Adjustment Between Lot 34, Country Club Village (#1) and Lot 128, Country Club Village (#4)
- 8. Consideration of Fire Bay Repair of Failed Concrete Floor and Drive Apron
- 9. Discussion of Open Burning
 - a. Earlier Research & Board Minutes
 - b. New Information
- 10. Discussion & Consideration of USDA-Rural Development Grant & Loan Pre-Application for Sanitary Sewer System Extensions
- 11. Other Township Business
- 12. Board Member Comments
- 13. Adjournment

**Policy for Public Comment
Township Board Regular Meetings, Planning Commission & ZBA Meetings**

All public comment shall be received during one of the following portions of the Agenda of an open meeting:

- a. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items or Public Comment – while this is not intended to be a forum for dialogue and/or debate, if a citizen inquiry can be answered succinctly and briefly, it will be addressed or it may be delegated to the appropriate Township Official to respond at a later date.
- b. After an agenda item is presented by staff and/or an applicant, public comment will be invited. At the close of public comment there will be board discussion prior to call for a motion.

Anyone wishing to make a comment will be asked to come to the podium to facilitate the audio/visual capabilities of the meeting room. Speakers will be invited to provide their name; it is not required unless the speaker wishes to have their comment recorded in the minutes.

All public comment offered during public hearings shall be directed, and relevant, to the item of business on which the public hearing is being conducted. Comment during the Public Comment or Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items may be directed to any issue.

All public comment shall be limited to four (4) minutes in duration unless special permission has been granted in advance by the Supervisor or Chairperson of the meeting.

Public comment shall not be repetitive, slanderous, abusive, threatening, boisterous, or contrary to the orderly conduct of business. The Supervisor or Chairperson of the meeting shall terminate any public comment which is in contravention of any of the principles and procedures set forth herein.

(adopted 5/9/2000)
(revised 5/14/2013)

**Policy for Public Comment
6:00 p.m. "Public Comment"/Portion of Township Board Meetings**

At the commencement of the meeting, the Supervisor shall poll the members of the public who are present to determine how many persons wish to make comments. The Supervisor shall allocate maximum comment time among persons so identified based upon the total number of persons indicating their wish to make public comments, but no longer than ten (10) minutes per person. Special permission to extend the maximum comment time may be granted in advance by the Supervisor based upon the topic of discussion.

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(adopted 2/27/2001)
(revised 5/14/2013)

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

**** GENERAL, FIRE, SEWER & WATER FUNDS ****

RECEIPTS 06/01/ thru 06/15/2016

Land Div App/Sluys	150.00
Land Div App/Best	100.00
Land Div App/Dolbee	100.00
Site Plan/Spec Ex Use/Watermark	900.00
Site Plan/Spec Ex Use/Wightman & Assoc.	800.00
Site Plan/Spec Ex Use/Fulton	900.00
Site Plan/SMT Real Estate	600.00
Admin Site Plan/The Rock	250.00
Planning Escrow/Watermark	1,000.00
Planning Escrow/Wightman & Assoc.	1,000.00
Planning Escrow/Fulton	1,000.00
Planning Escrow/Lambracht	400.00
Planning Escrow/Amer Promotional	400.00
Planning Escrow/SMT Real Estate	1,000.00
Sign Permits	200.00
Address Sign	10.00
Ordinance/Parking Violations	3,847.59
Grave Openings	1,240.00
Rent Deposits	1,062.50
OCC Rentals	250.00
Twp Park Pavilion Rentals	225.00
Flesher Field Pavilion	305.00
Flesher Gazebo	50.00
Current Tax Receivables/Twp	21,690.78
Current Tax Receivables/Fire	60,835.21
Current Tax Receivables/Police	12,933.69
Metal Bin Credit	369.00
Water Receipts	4,207.70
Sewer Receipts	3,480.00

Total 119,306.47

DISBURSEMENTS

6/22/2016	Payroll/Office/Trustees	36,142.28
6/24/2016	Payables	106,869.11

Total 143,011.39

User: DeannaJ
DB: Oshtemo

INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP
EXP CHECK RUN DATES 06/24/2016 - 06/24/2016
BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED OPEN AND PAID

BANK CODE: GEN

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		

af	Accident Fund	06/23/2016	06062016	GEN	insurance	18,602.75
90047897	Dept 77125	06/24/2016		N		
	PO Box 77000	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	Detroit MI, 48277-0125	06/24/2016		N		18,602.75

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-234-91100	Worker's Compensation	2,790.42
206-340-91200	General Insurance	15,812.33
		<u>18,602.75</u>

VENDOR TOTAL: 18,602.75

ab	Arcadia Benefits Group, Inc	06/23/2016	43324	GEN	fsa & hra	135.00
90047898	612 S. Park Street	06/24/2016		N		0.00
	Kalamazoo MI, 49007	/ /	0.0000	N		135.00
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-234-71600	HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	104.45
206-336-71600	Health & Life Insurance	30.55
		<u>135.00</u>

VENDOR TOTAL: 135.00

att	AT&T	06/23/2016	269381851206	GEN	drake house phone	90.39
90047899	PO Box 5080	06/24/2016		N		0.00
	Carol Stream IL, 06197-5080	/ /	0.0000	N		90.39
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
107-756-98100	Capital Outlay/Drake House	90.39

VENDOR TOTAL: 90.39

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EXP CHECK RUN DATES 06/24/2016 - 06/24/2016

DB: Oshtemo

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Vendor name: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
 Address: PO Box 674416
 City/State/Zip: Detroit MI, 48267-4416

Vendor Code: bcbs
 Ref #: 90047900

Post Date: 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date: 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date: / /
 Due Date: 06/24/2016

Invoice: july
 PO: 06/24/2016
 Disc. %: 0.0000

Bank: GEN
 Hold: N
 Sep CK: N
 1099: N

Invoice Description: health insurance

Gross Amount: 22,233.32
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 22,233.32

Paid

GL NUMBER: 101-234-71600
 DESCRIPTION: HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE
 AMOUNT: 13,346.48

GL NUMBER: 206-336-71600
 DESCRIPTION: Health & Life Insurance
 AMOUNT: 4,850.11

GL NUMBER: 101-000-27800
 DESCRIPTION: H/D/V INSURANCE
 AMOUNT: 4,549.15

GL NUMBER: 101-234-71600
 DESCRIPTION: Health & Life Insurance
 AMOUNT: (512.42)

VENDOR TOTAL: 22,233.32

harvey
 90047913
 7070 North 6th Street
 Kalamazoo MI, 49009

Post Date: 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date: 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date: / /
 Due Date: 06/24/2016

Invoice: 06252016
 PO: 06/24/2016
 Disc. %: 0.0000

Bank: GEN
 Hold: N
 Sep CK: N
 1099: Y

Invoice Description: dump day worker 06/25/2016

Gross Amount: 80.00
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 80.00

Paid

GL NUMBER: 101-249-95900
 DESCRIPTION: Trash Collection

VENDOR TOTAL: 80.00

MISC
 90047901
 City of Sylvan Lake
 1820 Inverness
 Sylvan Lake MI, 48320

Post Date: 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date: 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date: / /
 Due Date: 06/24/2016

Invoice: 06242016
 PO: 06/24/2016
 Disc. %: 0.0000

Bank: GEN
 Hold: N
 Sep CK: Y
 1099: N

Invoice Description: re-issue lost check

Gross Amount: 114.75
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 114.75

Paid

GL NUMBER: 101-249-95800
 DESCRIPTION: Education/Dues

VENDOR TOTAL: 114.75

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name Cleopas Kaliati
 Address 6023 Litchfield Lane
 City/State/Zip Kalamazoo MI, 49009
 Vendor Code MISC
 Ref # 90047918
 Post Date 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date / /
 Due Date 06/24/2016
 Invoice 06122016
 PO 0.0000
 Disc. % 0.0000
 Sep CK 1099
 Bank Hold
 Invoice Description partial rental fee refund & deposit ref
 Gross Amount 175.00
 Discount 0.00
 Net Amount 175.00

Paid
 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT
 107-751-47300 Rental Fee - Oshtemo Community Center 37.50
 101-000-24800 Rent Deposits 137.50
 175.00
 VENDOR TOTAL: 175.00

ce-e Consumers Energy
 90047903 Payment Center
 PO Box 740309
 Cincinnati OH, 45271-0309
 06/23/2016 06242016 GEN electric and gas
 06/24/2016 N
 / / 0.0000 N
 06/24/2016 N
 AMOUNT
 124.21
 15.79
 140.00
 VENDOR TOTAL: 140.00

Paid
 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT
 107-756-92100 occ electric 124.21
 107-756-92300 occ gas 15.79
 140.00
 VENDOR TOTAL: 140.00

ce-sl Consumers Energy
 90047902 Payment Center
 PO Box 740309
 Cincinnati OH, 45274-0309
 06/23/2016 203051022901 GEN street lights - stadium dr
 06/24/2016 N
 / / 0.0000 N
 06/24/2016 N
 AMOUNT
 65.31
 0.00
 65.31
 VENDOR TOTAL: 65.31

Paid
 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT
 101-506-92600 Street Lighting 65.31
 VENDOR TOTAL: 65.31

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 EXP CHECK RUN DATES 06/24/2016 - 06/24/2016
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BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name: Emergency Vehicle Products
 Address: 2975 Interstate Pkwy
 City/State/Zip: Kalamazoo MI, 49048-9600
 Vendor Code: evp
 Ref #: 90047905
 Post Date: 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date: 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date: / /
 Due Date: 06/24/2016
 Invoice: 9170
 PO: 000008529
 Disc. %: 0.0000
 Bank: GEN
 Hold: N
 Sep CK: N
 1099: N

Invoice Description: 572 OIL CHANGE
 Amount: 99.48
 AMT RELIEVED: 99.48
 Gross Amount: 99.48
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 99.48

GL NUMBER: 206-340-86700
 DESCRIPTION: 572 OIL CHANGE
 evp: 90047908
 Emergency Vehicle Products
 2975 Interstate Pkwy
 Kalamazoo MI, 49048-9600
 Paid

GL NUMBER: 206-340-86700
 DESCRIPTION: 532 RADIATOR HOSES
 evp: 90047907
 Emergency Vehicle Products
 2975 Interstate Pkwy
 Kalamazoo MI, 49048-9600
 Paid

GL NUMBER: 206-340-86700
 DESCRIPTION: 541 RECALL, WHEEL SENSORS
 evp: 90047906
 Emergency Vehicle Products
 2975 Interstate Pkwy
 Kalamazoo MI, 49048-9600
 Paid

GL NUMBER: 206-340-86700
 DESCRIPTION: 551 OIL CHANGE
 evp: 90047906
 Emergency Vehicle Products
 2975 Interstate Pkwy
 Kalamazoo MI, 49048-9600
 Paid

VENDOR TOTAL: 1,585.34

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EXP CHECK RUN DATES 06/24/2016 - 06/24/2016

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Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		

fc	Fence Consultants of West Michigan	06/23/2016	38721	GEN	CHAIN LINK FENCE AT TOWNSHIP PARK BASKE	2,470.00
90047909	615 Eleventh Street NW	06/24/2016	000008513	N		0.00
	Grand Rapids MI, 49504	/ /	0.0000	N		2,470.00

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
107-756-97400	CHAIN LINK FENCE AT BASKETBALL COURT	2,470.00	2,470.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 2,470.00

galls	Galls Incorporated	06/23/2016	5497966	GEN	WORK BOOTS	128.90
90047911	24296 Network Place	06/24/2016	000008499	N		0.00
	Carol Stream IL, 60673-1224	/ /	0.0000	N		128.90

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
206-340-76600	SIZE 13 M WORK BOOT	119.95	119.95
206-340-76600	SHIPPING	8.95	8.95
		<u>128.90</u>	

VENDOR TOTAL: 128.90

MISC	Gregg Kooistra	06/23/2016	06182016	GEN	rental deposit refund	250.00
90047920	3597 Old Savannah Dr	06/24/2016		N		0.00
	Kalamazoo MI, 49009	/ /	0.0000	Y		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		250.00

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-000-24800	Rent Deposits	250.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 250.00

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BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name: Hartleb Agency
 Address: 5840 King Highway
 City/State/Zip: Kalamazoo MI, 49048
 Vendor Code: 90047912
 Ref #: 90047912
 Post Date: 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date: 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date: / /
 Due Date: 06/24/2016
 Invoice: 3rd qtr
 PO: 0.0000
 Disc. %: 0.0000
 Bank: GEN
 Hold: N
 Sep CK: N
 1099: Y
 Invoice Description: insurance
 Gross Amount: 16,205.75
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 16,205.75

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-234-91200	General Insurance	8,102.87
206-340-91200	General Insurance	8,102.88
		<u>16,205.75</u>

VENDOR TOTAL: 16,205.75

MISC	DESCRIPTION	GEN	Hite House Grant Program	AMOUNT
90047914	Hite House 210 S Kalamazoo Mall Kalamazoo MI, 49007	N		4,200.00
		Y		0.00
		N		4,200.00

Paid

VENDOR TOTAL: 4,200.00

hopkins-fc	DESCRIPTION	GEN	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT	AMOUNT
90047915	Hopkins Fundraising Consulting 5712 Highbury Ada MI, 49301	N		5,500.00
		N		0.00

Paid

VENDOR TOTAL: 5,500.00

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
107-756-80800	DRAKE FARMSTEAD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	5,500.00	5,500.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 5,500.00

Vendor name Jennifer Dixon
 Address 6081 Torrington
 City/State/Zip Kalamazoo MI, 49009

Vendor Code
 Ref #
 MISC
 90047904
 Paid

Post Date 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date / /
 Due Date 06/24/2016

Invoice 06112016
 PO
 Disc. % 0.0000

Bank GEN
 Hold N
 Sep CK Y
 1099 N

Invoice Description rental deposit refund
 Gross Amount 250.00
 Discount 0.00
 Net Amount 250.00

BANK CODE: GEN
 AMOUNT 250.00
 VENDOR TOTAL: 250.00

DESCRIPTION Rent Deposits
 Kalamazoo City Treasurer
 415 E Stockbridge
 Kalamazoo MI, 49001
 Paid

06/23/2016 05182016 water - f
 06/24/2016 N
 / / 0.0000 N
 06/24/2016 N
 AMOUNT 77.04
 VENDOR TOTAL: 77.04

DESCRIPTION STRAW FOR LIVE BURN TRAINING
 Kalamazoo Landscape Supply
 5111 S 9th Street
 Kalamazoo MI, 49009
 Paid

06/23/2016 107650 STRAW FOR LIVE BURN TRAINING
 06/24/2016 N
 / / 0.0000 N
 06/24/2016 N
 AMOUNT 20.72
 VENDOR TOTAL: 20.72

DESCRIPTION STRAW
 AMOUNT 20.72
 AMT RELIEVED 20.72
 VENDOR TOTAL: 20.72

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name Kansas City Life Co
 Address PO Box 8858
 City/State/Zip Carol Stream IL, 60197-8858

Vendor Code	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
kansas	06/23/2016	1215150	GEN	ltd & std	485.41
90047919	06/24/2016		N		
Paid	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	06/24/2016		N		485.41

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-234-71600	Disability Insurance	281.36
206-336-71600	Health & Life Insurance	204.05
		485.41
	VENDOR TOTAL:	485.41

Item	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
lmm	06/23/2016	717198	GEN	ballots for aug election	1,000.00
90047921	06/24/2016		N		0.00
Paid	/ /	0.0000	N		1,000.00
	06/24/2016		N		

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-191-73000	Postage - elections	1,000.00
	VENDOR TOTAL:	1,000.00

Vendor Code	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
mangia	06/23/2016	06222016	GEN	BOX LUNCH FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MTG	159.50
90047922	06/24/2016	000008541	N		0.00
Paid	/ /	0.0000	N		159.50
	06/24/2016		N		

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
107-756-80800	BOX LUNCH FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MTG	159.50	159.50
	VENDOR TOTAL:	159.50	

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Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		

maa	MI Assessors Association	06/23/2016	06242016	GEN	conf expense - biddle	250.00
90047923	PO Box 638	06/24/2016		N		0.00
	Grand Ledge MI, 48837	/ /	0.0000	Y		250.00
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-209-95800	Education	250.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 250.00

mpw	Mi Print Works	06/23/2016	70769	GEN	JUNE NEWSLETTER	866.58
90047925	509 Mills Street	06/24/2016	000008519	N		0.00
	Kalamazoo MI,	/ /	0.0000	N		866.58
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-249-95700	PRINTING OF JUNE NEWSLETTER	866.58	866.58

VENDOR TOTAL: 866.58

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		
mer	Michigan Election Resources	06/23/2016	35941, 957, 975	GEN	ELECTION SUPPLIES	
90047924	1616 Construction Drive	06/24/2016	000008516	N		2,008.25
	Kalamazoo MI, 49048	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		2,008.25

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-191-72800	QUALIFYING PETITIONS	18.75	18.75
101-191-72800	AV APPLICATIONS - PERM AV VOTERS	148.64	148.64
101-191-72800	AV APPLICATIONS - FOR STOCK	16.00	16.00
101-191-72800	IMPRINT CHARGE	164.64	164.64
101-191-72800	FOLD/TABBING CHARGE	102.90	102.90
101-191-72800	DATA PROCESSING CHARGE	65.00	65.00
101-191-72800	ADDRESSING APPS	111.48	111.48
101-191-73000	POSTAGE - MAIL PERM AV APPS	267.08	267.08
101-191-72800	SHIPPING	12.43	12.43
101-191-72800	AGE 60 & OVER NOTICE POST CARD	264.33	264.33
101-191-72800	FOLD/TABBING CHARGE	146.85	146.85
101-191-72800	DATA PROCESSING CHARGE	65.00	65.00
101-191-72800	ADDRESSING POST CARDS	227.12	227.12
101-191-73000	POSTAGE - MAIL AV NOTICE CARDS	398.03	398.03
		<u>2,008.25</u>	

VENDOR TOTAL: 2,008.25

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		
mcps	Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone	06/23/2016	1323423	GEN	legal fees	
90047926	277 S Rose St	06/24/2016		N		269.50
	Ste 5000	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	Kalamazoo MI, 49007	06/24/2016		Y		269.50

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
491-000-82600	Legal Fees	269.50

VENDOR TOTAL: 269.50

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name Nathan Carley
 Address 8831 West H Avenue
 City/State/Zip Kalamazoo MI, 49009
 Vendor Code
 Ref #
 Post Date Invoice Bank Invoice Description
 CK Run Date PO Hold
 Disc. Date Disc. % Sep CK
 Due Date 1099
 Net Amount

carley	06/23/2016	april - june	GEN	cell phone reimbursement	75.00
90047953	06/24/2016		N		0.00
	/ /	0.0000	N		75.00
Paid	06/24/2016		N		

GL NUMBER 206-340-85300 DESCRIPTION cell phone reimbursement AMOUNT 75.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 75.00					
ncww	06/23/2016	377	GEN	DRAKE HOUSE EXTERIOR EVALUATION	735.00
90047927	06/24/2016	000008515	N		0.00
	/ /	0.0000	N		735.00
Paid	06/24/2016		N		

GL NUMBER 107-756-98100 DESCRIPTION DRAKE EXTERIOR EVALUATION AMOUNT 735.00 AMT RELIEVED 735.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 735.00					
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Vendor Code Vendor name Post Date Invoice Bank Invoice Description Gross Amount
 Ref # Address CK Run Date PO Hold Discount Net Amount
 City/State/Zip Due Date Disc. % Sep CK
 1099

BANK CODE: GEN

nu	Nye Uniform	06/23/2016	18,17,18,41,48,39	GEN	CLASS A UNIFORMS FOR NEW LIEUTENANTS	
90047928	1030 Scribner NW	06/24/2016	000008540	N		272.60
	Grand Rapids MI, 49504	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		272.60

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
206-336-72500	LT KECK ELBECCO DUTY PANTS	137.00	137.00
206-336-72500	FREIGHT CHARGES	24.61	24.61
206-336-72500	HI GLOSS SHOES	61.50	61.50
206-336-72500	BUCKLE (GOLD)	2.50	2.50
206-336-72500	GOLD BUTTONS	16.00	16.00
206-336-72500	HASHMARKS	4.00	4.00
206-336-72500	VELLUM STRIPE FOR RANK/PLUS SEWING ON	28.00	28.00
206-336-72500	GOLD HAT BANDS	28.50	28.50
206-336-72500	credit from nye for returned merch	(29.51)	0.00
		<u>272.60</u>	

nu	Nye Uniform	06/23/2016	556080a	GEN	CLASS A UNIFORM FOR LT KECK	
90047929	1030 Scribner NW	06/24/2016	000008514	N		348.45
	Grand Rapids MI, 49504	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		348.45

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
206-336-72500	HI GLOSS BLACK SHOES	61.50	61.50
206-336-72500	PANT BELT	20.50	20.50
206-336-72500	POLY/COTTON CREASED WHITE SHIRT	35.50	35.50
206-336-72500	XL CLIP ON TIE	6.00	6.00
206-336-72500	MENS POLY PANT - DARK NAVY	43.50	43.50
206-336-72500	DOUBLE BREASTED LINED BLOUSE COAT	153.45	153.45
206-336-72500	ADD VELUM STRIPE	28.00	28.00
		<u>348.45</u>	

nu	Nye Uniform	06/23/2016	559619	GEN	FIREFFIGHTER PROMOTIONAL UNIFORMS	
90047930	1030 Scribner NW	06/24/2016	000008517	N		241.89
	Grand Rapids MI, 49504	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		241.89

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
206-336-72500	SS SHIRT	45.50	45.50
206-336-72500	LS ELBECCO TEK 3 SHIRT	50.50	50.50

BANK CODE: GEN

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		
206-336-72500	TEK 3 CARGO PANTS				68.50	68.50
206-336-72500	FREIGHT CHARGES				8.89	8.89
206-336-72500	Tek 3 cargo pants				68.50	0.00
					<u>241.89</u>	

VENDOR TOTAL: 862.94

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name Post Date Invoice Bank Invoice Description Gross Amount
 Address CK Run Date PO Hold Discount
 City/State/Zip Disc. Date Disc. % Sep CK Net Amount
 Due Date 1099

Office Depot 06/23/2016 1002 & 7001 GEN PRESSBOARD FOLDERS, AAA BATTERIES, LABEL 98.95
 90047939 Dept .69-00827020 06/24/2016 000008448 N
 PO Box 183174 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 Columbus OH, 43218 06/24/2016 N 98.95

Paid
 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 101-209-72800 PRESSBOARD FOLDERS 39.99 39.99
 101-249-72800 ,AAA BATTERIES 17.99 17.99
 101-249-72800 LABEL TAPE 2PK 36.99 36.99
 101-249-72800 TAB INSERTS 3.98 3.98
 98.95

Office Depot 06/23/2016 8001x2,9001,5001, GEN NOTARY STAMP, PLANNING FILE ORGANIZERS 113.80
 90047940 Dept .69-00827020 06/24/2016 000008497 N
 PO Box 183174 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 Columbus OH, 43218 06/24/2016 N 113.80

Paid
 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 101-249-72800 36 PK 4 X 6 CLEAR PLASTIC ENVELOPES 50.94 50.94
 101-249-72800 RUBBER CEMENT 8 OZ 4.33 4.33
 101-249-72800 NOTARY STAMP L POTOK 40.18 40.18
 101-249-72800 BOX CUTTERS -24 10.71 10.71
 101-249-72800 MAGNETIC TAPE ROLL 7.64 7.64
 113.80

Office Depot 06/23/2016 838832184001 GEN COPY PAPER 99.98
 90047934 Dept .69-00827020 06/24/2016 000008422 N
 PO Box 183174 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 Columbus OH, 43218 06/24/2016 N 99.98

Paid
 GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 101-249-72800 COPY PAPER 99.98 99.98
 office 839370544001 GEN PINK LGL HANGING FILES, PHONE SHOULDER 67.67
 90047931 Dept .69-00827020 06/24/2016 000008525 N
 PO Box 183174 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 Columbus OH, 43218 06/24/2016 N 67.67

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		
BANK CODE: GEN						
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED		
101-249-72800	SHOULDER REST		16.39	16.39		
101-249-72800	STAMP - ENTERED		10.99	10.99		
101-249-72800	PINK IGL HANGING FILES		40.29	40.29		
			<u>67.67</u>			
office						
90047932	Office Depot	06/23/2016	840410541001	GEN	HANGING FILES LTR SIZE	27.46
	Dept .69-00827020	06/24/2016	000008518	N		
	PO Box 183174	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	Columbus OH, 43218	06/24/2016		N		27.46
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED		
101-249-72800	HANGING FILES LTR SIZE		27.46	27.46		
office						
90047933	Office Depot	06/23/2016	840410542001	GEN	NOTARY STAMP	42.98
	Dept .69-00827020	06/24/2016	000008522	N		
	PO Box 183174	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	Columbus OH, 43218	06/24/2016		N		42.98
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED		
101-249-72800	NOTARY STAMP		42.98	42.98		
office						
90047935	Office Depot	06/23/2016	841418226001	GEN	COPY PAPER	144.95
	Dept .69-00827020	06/24/2016	000008464	N		
	PO Box 183174	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	Columbus OH, 43218	06/24/2016		N		144.95
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED		
101-249-72800	COPY PAPER		144.95	144.95		
office						
90047936	Office Depot	06/23/2016	842247819001	GEN	COLOR PAPER, HANGING FILES, TISSUES,	62.28
	Dept .69-00827020	06/24/2016	000008480	N		
	PO Box 183174	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
	Columbus OH, 43218	06/24/2016		N		62.28
Paid						

Vendor name: Office Depot
 Address: Dept .69-00827020
 City/State/zip: PO Box 183174 Columbus OH, 43218

Vendor Code: 90047938
 Ref #: office

Bank: Office Depot
 Hold: PO
 Sep CK: Disc. Date / /
 1099: Due Date 06/24/2016

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-249-72800	CALCULATOR INK ROLLERS-2	10.44	10.44
101-249-72800	RED LTR SZ HANGING FILES	8.43	8.43
101-249-72800	GREEN LTR SZ HANGING FILES	8.43	8.43
101-249-72800	6PK TISSUES	7.51	7.51
101-249-72800	COLOR PAPER- GOLD	7.63	7.63
101-249-72800	COLOR PAPER-BLUE	7.63	7.63
101-249-72800	COLOR PAPER-YELLOW	7.63	7.63
101-249-72800	STAPLES	4.58	4.58
		<u>62.28</u>	

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GEN 842350410001 SHARPIES-F.D., EXP'G FOLDERS-ATTY., MAG
 N 000008487 102.36
 N 0.0000 0.00
 N 06/24/2016 102.36

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
206-340-72800	SHARPIES BLK RETRACTABLE- FINE	20.36	20.36
206-340-72800	SHARPIES ULTRA FINE - RED	7.08	7.08
206-340-72800	SHARPIES MULTI COLOR SET	8.45	8.45
206-340-72800	SHARPIES ULTRA FINE- BLUE	7.08	7.08
101-250-72800	5.25" EXPANDING FILES	28.17	28.17
101-249-72800	COLOR TAPE	7.08	7.08
101-249-72800	MAGNETIC FILE LABELS	24.14	24.14
		<u>102.36</u>	

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 PO Box 183174
 Columbus OH, 43218

GEN 842849383001 LAMINATING SHEETS, 3 HOLE PUNCH PAPER,
 N 000008482 69.62
 N 0.0000 0.00
 N 06/24/2016 69.62

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-249-72800	LAMINATING SHEETS	19.98	19.98
101-249-72800	ADDRESS LABELS	26.32	26.32
101-249-72800	3 HOLE PUNCHED COPY PAPER	23.32	23.32
		<u>69.62</u>	

VENDOR TOTAL:

830.05

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		
pncbank	PNC Bank	06/23/2016	04222016	GEN	conf expenses - wiley	
90047957	PO Box 856177	06/24/2016		N		41.42
	Louisville KY, 40285	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		41.42
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION				AMOUNT	
206-336-95900	Continuing Education - fire department				41.42	
pncbank	PNC Bank	06/23/2016	04222016	GEN	conf expense - carley	
90047958	PO Box 856177	06/24/2016		N		160.70
	Louisville KY, 40285	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		160.70
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION				AMOUNT	
206-336-95900	Continuing Education - fire department				160.70	
pncbank	PNC Bank	06/23/2016	04222016	GEN	k-hill signal co	
90047963	PO Box 856177	06/24/2016	000008351	N		510.44
	Louisville KY, 40285	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		510.44
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION				AMOUNT	
107-756-97400	CAR COUNTERS FOR PARK VISITOR COUNTS				510.44	
pncbank	PNC Bank	06/23/2016	05112016	GEN	conf exp - barnes	
90047968	PO Box 856177	06/24/2016		N		199.00
	Louisville KY, 40285	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		199.00
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION				AMOUNT	
206-336-95900	Continuing Education - fire department				199.00	
pncbank	PNC Bank	06/23/2016	05192016	GEN	conf exp - libby	
90047971	PO Box 856177	06/24/2016		N		180.48
	Louisville KY, 40285	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		180.48
Paid						
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION				AMOUNT	
101-249-95800	Education/Dues - general				180.48	

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name PNC Bank
 Address PO Box 856177
 City/State/Zip Louisville KY, 40285
 Vendor Code
 Ref #
 Post Date Invoice
 CK Run Date PO
 Disc. Date Disc. %
 Due Date

Vendor Code	Ref #	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
pncbank	90047972	06/23/2016	05192016	GEN	fdic	6,755.94
		06/24/2016	0.0000	N		0.00
		/ /		N		6,755.94
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
206-336-95900	Continuing Education - fire department	6,755.94

Vendor Code	Ref #	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
pncbank	90047960	06/23/2016	best buy	GEN	REPLACEMENT TV FOR STATION 2	469.99
		06/24/2016	000008477	N		0.00
		/ /	0.0000	N		469.99
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
206-340-93100	SONY TV REPLACEMENT FOR OLD ONE AT 5-2	469.99

Vendor Code	Ref #	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
pncbank	90047966	06/23/2016	esri	GEN	ESRI ARC GIS LICENSE AND SOFTWARE	2,250.00
		06/24/2016	000008423	N		0.00
		/ /	0.0000	N		2,250.00
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-805-80100	ESRI ARC GIS LICENSE AND SOFTWARE	750.00
206-340-80900	ESRI ARC GIS LICENSE AND SOFTWARE	750.00
207-310-97000	ESRI ARC GIS LICENSE AND SOFTWARE	750.00
		<u>2,250.00</u>

Vendor Code	Ref #	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
pncbank	90047959	06/23/2016	mcdonalds	GEN	KRISTINE & JENNIE BREAKFAST LANSING EXA	5.91
		06/24/2016	000008385	N		0.00
		/ /	0.0000	N		5.91
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-209-72800	KRISTINE & JENNIE BREAKFAST LANSING EXAM	5.91

Vendor Code	Ref #	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
pncbank	90047954	06/23/2016	menards	GEN	TOOL RENTAL - HEAVY ROLLER FOR WEIGHT R	21.20
		06/24/2016	000008365	N		0.00
		/ /	0.0000	N		21.20
		06/24/2016		N		0.00

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name PNC Bank Invoice Description
 Address PO Hold
 City/State/zip Louisville KY, 40285 Sep CK 1099
 Post Date Invoice
 CK Run Date PO
 Disc. Date Disc. %
 Due Date

Vendor Code	Ref #	GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED	Gross Amount	Discount	Net Amount
Paid		206-340-93100	TOOL RENTAL			GEN		21.20	21.20			
		pncbank		06/23/2016	office max	GEN	CERTIFICATE PAPER AND FRAMES FOR FIRE D			74.16		
		90047955		06/24/2016	000008429	N		6.00	6.00			
				/ /	0.0000	N		63.96	63.96			
				06/24/2016		N		4.20	4.20			74.16
Paid								74.16				
		GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION									
		206-340-72800	CERTIFICATE PAPER									
		206-340-72800	FRAMES									
		206-340-72800	TAX									
		pncbank		06/23/2016	office max	GEN	STATION 5-2 OFFICE SUPPLIES			171.84		
		90047964		06/24/2016	000008445	N		6.00	6.00			171.84
				/ /	0.0000	N		63.96	63.96			0.00
				06/24/2016		N		4.20	4.20			171.84
Paid								171.84				
		GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION									
		206-340-72800	STATION 5-2 OFFICE SUPPLIES									
		pncbank		06/23/2016	office max	GEN	WALL NAME PLATES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT			30.71		
		90047970		06/24/2016	000008419	N		171.84	171.84			0.00
				/ /	0.0000	N						30.71
				06/24/2016		N						0.00
Paid								171.84				
		GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION									
		206-340-72800	NAME PLATES									
		206-340-72800	WALL MOUNT									
		pncbank		06/23/2016	office max	GEN	LOCKSET FROM SAHR			136.08		
		90047962		06/24/2016	000008456	N		22.24	22.24			0.00
				/ /	0.0000	N		8.47	8.47			136.08
				06/24/2016		N						0.00
Paid								30.71				

Vendor Code Vendor name Invoice Post Date Invoice Bank Invoice Description Gross Amount
 Ref # Address CK Run Date PO Hold Sep CK Discount
 City/State/Zip Due Date Disc. % 1099 Net Amount

GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 206-340-93100 LOCKSET FROM SAHR 136.08 136.08

pncbank PNC Bank 06/23/2016 speedway GEN STATION 5-2 GAS CAN FUEL 12.18
 90047965 PO Box 856177 06/24/2016 000008438 N
 Louisville KY, 40285 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 12.18

Paid

GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 206-340-86800 STATION 5-2 GAS CAN FUEL 12.18 12.18

pncbank PNC Bank 06/23/2016 state mdeq GEN FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL WASTE 3 YEAR RE 75.00
 90047961 PO Box 856177 06/24/2016 000008470 N
 Louisville KY, 40285 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 75.00

Paid

GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 206-340-75500 BIOHAZARD CONTAINER RENEWAL 75.00 75.00

pncbank PNC Bank 06/23/2016 us cargo control GEN EYE BOLTS FROM USCARGO CONTROL 40.63
 90047956 PO Box 856177 06/24/2016 000008411 N
 Louisville KY, 40285 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 40.63

Paid

GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 101-218-75300 EYE BOLTS FROM USCARGO CONTROL 40.63 40.63

pncbank PNC Bank 06/23/2016 usps GEN POSTAGE FOR GRANT APPLICATION 6.45
 90047967 PO Box 856177 06/24/2016 000008384 N
 Louisville KY, 40285 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 6.45

Paid

GL NUMBER DESCRIPTION AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 107-756-72800 POSTAGE FOR GRANT APPLICATION 6.45 6.45

pncbank PNC Bank 06/23/2016 varidesk GEN STAND UP DESK FOR ZONING ADM-VARIDESK 455.00
 90047969 PO Box 856177 06/24/2016 000008509 N
 Louisville KY, 40285 / / 0.0000 N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 455.00

Paid

Vendor name Richard Suwarsky Bank Invoice Description Gross Amount
 Address Hold
 City/State/Zip Sep CK Discount
 1099 Net Amount

Post Date Invoice
 CK Run Date PO
 Disc. Date Disc. %
 Due Date

BANK CODE: GEN
 AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 455.00 455.00
 VENDOR TOTAL: 11,597.13

DESCRIPTION
 STAND UP DESK/MAT
 suwarsky Richard Suwarsky GEN reimbursement for hoarding book - educat 15.00
 90047944 N 06/23/2016 06242016 N 15.00
 N 06/24/2016 N 0.00
 / / N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 15.00
 Paid

DESCRIPTION
 Education/Dues
 GL NUMBER AMOUNT
 101-249-95800 15.00
 flahive Robert Flahive GEN cell phone reimbursement 75.00
 90047910 N 06/23/2016 april - june N 75.00
 N 06/24/2016 0.0000 N 0.00
 / / N 0.0000 N 75.00
 06/24/2016 N 75.00
 Paid

DESCRIPTION
 Telephone
 GL NUMBER AMOUNT
 206-340-85300 75.00
 roe-com Roe-Comm, Inc GEN FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO INSTALLATION 75.00
 90047941 N 06/23/2016 343049 N 297.07
 N 06/24/2016 000008532 N 297.07
 / / N 0.0000 N 0.00
 06/24/2016 N 297.07
 Paid

DESCRIPTION
 RADIO INSTALLATION
 GL NUMBER AMOUNT AMT RELIEVED
 206-340-85100 297.07 297.07
 VENDOR TOTAL: 297.07

Vendor name: Siegfried Crandall
 Address: 246 E Kilgore Rd
 City/State/Zip: Kalamazoo MI, 49002-5599

Vendor Code: SC
 Ref #: 90047943
 Post Date: 06/23/2016
 CK Run Date: 06/24/2016
 Disc. Date: / /
 Due Date: 06/24/2016

Invoice: 89344
 Hold: N
 Sep CK: N
 1099: N

Bank: GEN
 Invoice Description: computer support
 Gross Amount: 3,515.16
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 3,515.16

Bank: GEN
 Invoice Description: accting support
 Gross Amount: 4,000.00
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 4,000.00

Bank: GEN
 Invoice Description: accting support
 Gross Amount: 4,000.00
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 4,000.00

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 Invoice Description: accting support
 Gross Amount: 4,000.00
 Discount: 0.00
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 Gross Amount: 4,000.00
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 4,000.00

Bank: GEN
 Invoice Description: accting support
 Gross Amount: 4,000.00
 Discount: 0.00
 Net Amount: 4,000.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 7,515.16

BANK CODE: GEN
 Vendor name: Thomson West
 Address: P.O. Box 6292
 City/State/Zip: Carol Stream IL, 60197-6292

Vendor Code	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
thomson	06/23/2016	834113108	GEN	ON LINE LIBRARY RESEARCH FOR MAY 2016	
90047946	06/24/2016	000008534	N		477.15
	/ /	0.0000	Y		0.00
Paid	06/24/2016		N		477.15

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-250-95500	ON LINE LIBRARY RESEARCH FOR MAY 2016	477.15	477.15

thomson	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
90047945	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
thomson	06/23/2016	834193239	GEN	MI 2016 COMPILED LAW BOOKS (10 VOLUMES)	
90047945	06/24/2016	000008533	N		1,091.80
	/ /	0.0000	Y		0.00
Paid	06/24/2016		N		1,091.80

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-250-95500	MI 2016 COMPILED LAW BOOKS (10 VOLUMES)	1,091.80	1,091.80

VENDOR TOTAL: 1,568.95

time	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
90047947	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
time	06/23/2016	117057	GEN	FIRE DEPARTMENT PRO/PAC 1.5	
90047947	06/24/2016	000008531	N		3,100.00
	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
Paid	06/24/2016		N		3,100.00

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
211-344-98000	PRO/PAC 1.5	3,100.00	3,100.00

VENDOR TOTAL: 3,100.00

unum-ltc	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
90047948	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	Disc. Date	Disc. %	Sep CK		Net Amount
	Due Date		1099		
unum-ltc	06/23/2016	0150830-0016	GEN	long term care	
90047948	06/24/2016		N		292.60
	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
Paid	06/24/2016		N		292.60

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-234-71600	Health & Life Insurance	216.60
206-336-71600	Health & Life Insurance	76.00
		292.60

VENDOR TOTAL: 292.60

INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP
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 BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED OPEN AND PAID

BANK CODE: GEN

Vendor Code	Vendor name	Post Date	Invoice	Bank	Invoice Description	Gross Amount
Ref #	Address	CK Run Date	PO	Hold		Discount
	City/State/Zip	Disc. Date	Disc. %	sep CK		Net Amount
		Due Date		1099		
vw	Verizon Wireless	06/23/2016	9766825735	GEN	fd cell phones & vehicle computers	571.20
90047949	PO Box 15062	06/24/2016		N		0.00
	Albany NY, 12212-5062	/ /	0.0000	N		571.20
		06/24/2016		N		

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
206-340-85300	FD Vehicle Computer Connections	247.08
206-340-85300	fd cell phones	324.12
		<u>571.20</u>

VENDOR TOTAL:

571.20

viridis	Viridis Design Group	06/23/2016	1424-14	GEN	DRAKE ROAD FROM STADIUM TO W MAIN, NON-	
90047950	313 N. Burdick Street	06/24/2016	000006507	N		1,662.78
	Kalamazoo MI, 49009	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		1,662.78

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-249-97600.WMSTDM	PHASE 1B FIN DESIGN & CONST, STDN-DRIFTW	1,662.78	1,662.78

VENDOR TOTAL:

1,662.78

Walmart	Walmart	06/23/2016	4547	GEN	COFFEE FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES	
90047951	PO Box 530932	06/24/2016	000008409	N		27.72
	Atlanta GA, 30353-0932	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		27.72

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
101-249-72800	COFFEE	27.72	27.72

VENDOR TOTAL:

27.72

wmunstryker	WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Me	06/23/2016	1312	GEN	FIRE DEPARTMENT CPR CARDS	
90047952	PO Box 50391	06/24/2016	000008530	N		280.00
	Kalamazoo MI, 49005-0391	/ /	0.0000	N		0.00
		06/24/2016		N		280.00

Paid

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AMT RELIEVED
206-340-75500	CPR CARDS	280.00	280.00

Vendor Code
Ref #
Vendor name
Address
City/State/Zip

BANK CODE: GEN

Post Date Invoice
CK Run Date PO
Disc. Date Disc. %
Due Date

Bank Invoice Description
Hold
Sep CK
1099

Gross Amount
Discount
Net Amount

VENDOR TOTAL: 280.00

TOTAL - ALL VENDORS: 106,869.11

Memo



To: Oshtemo Charter Township Board

From: Julie Johnston, AICP
Planning Director

Date: June 23, 2016

Mtg. Date: June 28, 2016

Subject: Conditional Rezoning Request – 4221 South 9th Street

OBJECTIVE

Second reading of the applicant's request for a conditional rezoning of 4221 South 9th Street from the existing I-R: Industrial District, Restricted to the I-1: Industrial District as allowed by *Section 53.00: Conditional Rezoning* of the Zoning Ordinance. The conditional rezoning request is to develop a self-storage facility on the majority of the parcel, except for the western most two acres, which would develop with I-R permitted uses.

BACKGROUND

Subject Property

The property subject to the rezoning request is 10.82 acres with approximately 246 feet of frontage on the South 9th Street. The property is currently owned by Thomas and Carole DeBoer, and the applicant has an option to purchase pending various approvals. The owner has given consent to this application.

The previous use of the property was V & V Lumber, which has been out of business for approximately five years. The current I-R District does not permit the use desired by the applicant. After discussion with Planning staff, the applicant was informed that a traditional rezoning to the I-1 District for this parcel was unlikely and therefore the requested use of a self-storage facility would not be permitted. This prompted the applicant to seek the conditional rezoning.

V & V Lumber developed approximately the first 650 linear feet of the property east of South 9th Street. The remaining 500 linear feet to the east property line remained undeveloped. Originally, six large warehouse buildings were located on the property. The recent development of the transmission lines installed by ITC necessitated the removal of two buildings along the southern boundary of the property, leaving four buildings on site.

The ITC electrical transmission line traverses the property along the southern boundary the full length of the parcel. At the right-of-way line for South 9th Street, the utility easement is 102 feet in width, gradually increasing to 180 feet in width at the east property line. The easement agreement forbids the placement of buildings or other above ground structures that the utility feels would interfere with their use of the easement. The parcel at its widest point is 378 linear feet and reduces to 370 linear feet at the eastern property line. At the western parcel line, the easement reduces this buildable width to 276 linear feet and to 190 linear feet at the eastern property line.

The narrowing of the parcel where buildings can be constructed increases the depth to width ratio of the parcel from 3:1 to 4:1. While some site activities would be allowed within the easement, such as parking, the significant encroachment of the ITC easement may impose some development challenges on the parcel.

Considerations

The Zoning Enabling Act, which allows Townships to zone property, does not provide any required standards which must be consider when reviewing a rezoning request. However, there are some generally recognized factors that the Planning Commission reviewed and deliberated before making their recommendation to the Township Board. These considerations are as follows:

1. Master Plan Designation

The Future Land Use Plan for this area indicates Transitional Mixed Use District for the first approximately 500 feet on both sides of South 9th Street. The Research Office designation is indicated adjacent to the Transitional Mixed Use District. Please see the attached Future Land Use Map. The intent of these two districts are as follows:

Transitional Mixed Use:

"This transitional mixed use area is envisioned to continue to have a mix of uses as it serves as a transition between these various areas of higher intensity development. Although it is not envisioned that new residential development will be included, office, institutional, health care, financial, research and development, studio, and similar type uses would be considered appropriate."

Research Office:

"The Research Office designation is located on 9th Street at the southern gateway to the Township...Uses might include offices, research and development, life science, corporate center, light industrial with limited impact outside the building, indoor recreation facilities, public or quasi-public institutions, financial institutions, and health care facilities."

While a self-storage use is not specifically indicated in the Master Plan, the design of the concept plan provided as part of the conditional rezoning application affords some compatibility with the future land use designations. The two acres adjacent to South 9th Street and intended for development under the I-R District aligns with the Transitional Mixed Use District planned for this area. Uses permitted within the I-R District include packaging

of products, medical facilities, professional offices, research, financial institutions and clinics, which is similar to the uses in the Transitional Mixed Use designation.

The remaining acreage intended for the self-storage facility would fall within the Research Office District. Per the Master Plan, self-storage is generally planned in areas intended for General Industrial activities. In fact, the General Industrial District indicates the following:

“The designation includes both light and general industrial uses (including those industrial uses described in the Research Office Industrial designation above), warehouse and distribution facilities, and heavy commercial and storage facilities.”

The difficulty when reviewing future land use designations is deciding which district is most appropriate for a use like self-storage. Master Plans and Zoning Ordinances historically categorized mini or self-storage in industrial districts. However, there has been a shift in thinking over the past several years that this use is actually more of a commercial venture than an industrial use. For example, the City of Kalamazoo allows mini-storage within the Commercial, Community District as a Special Use.

The Research Office Future Land Use District that the subject property is mostly designated as allows for light industrial uses as long as they have limited impact outside the building. The Planning Commission determined that the proposed use, specifically with the condition that I-R uses be developed along 9th Street, met the intent of the Master Plan.

2. Consistency of the Zoning Classification in the General Area

The zoning classification that surrounds the subject site on all sides is the I-R: Industrial District, Restricted. As stated previously, the uses allowed in this district are packaging of products, medical facilities, professional offices, research, financial institutions and clinics. Wholesaling, storage and/or warehousing of commodities is also allowed as a permitted use. Moving north on South 9th Street, one parcel north of the subject site, is property zoned the I-1 District.

Industrial zoning has been a part of this area of the Township for many years. From historical records, staff found that the creation and district boundary designations for the I-R District occurred in 1989. The development of much of the industrial properties north of N Avenue transpired after this date. The Oshtemo Business Park, which is immediately south of the subject site and contains large office, research, warehousing and processing uses, was approved in 1998.

The requested change to the I-1 Industrial District with conditions is generally consistent with the surrounding zoning. The request to limit most of the site to one use, self-storage, reduces the impact of the varied uses that are allowed in the I-1 District. In addition, self-storage uses are a special exception use within the I-1 District, which will provide the Planning Commission the ability to address compatibility through the site plan review process. Finally, allowing the frontage of the parcel to be developed under the I-R District provides some consistency of zoning and development design along South 9th Street.

3. Consistency and Compatibility with General Land Use Patterns in the Area

The general land use pattern from the I-94 intersection moving north on South 9th Street is:

- Retail and commercial until West N Avenue, then;
- Larger industrial and office uses, particularly on the east side of South 9th Street until just before Atlantic Avenue, then;
- Commercial, office, and residential, including a Township park, moving north to Stadium Drive.

Immediately adjacent to the subject site to the north is a nonconforming residential home, a vacant building and Cort Furniture Rental distribution center. To the south of the proposed conditional rezoning is a parcel owned by ITC, which is being used as a staging area for the development of the transmission lines. Also to the south is the Oshtemo Business Park and the uses immediately adjacent are Bosch Auto Parts and Mophie, Inc. East of the property is a field that is still actively farmed but zoned as I-R. Finally, to the west of the subject site is an architectural office building, a company that manufactures HVAC and infiltration systems and a landscaping company.

Similar to the consistency with the zoning classifications outlined above, a commercial self-storage use is generally compatible with neighboring uses. Again, the redevelopment of the two acres that front South 9th Street will be important to the overall compatibility of the site. In addition, proper screening and landscaping of outdoor storage activities will be important to the harmonious establishment of this use.

4. Utilities and Infrastructure

Both water and public sewer are available on South 9th Street. A curb cut has already been established for this property and will continue to be utilized if it is redeveloped. The design of the drive on the concept plan provides safe access to the secured storage areas, which does not impede access to the site or cause traffic to back up into the drive aisle or South 9th Street.

5. Reasonable Use under Current Zoning Classification

Any vacant land or land to be redeveloped within the I-R District must be established as an Industrial-Office Development, which is a special exception use with specific development criteria. The intent of the development criteria is to create a “park-like atmosphere” for new business or industrial facilities. Some of the requirements under the special exception use include a lot coverage limitation of 50 percent, public roads if the development has more than one building site, and architectural and design standards that must be approved by the Planning Commission.

The difficulty with applying these requirements to the subject site is the ITC easement that runs east/west through the property. The inability to place structures within the easement makes development of this site challenging. While the easement area might be used to satisfy the 50 percent open space requirement (only 50 percent of site can be covered with impervious surface) of the Ordinance, it does not meet the spirit and intent of the Ordinance, which is to promote a “park-like” setting.

While compliance with the I-R District regulations is hypothetically possible, the Planning Commission felt the development of the self-storage facility with I-R uses along South 9th Street was a similarly reasonable use of the property.

6. Effects on Surrounding Property

The effect of a self-storage facility on the adjacent uses to the south is negligible. The large industrial-office uses found in the Oshtemo Business Park are oriented so the rear of the buildings are facing the proposed conditional rezoning. Most of the northern property line of the subject site is adjacent to the Cort distribution center parcel, which is largely undeveloped within the eastern half of the property.

The primary challenge of self-storage on this parcel will be its effects on the properties west of South 9th Street. As stated previously, the placement of an I-R District development immediately adjacent to South 9th Street helps to mitigate these concerns. However, the entrance to the storage facilities and the placement of outdoor storage, which cannot be screened by a structure because of its placement in the ITC easement, needs to be carefully considered. The Planning Commission will work closely with the applicant to try and mitigate any compatibility issues during site plan review.

INFORMATION PROVIDED

Planning Commission Minutes
Proposed Ordinance

STATEMENT OF WHAT YOU ARE ASKING BOARD TO APPROVE

The Planning Commission and staff recommend a motion of approval from the Township Board for the conditional rezoning of the 10.82 acres from I-R: Industrial District, Restricted to the I-1: Industrial District, with the condition that the western 2 acres be developed with uses permitted in the I-R: Industrial District, Restricted and that the remaining acreage be developed as a self-storage facility, as described in the attached Ordinance.

**OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2016

Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING: CONDITIONAL REZONING (WEATHERVANE SELF-STORAGE) CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FROM WEATHERVANE FARMS DEVELOPMENT, INC. ON BEHALF OF THOMAS AND CAROLE DEBOER, FOR A REZONING WITH A VOLUNTARY SET OF CONDITIONS OF APPROXIMATELY 10.82 ACRES PURSUANT TO SECTION 53 OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY AT 4221 SOUTH 9TH STREET FROM THE I-R: INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, RESTRICTED TO THE I-1: INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, MANUFACTURING/SERVICES DISTRICT. PARCEL NO. 3905-405-060.

Old Business:

Village Form-Based Code Overlay District

A meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Oshtemo Charter Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Millard Loy, Chair
Fred Antosz
Kimberly Avery
Wiley Boulding, Sr.
Dusty Farmer
Mary Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Jackson

Also present were Julie Johnston, Planning Director, James Porter, Township Attorney, and Martha Coash, Meeting Transcriptionist. Approximately 10 other persons were in attendance.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Loy at approximately 7:00 p.m., and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Agenda

Chairperson Loy asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion to accept the Agenda as presented.

Mr. Antosz made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Ms. Avery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Chairperson Loy asked if any members of the audience cared to speak on non-agenda items. As no one responded he proceeded to the next agenda item.

Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2016

Chairperson Loy asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of May 12, 2016. Hearing none, he asked for motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Boulding, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016 as presented. Mr. Antosz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: CONDITIONAL REZONING (WEATHERVANE SELF-STORAGE) CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FROM WEATHERVANE FARMS DEVELOPMENT, INC. ON BEHALF OF THOMAS AND CAROLE DEBOER, FOR A REZONING WITH A VOLUNTARY SET OF CONDITIONS OF APPROXIMATELY 10.82 ACRES PURSUANT TO SECTION 53 OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY AT 4221 SOUTH 9TH STREET FROM THE I-R: INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, RESTRICTED TO THE I-1: INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, MANUFACTURING/SERVICES DISTRICT. PARCEL NO. 3905-405-060.

Mr. Loy moved to the next item on the agenda and asked Ms. Johnston to review the request for conditional rezoning from Weathervane Farms Development, Inc.

Ms. Johnston explained the applicant was requesting the Planning Commission consider a conditional rezoning of a 10.82 acre parcel from the existing I-R: Industrial District, Restricted to the I-1: Industrial District as allowed by *Section 53.00: Conditional Rezoning* of the Zoning Ordinance. The subject parcel is addressed as 4221 South 9th Street, which is located on the east side of 9th Street just north of Technology Avenue. The previous use of the property was V & V Lumber, which has been out of business for approximately five years. The current I-R District does not permit the use desired by the applicant. After discussion with Planning staff, the applicant was informed that a traditional rezoning to the I-1 District for this parcel was unlikely and therefore the requested use of a self-storage facility would not be permitted. This prompted the applicant to seek the conditional rezoning.

She said conditional rezoning is a mechanism that allows anticipated concerns or unique circumstances to be addressed or managed by attaching conditions to a rezoning request. The conditional rezoning process follows the same steps and procedure as a traditional rezoning with the exception that the applicant may offer conditions that place additional restrictions or limitations on their property.

Ms. Johnston said the property subject to the rezoning request is 10.82 acres with approximately 246 feet of frontage on the South 9th Street. The property is currently owned by Thomas and Carole DeBoer, and the applicant has an option to purchase pending various approvals. The owner has given consent to this application.

She explained the property previously housed V & V Lumber, which developed approximately the first 650 linear feet of the property east of South 9th Street. The remaining 500 linear feet to the east property line remained undeveloped. Originally, six large warehouse buildings were located on the property. The recent development of the transmission lines installed by ITC necessitated the removal of two buildings along the southern boundary of the property, leaving four buildings on site. She noted the ITC electrical transmission line traverses the property along the southern boundary the full length of the parcel. At the right-of-way line for South 9th Street, the utility easement is 102 feet in width, gradually increasing to 180 feet in width at the east property line. The easement agreement restricts the placement of buildings or other above ground structures that the utility feels would interfere with their use of the easement. The parcel at its widest point is 378 linear feet and reduces to 370 linear feet at the eastern property line. At the western parcel line, the easement reduces this buildable width to 276 linear feet and to 190 linear feet at the eastern property line.

Ms. Johnston said the narrowing of the parcel where buildings can be constructed increases the depth to width ratio of the parcel from 3:1 to 4:1. While some site activities would be allowed within the easement, such as parking, the significant encroachment of the ITC easement may impose some development challenges on the parcel.

She noted the applicant provided a concept plan and a list of 12 conditions for the Planning Commission's consideration. After talking with Attorney Porter, it was felt Condition #1 was appropriate to address at this meeting. The remaining conditions associated with the request to rezone to the I-1 District would be more appropriately addressed in the future during a special exception/site plan review process if Condition #1 were approved at this meeting.

Condition #1 would allow the property to be conditionally rezoned to the I-1: Industrial District. However, two acres immediately adjacent to South 9th Street would house uses consistent with the permitted uses in the I-R District. Allowing the front two acres, which are adjacent to the public right-of-way, to develop under the I-R District would provide some buffering to the self-storage development as well as afford some consistency in uses along South 9th Street. Ms. Johnston said Staff has no concerns with this condition.

She said while a self-storage use is not specifically indicated in the Master Plan, the design of the concept plan provided as part of the conditional rezoning application affords some compatibility with the future land use designations. The two acres adjacent to South 9th Street and intended for development under the I-R District aligns with the Transitional Mixed Use District planned for this area. Uses permitted within the I-R District include packaging of products, medical facilities, professional offices, research, financial institutions and clinics, which is similar to the uses in the Transitional Mixed Use designation. The remaining acreage intended for the self-storage facility would fall within the Research Office District. Per the Master Plan, self-storage is generally planned in areas intended for General Industrial activities.

She said the requested change to the I-1 Industrial District with conditions is generally consistent with the surrounding zoning. The request to limit most of the site to one use, self-storage, will allow the Planning Commission to ensure compatibility through the site plan review process of the special exception use requirements. In addition, allowing the frontage of the parcel to be developed under the I-R District provides some consistency of zoning and development design along South 9th Street.

Ms. Johnston said the regulatory requirements of the I-R District and the restrictions placed on the property by the ITC easement make reasonable use and development of the property challenging under existing conditions. She recommended the board approve conditional rezoning of the 10.82 acre parcel to the I-1: Industrial District. However, the two acres immediately adjacent to South 9th Street would house uses consistent with the permitted uses in the I-R district.

Chairperson Loy asked if Commissioners had questions.

Mr. Antosz asked what would happen with the conditional rezoning if the purchase of the property does not occur.

Attorney Porter indicated the property would revert to the original zoning if the sale does not occur.

Hearing no further questions, the Chairperson asked if the applicant wished to speak.

Mr. Ian Kennedy, 3320 Bronson Blvd., who spoke on behalf of Weathervane Farms Development, Inc. agreed with the approach recommended by Ms. Johnston and said they felt they could work out a compatible agreement with ITC consistent with the proposed usage. He noted approval is needed from ITC for whatever goes on beneath the power lines and was confident that landscaping and screening plans can be worked out with both the Township and ITC. He added that ITC has signed off on a concept site plan that was submitted to the utility company. He also noted ITC would not allow a fence or trees on the easement that would interfere with the power lines.

Chairperson Loy asked if any members of the public wished to speak.

Mr. Terry Schley, 7497 Watermark Drive, Allendale MI commented that he did not agree three items in the Staff memo: 1) the interpretation of Section 75.200 regarding buffering and planting; 2) that an I-R site with more than one building must have a public road; and 3) to achieve the spirit and intent of Section 75.100, which includes compatibility and buffering and screening of unattractive features when considering outside storage of large boats and motor homes, he asked that additional screening be required and felt an eight foot fence would not be adequate.

No other audience members wished to speak; the Chair moved to Board Deliberations.

Mr. Antosz said the property would be difficult to develop given the ITC easement. He and Ms. Farmer both said they had concerns about some of the issues that will be dealt with during a site plan review.

Ms. Smith asked if an 8 – 10 foot fence would change status with ITC.

Mr. Mike Fisher of Weathervane said ITC does not want anything added in the easement. A six foot fence already exists which will be shifted forward about 40 feet in the easement area. ITC will not allow anything taller or any trees to be planted there. He noted the topography drops down in that area which makes a difference; this issue will be addressed in the site plan.

Chairperson Loy entertained a motion on the recommendation.

Mr. Antosz made a motion to approve conditional rezoning of the 10.82 acres at 4221 South 9th Street to from I-R to I-1 and that the two acres immediately adjacent to South 9th Street will house uses consistent with the permitted uses in the I-R District. The motion was supported by Ms. Avery. The motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Boulding, Sr. dissenting.

Old Business

Village Form-Based Code Overlay District

Chairperson Loy asked Ms. Johnston to address the Board regarding the Village Form-Based Code Overlay District.

Ms. Johnston noted she had planned to talk with the DDA Board at its May meeting about possible changes to the east corridor architectural standards that were discussed at the April 14 PC meeting. The May DDA meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. She hopes to schedule a special meeting of the DDA in June and will talk with them at that time.

Chairperson Loy moved to the next item on the agenda.

Any Other Business

The Chairperson determined there was no other business to consider.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no comments from Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Having exhausted the agenda, and with there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Loy adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared:
May 28, 2016

Minutes approved:
June 9, 2016

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. ____

Adopted: _____, 2016

Effective: _____, 2016

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend the Oshtemo Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, by the adoption of Conditional Rezoning in Land Section 35. The Ordinance repeals all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDAINS:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 70. Section 70 Use District Boundaries is amended to conditionally rezone approximately 10.819 acres in Land Section 35, pursuant to Section 53 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, located at 4221 South 9th Street, being Parcel No. 3905-35-405-060, from "I-R" Industrial District, Restricted zoning classification to "I-1" Industrial District, Manufacturing/Service District zoning classification subject to the two acres abutting 9th Street being developed with "I-R" Industrial District restricted uses, and the remainder of the parcel will be developed as a self-storage facility.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication after adoption in accordance with State law. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT, Clerk
OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP



June 23, 2016

Mtg Date: June 28, 2016

To: Township Board

From: Julie Johnston, AICP

Subject: Mystic Heights Site Condominium

As you may remember, the Township Board tabled Step 1 approval of the Mystic Heights Site Condominium at the June 14, 2016 meeting. The application was tabled to allow the Township Board members an opportunity to discuss the project with Attorney Porter.

To avoid duplication of materials, staff did not copy the agenda packet materials provided at the June 14th meeting. Please bring your June 14th packets to the meeting. If you no longer have your packet, it can either be found on the Township's website at the following address:

<http://www.oshtemo.org/boards-and-committees/agenda-and-minutes/township-board-agenda-packets/>

Or, please contact staff and we will make a copy of the packet materials from the June 14th meeting for you. The minutes from the June 14th meeting are provided as part of this larger agenda packet.

Thank You.

Memo



To: Oshtemo Charter Township Board
From: Ben Clark, Zoning Administrator
Date: June 21st, 2016
Mtg. Date: June 28th, 2016
Subject: Lot line adjustment in Country Club Village

OBJECTIVE

Township Board approval of a requested lot line adjustment per a sales agreement between Lou Zacharias (the seller), and Troy McClure (the buyer).

BACKGROUND

In December of 2015, the above parties entered into a sales agreement whereby an approximately 0.06 acre triangle of land would be transferred from the backyard of the seller, who resides at 559 Sunrise Circle, to the back yard of the buyer, who lives at 741 Club View Drive. Typically, a property reconfiguration such as this can be administratively approved by Township staff. However, since both properties are platted, Township Board approval is necessary per section 290.005.H of the General Ordinance.

Although Board approval is necessary, Township staff has reviewed this lot line adjustment as it would any other land redescription, and has determined that the proposed property reconfiguration satisfies all relevant dimensional requirements of section 66.000 of the Zoning Ordinance.

INFORMATION PROVIDED

Copy of the sales agreement, sketch of land to be transferred, legal description of land to be transferred, aerial map showing what the new proposed property lines would look like.

STATEMENT OF WHAT YOU ARE ASKING BOARD TO APPROVE

Planning staff is requesting that the Township Board approve the lot line adjustment requested by Messrs. Zacharias and McClure, as presented.

Real Estate Purchase Agreement for Michigan

THIS SALES AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") dated this 31st day of December, 2015 (the "Execution Date")

BETWEEN:

Lou Zacharias (the "Seller") -AND- Troy McClure (the "Buyer")

PROPERTY

- 1.) The Property is situated at the rear of the lot at 559 Sunrise Circle, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (otherwise known as LOT 34); approximately 89' by 56' rear triangular portion of LOT 34 adjoining yard to 741 Club View Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (otherwise known as LOT 128). The legal description of the Property is as follows: rear triangular portion (described as approximately 89' by 56' bisected diagonally) of LOT 34, Country Club Village, Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan as described on the attached exhibit, which includes fixtures, and improvements located on the Property and all rights, privileges and appurtenances associated with it, including but not limited to permits, easements, and cooperative and association memberships. (the "Property")
- 2.) See attached Boundary Survey Report on 559 Sunrise Circle, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

SALES PRICE

- 3.) The sales price for the Property (the "Sales Price") is \$1.00 and this amount will be paid in cash.

PROPERTY CONDITION

- 4.) The Buyer accepts the Property in its current state and condition; will plant arborvitae trees on the fence line to further offer privacy for both parties.

CLOSING

- 5.) The official sale date will be on December 31st, 2015.
- 6.) The Buyer will pay the Sales Price.
- 7.) Any notices, statements, certificates, affidavits, releases, loan documents and other documents required by this Agreement, by the Commitment or by law which is necessary for the closing of the sale must be promptly executed and delivered by the Seller and the Buyer.
- 8.) All covenants, representations and warranties in this Agreement will survive closing and may be enforced.

NOTICES

- 9.) All notices pursuant to this Agreement must be written and signed by the respective Party or its agent and all such correspondence will be effective upon it being mailed with return receipt requested, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile as follows:

TO THE BUYER AT:

Name: Troy McClure

Address: 741 Club View Drive

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Telephone: (269) 372-4441

TO THE SELLER AT:

Name: Lou Zacharias

Address: 559 Sunrise Circle

Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Telephone: (269) 375-4556

SPOUSAL INTERESTS

- 10.) The spouse of each married Seller consents to this real estate transaction, and will sign and deliver such deeds and other documents as may be reasonably requested to evidence such consent and to effect the transfer to the Buyer of any dower, homestead, elective share, community property or any other rights which that spouse may have in or to the Property.

AGREEMENT OF PARTIES

- 11.) This document constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and it may not be contradicted by evidence of prior, contemporaneous or subsequent oral agreement. The provisions contained in the Agreement cannot be changed except by the signed and delivered written consent of both Parties.

RECEIPT

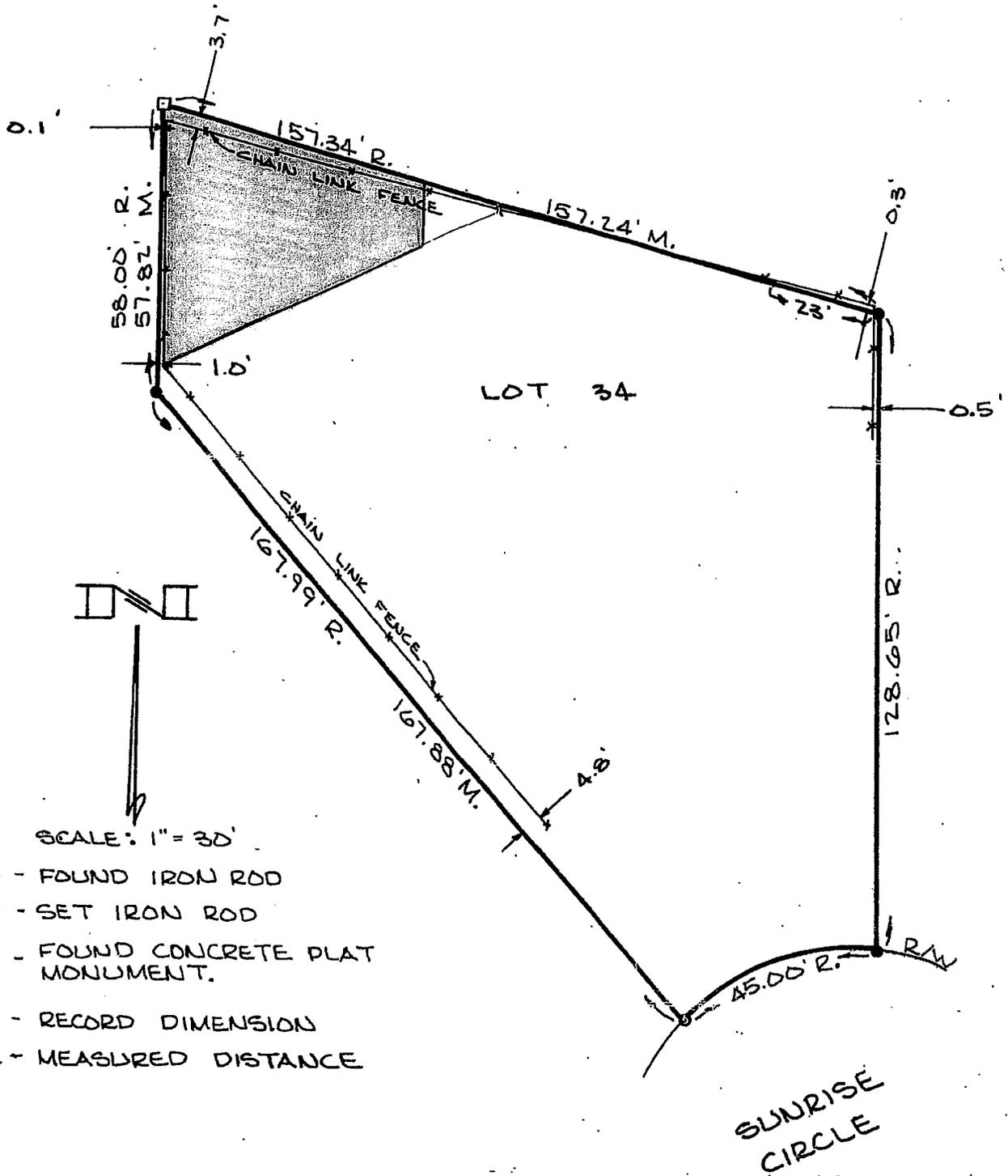
The Receipt of \$ 1.00 as the Sales Price in the form of cash is hereby acknowledged on this 31st day of December, 2015.

Name: Lou Zacharias

Lou Zacharias

Address: 559 Sunrise Circle, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Telephone: (269) 375-4556



SCALE: 1" = 30'

- - FOUND IRON ROD
 - - SET IRON ROD
 - - FOUND CONCRETE PLAT MONUMENT.
- R. - RECORD DIMENSION
M. - MEASURED DISTANCE

BOUNDARY SURVEY REPORT

ZACHARIAS

LOT 34 COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE OSHTENO TWP., MI.

INGERSOLL, WATSON & McMACHEN, INC.

CIVIL ENGINEERS - LAND SURVEYORS
1133 EAST MILHAM AVENUE

616/344-6165
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN 49002

DATE

7/14/88

SHEET

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JOB NO.

18049-88

Ingersoll, Watson & McMachen, Inc.

CONSULTING CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Job No.36536

6/17/2016

PROPOSED PARCEL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land situated in the Southwest quarter of Section 14, Town 2 South, Range 12 West, Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan being a portion of Lot 34 Country Club Village subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 26 of Plats on Page 24 Kalamazoo County Records and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 34 of Country Club Village subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 26 of Plats on Page 24 Kalamazoo County Records; thence S 75°12'00" E 75.35 feet along the North line of said Lot 34; thence S 12°42'21" W 14.02 feet; thence S 69°54'12" W 74.12 feet to the Westerly line of said Lot 34; thence N 41°58'10" W 0.52 feet along said Westerly line of said Lot 34 to an angle point in said Westerly line; thence N 00°11'10" E 58.00 feet along said Westerly line of said Lot 34 to the Place of Beginning, containing 2572.20 square feet (0.06 acres) of land.

Zacharias/McClure Lot Line Adjustment





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Memo

To: Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Township Supervisor and Oshtemo Township Board
From: Mark Barnes, Fire Chief
Date: June 23, 2016
Re: Repair of Fire Station 5-1 floor.

The apparatus bay floor at station 5-1 (northwest corner) is sinking from what we believe to be erosion. The damage is continuing to grow. The proper method of repairing this is to first remove the fracturing concrete, discover the fault and make repairs, then replace the concrete.

We have obtained three bids from local contractors known for providing commercial services. Since the exact cause will not be known until the ground is exposed, we expect those costs to be in addition to the quoted cement work. There are two drainage pipes and one water line transitioning that area. We anticipate finding a break in one of these. If so, repairs will be made to the pipe and eroded stabilized soil will be replaced.

A second suspect is a possible failure to the water capture basin also in the area.

Because this repair will entail the removal of a significant portion of the front apron and since that cement is deteriorating from normal age, the complete front apron will be replaced during this process.

Vendor	Contact	Est. Start Work	Thickness	Amount
James Fulton	Brian Balkema	After July 4th holiday.	8"	\$ 22,300
Powell Custom Homes	Denny Loveall	Unknown	6"	\$ 24,175
Earley	Scott Comerford	2nd week of August	6" & 8"	\$ 27,100

Wolthuis Brothers and Hoffman Brothers choose not to provide a bid.

The fire department staff has consulted with both our ground maintenance and engineer during this process.

We have temporarily deployed the aerial truck out of the back of the station and through the public parking lot.

The following recommendation is based on the facts that Fulton is offering the thickness of the two options for concrete, can start the soonest and is the lowest estimate.

Recommendation: To award the repair to James Fulton and Sons and allow staff to manage the additional repairs need to correct the failure.



2516 MILLER ROAD
 KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN 49001
 TELEPHONE (269) 385-385-3311
 FACSIMILE (269) 385-1005

Proposal

To: Charter Township Oshtemo Fire Dept.
Attn: Mark Barnes
Address: 7275 West Main
 Kalamazoo, Mi. 49009
Email:
Phone:
Fax:

Proposal # DG01-21916
Date: June 23, 2016
Job: Fire Dept. Concrete repair
Project #: _____
From: Brian Balkema
Cell #: 207-1254
Email: Brian@fultonexcavating.com

We propose to furnish the equipment, labor and material to complete the following work:

- 1) Saw Cut and remove Concrete – 42x42’ exterior apron, 10x12’ Interior apron and step
- 2) Pin interior concrete
- 3) Grade and compact for new concrete
- 4) Furnish and place Concrete
- 5) Spread topsoil along lawn edges and seed

Total for 6” Concrete \$18,700.00

Total for 8” Concrete \$22,300.00

Date:		Date:	June 23, 2016
Sent to:		Sent By:	Brian Balkema
Approved by:		Approved By:	



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The following list of clarifications and exclusion is to be included with our proposal.

Project: Fire Dept. Concrete Bid Date: 6/23/16

Job Specific Exclusions and Clarifications:

General Exclusions and Clarifications (all items are excluded unless they are specified in our Proposal):

Exclusions

- 1) Permits, fee's, testing, and layout
- 2) **Asbestos/lead surveys and abatement work**
- 3) Exhaust Scrubbers for equipment
- 4) Protection against existing structures and all other site furnishings that are to remain from vibrations, equipment traffic, deep excavations, etc.
- 5) Construction fence
- 6) Snow and frost removal and protection
- 7) Locating and layout of existing private utilities, repairing all unmarked utilities
- 8) Removing and replacing unsuitable, contaminated or hazardous materials
- 9) Removing debris/rubble not shown on plans, or generated by others such as concrete washout
- 10) Furnishing and placing insulation
- 11) Additional grading/compacting because of work completed by others
- 12) All asphalt, concrete paving and fine grading by others
- 13) Landscaping/ restoration by others – Temporary seeding, mulch blankets, specialty plant mix soils, etc.
- 14) Irrigation installation, removal and repair
- 15) All site furnishings – signs, bollards, pavement markings, etc. by others

Clarification

- 1) All onsite soils suitable for backfill
- 2) Schedules and liquidated damages are void when conditions occur out of our control such as weather, material deliveries, and other contractors
- 3) Barricading provided for our work only



Powell Custom Homes

48962 24th Street
 P.O. Box 605
 Mattawan, MI 49071
 269.668.5227

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
6/13/2016	2079

Name / Address
Oshtemo Fire Department 7275 West Main St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Ship To

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Remove and dispose of 1884 sq ft of 6" concrete.		7,800.00	7,800.00
Reestablish grade and compact for new concrete driveway and floor.		750.00	750.00
Run new roof drain pipe under driveway with sched. 40 pipe to front ditch.		350.00	350.00
Repour driveway 8" thick, broom finish, and saw cut joints. Slab inside station will be smooth trowel finish.	1,884	6.25	11,775.00
6 gauge 6"x6" wire mattes and 2200 of #5 rebar in a 2'x2' matt through out the new slabs. 2' #5 rebar stubs will be drilled into all existing slabs and walls every 2'-3'.		3,500.00	3,500.00
<p>Any dirt needing to be removed is \$10 a yard. Any stabilized gravel or crushed concrete is \$25 a yard delivered. If concrete trucks can not reach location of the pour a charge of \$775 will be added for a concrete pump per use. To pour a 10" thick driveway and floor add \$4000 to repouring the driveway and floor, plus more dirt would have to be removed to compensate for depth.</p>			
			Signature

Total	\$24,175.00
Web Site	
POWELLCUSTOMHOMES.COM	

Phone #	Fax #
269.668.5227	269.668.5208

Earley & Associates, Inc.

3917 Ravine Road • Kalamazoo, MI 49006-1452 • Phone: 269-383-1555 • Fax: 269-383-6211

June 20, 2016

AVB Construction, Inc.
4200 W. Centre Ave.
Portage, MI 49024
Email: rvlietstra@avbinc.com

ATTN: Ryan Vlietstra
RE: Budget for Oshtemo Fire House Slab and Approach Replacement

We thank you for the opportunity to BUDGET this project. Our BUDGET includes the following items:

- 1) Mobilization
- 2) Sawcutting and Removal of Existing +/- 120 SF of Interior 8" Slab on Grade
- 3) Sawcutting and Removal of Existing +/- 2184 SF of Exterior 6" Approach Slab
- 4) Supplemental Sand and Compaction as required to remediate surface compaction issues
- 5) Drill and Epoxy Dowels into existing concrete to remain as needed
- 6) Provide and Install +/- 120 SF of 8" Interior Floor Patch with 6 Ga. WWF
- 7) Provide and Install +/- 2184 SF of 6" Exterior Approach Slab with 6 Ga. WWF
- 8) Barricading as needed
- 9) Recycling of Removed Concrete
- 10) Sawcutting of Control Joints as needed

We do not include the following items:

- 1) Premium Time Work, Holiday Work or Weekend Work
- 2) Excavation, Backfill or Compaction beyond what is described above
- 3) Winter conditions/ Winter Protection/ Temporary Heat
- 4) Caulking of Joints or Joint Sealants
- 5) Prevailing Wages
- 6) Providing or Installing Trench Drain
- 7) Material testing
- 8) Integral Colored Concrete
- 9) Bonds
- 10) Grass/ Landscape Restorations
- 11) Asphalt Restorations

Budget- \$27,100.00 (Twenty Seven Thousand, One Hundred Dollars)

Please call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Comerford
Project Manager

SC/js

cc: EA 10031 Oshtemo Fire House Interior Slab and Approach Slab R and R



Memo



9.

To: Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Township Supervisor
From: Mark Barnes, Fire Chief
Date: June 23, 2016
Re: Open Burning Ordinance

Assuming that the open burning ordinance is about to be re-visited, I have attached a 92 page packet of information for your review. Most of it is historical while some is new.

I would note that the last time this topic was evaluated and addressed by the Board was in 2010. There may be changes in Michigan's statutes as well as desires of our community that will not be reflected in the attached historical documents. Because of this, I would ask that very little weight be given to my memo of nearly six years ago.

To save the reader time, we have reviewed the found minutes and drawn a line in the left margin to show the segment that is relevant to this topic.

New to this possible evaluation, are heat maps that our Planning Department is currently working to produce. I believe these will provide a graphic view of where permits are being issued and where complaints have arisen.

One of the directions the board gave in 2010 was for the fire department to improve its system of issuing and tracking burning permits. I have attached three pages demonstrating the ease of our on-line process. It is our estimation that 15-20% of the permit applicants continue to call. In those cases, we simply enter them ourselves on their behalf.

It is also my belief that there is more open burning taking place than there are permits issued. Unfortunately, I cannot quantify that gap. We do not patrol the community for these violations and typically only respond when a complaint is lodged.

Finally, my experience has taught that in some instances, the complaint of errant smoke is not the true reason for the call. Neighbors having struggles with other issues can be the base problem.

Open Burning Ordinance Informational Packet 6/23/2016

Oshtemo Burn Committee Minutes	# of Pages
08/03/09	1
09/01/09	1
"Burn Committee Update"	1
Burn Ordinance Ban Survey	1
Burn ordinance Ban Survey results.	34

Oshtemo Township Board Minutes

Oshtemo Board Minutes were searched by "*Burning Ordinance*" and "*Open Burning*".

01/11/72	3
6/7/1988 Joint meeting Township Board and Fire Board	2
12/13/94	2
12/27/94	3
01/10/95	2
04/08/03	2
05/13/03	4
10/23/07	5
11/13/07	3
4/28/2009 <i>Note: This was the start of the former open burn committee.</i>	3
5/18/2010 Oshtemo Planning Commission	1
10/12/10	2
10/26/10	3

Fire Department

Fire Chief's memo of 10/22/2010	2
Tabulation of permits, complaints and citations 2012-YTD with graph.	1
Tabulation of burning citations issued 2012-2016	1
Burning Complaint Log 2012-YTD with totals and graph.	4
Screen shots of current on-line burning permit system.	4

Additional Information

Copy of current Ordinance	7
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Heat Maps being developed by Planning Department

Heat Map of Complaints	
Heat Map of Permits Issued by year	

Burn Committee Meeting August 3, 2009

In attendance Jim Porter, Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Scott Paddock, Mark Barnes, Scott McCormick, Lorrie Ver Stegg, community resident, Ken Irish, community resident and Grace Borgfjord.

Jim Porter gave an overview of the current township ordinance and state statute.

After discussion the committee will complete additional research. Grace to find out current cost of leaf removal in the fall and spring for the township and what it would cost to increase usage. Ken Irish will research other township burning ordinances and Lorrie Ver Stegg will research current waste haulers fees for yard waste.

Next meeting September 3, 2009

Minutes by Borgfjord

Minutes Burn Committee September 1, 2009

In attendance Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Mark Barnes, James Porter, Scott McCormick, Lori Ver Stegg and Grace Borgfjord.

Grace presented the cost from 2008 for leaf removal from township property. The township had two pick hauled away from township property. The cost for both removals was \$3800.00. The township could add on as many pick up as is requested since the cost is based on tonnage.

Ken provided what other surrounding township's, cities and villages currently provide for their residents.

Lori Ver Stegg presented a list of costs for yard waste services available in Oshtemo Township residents.

After discussion about all the options the group has requested a map of platted and site condominiums in the township.

Grace is find out the cost of taking residents yard waste to a local business who accept yard waste.

Both the information from Grace and Lori will be put on the township web site for residents information.

Next Burn Committee meeting October 15, 2009

Burn Committee Update,

The Township Board was approached by several residents who currently would like to have the township address the smoke associated with grass clipping and leaf burning. The smoke associated with this practice for some residents has an adverse effect on their health. The “burn committee” researched the concerns, options, and cost options for the residents. Much of the information about alternatives to than burning are available on the township web site @ oshtemotownship.org, you will find the information under the Recycling/Trash tab. We welcome your suggestions, concerns about grass clipping and leaf burning for the committee. Please call 269.998.0617 or e-mail Grace Borgfjord, Township Trustee @ gborgfjord@oshtemo.org.

Oshtemo Township Burn Ordinance Ban Survey

Monday March 21, 2011

Total Surveys Mailed	Total Surveys Returned	% Return Rate
323	75	23%

YES - (I/We <u>support</u> a ban on the burning of grass clippings and leaves in my/our plat.		NO - (I/We <u>oppose</u> a ban on the burning of grass clippings and leaves in my/our plat.
33 40%		42 60%

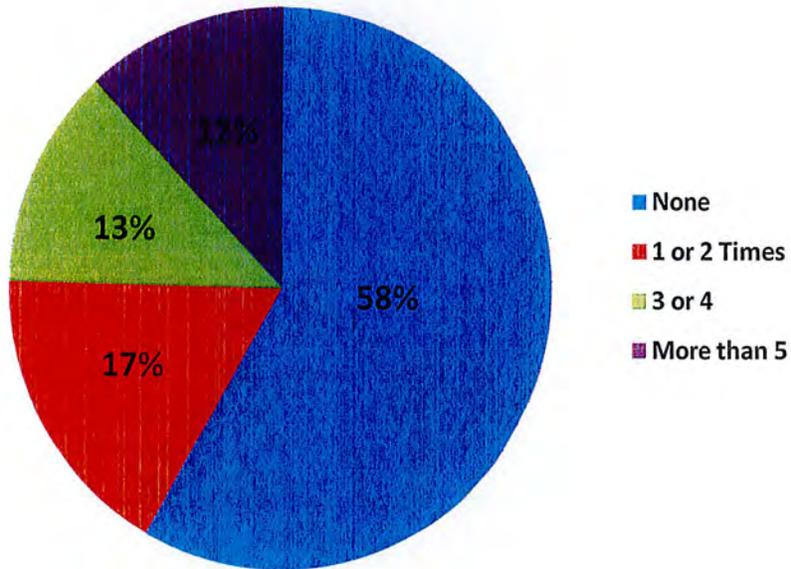
Citizen Comments

1. I would even volunteer to be the leaf police.	Citizen 1	
2. Support a ban on burning grass clippings, not leaves	Citizen 2	2. Oppose a ban on the burning of leaves, support ban on grass
3. Very hard on our lungs if burning occurs.	Citizen 3	
4. I support a township wide ban on burning for environmental reasons.	Citizen 4	
	Citizen 5	5. But the # of simultaneous burns should be <u>limited</u> ! Thank You, - Asthmatic
	Citizen 6	6. Keep government out of my backyard!

How many times in the last 12 months have you burned leaves, or grass clippings on your property? (check only one)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
None	58.2%	463
1 or 2 Times	17.2%	137
3 or 4	12.7%	101
More than 5	11.9%	95
<i>answered question</i>		796
<i>skipped question</i>		0

How many times in the last 12 months have you burned leaves or grass clippings on your property?



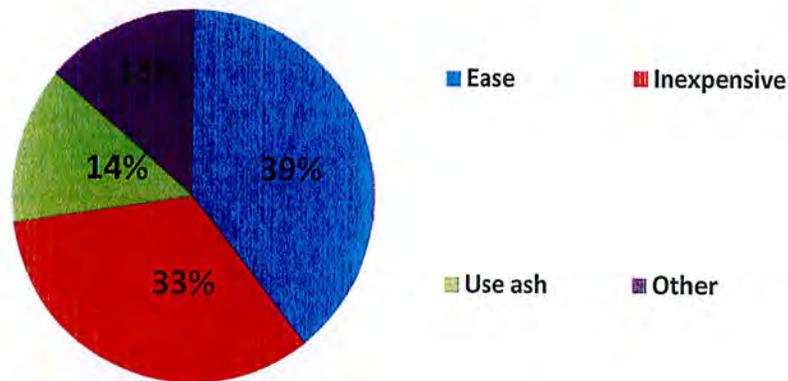
On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being NOT important, and 10 being VERY important, rate how important it is to you to be able to burn leaves and grass clippings on your property.

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rating Average	Response Count
Count	321	20	21	11	32	10	24	46	40	253	5.60	778
Percent	41.3%	2.6%	2.7%	1.4%	4.1%	1.3%	3.1%	5.9%	5.1%	32.5%		
	answered question											778
	skipped question											21

If you burn leaves, or grass clippings, what are your reasons for burning? (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ease	39.3%	320
Inexpensive	33.3%	271
Use ash	13.6%	111
Other	13.8%	112
<i>answered question</i>		371
<i>skipped question</i>		428

If you burn leaves, or grass clippings, what are your reasons for burning? (check all that apply)



Mainly for safety reasons to clear brush and dry leaves to provide a safe living area and prevent any risk to home and property from dry conditions.

We use the ash to help in composting.

Prescribed burning for prairie and savanna maintenance.

Do not burn

Just moved into the area

I have no where or the ability to take the leaves anywhere, with the amount of leaves that i get in my yard.

We have six acres, mostly wooded. We dump leaves, clippings, branches in the woods, and they disappear (eventually).

Too many leaves to dispose of

I burn brush and small branch size logs.

You didn't ask amount that is burned, isn't that significant ?

Most all my leaves are bagged and dumped under forest trees to slow done undergrowth.

All of the above. Plus keeping my property clean.

Brush, limb disposal

I burn tree branches in the winter

I only burn tree branches.

In my neighbor hood, we get so many leaves. (to many to bag), all my neighbors burn, if you ban burning the leaves, they will let them go and look bad.
We only burn brush not grass. We like being able to burn on our property and are very careful when doing so. We only burned once this year.
My property is over 1 acre of wooded land (along with all of the other neighbors properties) which accounts for a lot of leaves, branches ect. That would be difficult and expensive to haul or dispose of.
I do not burn leaves or grass clippings.
We don't burn grass clippings - we only burn the leaves that we can't composte.
No other real option to deal with bulk of leaves, e.g., no twp pickup available. I burn mostly oak leaves, my experience is they do not compost very well.
I burn them in my vegetable garden and use the ash for organic fertilizer.
To large of a volume to do anything else with. Remember, some of the township is still farmland.
We collect fallen branches and twigs from our many many trees, and burn them "campfire-style" from time to time. We never burn grass clippings. We don't burn leaves in the autumn, but sometimes burn leaves during spring yard clean-up.
With large trees, burning is the only manageable way to get rid of our leaves. To bag them would be 25x the work, even if there were a place to deposit the bags. We moved to oshtemo partly because of the open burning condition.
Doesn't become unnecessary land waste
Mulch and blow into woods
Weed control in gardens
Burn only brush and branches
Mulch in garden
Live in condo
Who else will take care of my issues
I have many leaves and no other way to get rid of them
Live in condo
Would have been wonderful when i lived in a house; now living in a condo-no need
Mulch
No trees on our lot
Have none
No need placed on burm
We have a wooded lot with a lot of wild cherry trees that continuously drop limbs and small branches too much for our yeard waste pick up dumpster; leaves automatically get raked in
Mulch ile cannot handle volume
No pick up services
Sizew of property bagging
To many to transport
Live in condo
Limited options
We have lawn service
Too many to mulch
Less waste in land fills expense of bags and service to pick up
Very large yard and it would be almost impossible to bag all leaves
Live in condo
Lack of time; id have to listen to the arguments for either position
Have a lot of leaves no place to compost
I rely on burning limbs and papers; i have never burned grass

Convenience
Recreational exercise
Do not burn
Cannot afford bags too many leaves from across the road blowing from west into my grass; i am a senior with health problems
N/a
None
Don't burn
Compost
Oak is acidic & ruins perennial flower gardens
Best way to dispose of leaves and sticks
Organic
Mix with compost for garden
Get rid of them
Compost
I don't burn grass or leaves, only twigs and limbs
No place to compost on my property
Dont burn
Im not very mobile i can burn with a hose next to me for safety
Camp fires
Easier than dumping
Too few options
No way to transport to drop off site
Banned by association
Too much hassle
Mulch with mower
How about burning sticks that fall from trees
Burn other brush hot dogs roast
Have over 10 acres to get rid of every year
Do not burn!
No pick up hard to get to drop off location
Do not burn
N/a
Ecology
Burn fallen branches
To much to transport
Recreational fires
Distrub your neighbor
Get rid of them too many leaves to till into a garden
Live in large woods. No need.
Save time
Too many oak tree leaves to bag and haul
No place to burn
No need-i blow them nto the woods
Bon fires and cooking
Large amount

Diseased trees and branches
Need to dispose brush and leaves
No place to put them
I like the smell
Live in condo
Dump in field
Huge volume of leaves
Like the smell
Fun to bake apples
Only reasonable way to get rid of vegetation
Thi si stupid question to get rid of them in our yarad we have a ton of them
Have camp fire
I only burn branches from tree and bush trimmings
Easiest and best way to handle large amounts

If you do not burn leaves or grass clippings, what are your reasons? (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Health	27.1%	234
Environmental	31.7%	274
Safety	26.1%	226
Other	15.1%	131
<i>answered question</i>		280
<i>skipped question</i>		386



Lawn service takes care of leaves and clippings

Compost is good for our soil

Air pollution

We use as garden mulch

Have too many

Cant breathe -choke

Take them to the woods

Thought it was against the law or needed a permit

Not supposed to burn without fire dept approval

Able to pile on property

Enrich soil

Mulch our grass do not rake leaves

Makes the house stink

Dump on my property

Put into woods

Allergies

Ruins everyone's ability to enjoy outdoors!

Plat and residential areas are definitely a concern

Compost

Our association does not permit burning

Fills neighboring homes with smell

We have access to wooded area where we can dump them

Just don't do it!

Condo

Have disposal area adjacent to property

Condo living

We compost, have acreage

Woods

Have a place to dump

Plenty of property for composting

It's banned

None

Compost

Plenty of space for disposal

Compost

Compost

Asthma

No leaves

Better to compost

Both can be composted easily and safer

Concern for neighbors who might have allergies

Smell

Compost

Respect for others

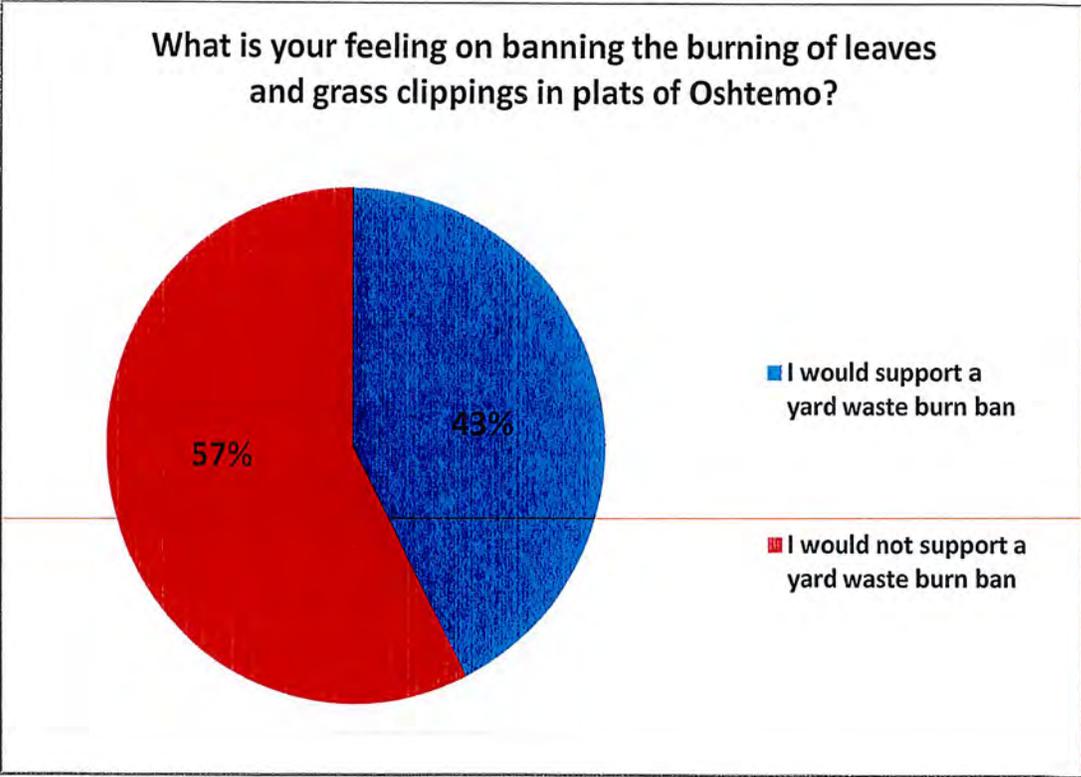
Terrible smell and imposition on neighbors

No good area to do it

Mulching mower, mulch leaves; hate smell of burning leaves coming into my house
Service takes ours away
My choice
Keeping property as natural as possible
Do not like to breathe smoke smoldering
Use in compost
Smoke is very irritating to our eyes + lungs
Mulching
Smell, smoke (makes driving difficult)
Neighborly - we live in close proximity to each other
Pollution
Condominium
Condo
Grandchildren's allergies
Smell
Place provided to put leaves and grass
Smell
Smokes up the neighborhood
Causes people to go to the hospital with asthma attacks
Members of household have asthma
I compost
We live near woods
Compost
5 acres of land
Asthma
Use of mulching mower repeatedly
Use for compost
Hate smell
Nuisance
It stinks
Unlawful
Wouldn't even consider
Burning takes place on the nicest days forcing us to shut our windows and retreat inside
Prefer to compost & mulch
Smells bad
Mulch
I have retained natural wooded land on either side to waste fallen leaves
Respect for others
We don't burn leaves
Service provided to us by gardener
Live in condo
Live in the country, throw in the woods
I mulch
Allergies. Bad for animals and people to breathe smoke!!! Annoying and not neighborly, we need to close windows when people burn.
Neighbor with asthma, no fire pit

Did not know you could.
Smoke affects neighbors. Leaves produce too much smoke.
Live in condo
Condo car management
Smells bad
Causes respiratory problems with our children
Do not like the smell of smoke in my house
Im asthmatic
Allergies
I have huge compost

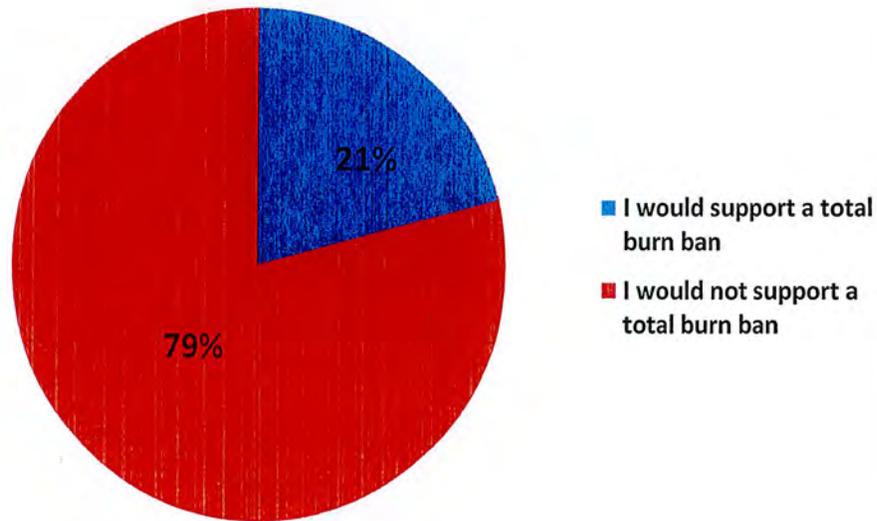
What is your feeling on banning the burning of leaves and grass clippings in plats (subdivisions) of Oshtemo?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I would support a yard waste burn ban	42.6%	324
I would not support a yard waste burn ban	57.4%	437
<i>answered question</i>		761
<i>skipped question</i>		38



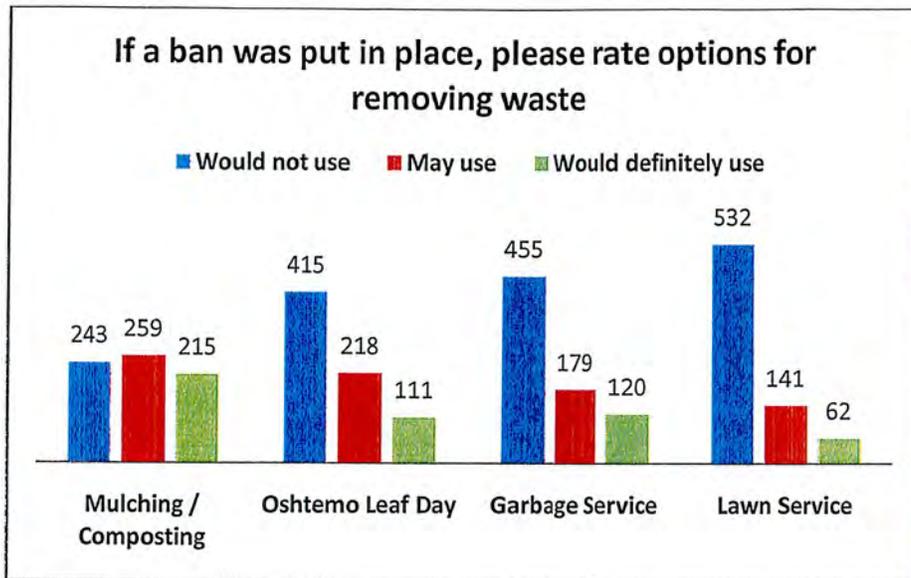
What is your feeling on banning recreational burning (e.g., campfires) AND banning all burning of leaves and grass clippings in plats (subdivisions) of Oshtemo (a total burn ban)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I would support a total burn ban	20.9%	161
I would not support a total burn ban	79.1%	610
<i>answered question</i>		771
<i>skipped question</i>		28

What is your feeling of imposing a TOTAL burn ban in plats?



If a ban was put in place, please rate options for removing waste:				
Answer Options	Would not use	May use	Would definitely use	Response Count
Mulching / Composting	243	259	215	717
Oshtemo Leaf Day	415	218	111	744
Garbage Service	455	179	120	754
Lawn Service	532	141	62	735
<i>answered question</i>				769
<i>skipped question</i>				30



OTHER COMMENTS

Totally against leaf & grass burning but totally for recreational fires like camp fires, etc.
We will very much support a burn ban. Burinig polutes the air, may contribute to the fire spread and can contribute to children getting burned by accidentally riding through hot ashes, this happend to my student
Pre requisite for banning all burning?
I personally do not burn but people should not be prohibited from burning
Enforce existing ordinances over trash burning- it is much more annoying and a neighbors camp fire
We do not burn grass clippings or leaves-we compost them. We burn branches and other brush that otherwise would not compost for a very long time. This is necessary to keep up our property
Im handicapped so anything other than burning would be very bad and expensive
We have burned approx once a year in the spring we burn raspberry clippings in the spring. We have been for 50 years and don't see a problem with this, we call for a permit from fire dept and sit & watch the fire until its out; have shovels, rakes, and water when burning, haven't have a problem in 55 years. We don't see the need for anymore restrictions
I have too many oak trees on my property to do anything but mulch and burn. Too expensive. Also enjoy having a few family camp fires. These things are very important to me
Composte and mulch on their own; more instructive education in oshtemo newsletter about the benefits of learning/doing out own posting/mulching. Have a day set up to show people how to build simple compost bins and how to use and rotate and finally reap the benefit of composting to garden/yard ultimately to benefit our health via clean air/enriched garden vegetables as well as desirable landscaping
Redstone farms assn does these things for us
We have a chiminea we use on appropriate fire safety burning days
We dont need added expense to live in oshtemo township! There are enough rules and where we live no problems related to leaves & grass burning. Ar you looking for justification to raise taxes? Citizens are beginning to feel over whelmed by the takver over of our govt and needless spending of out hard earned tax dollars
Part of the charm of my property was/is the ability to have a bon fire fore company and myself. Looked you want to that away from me now.
Only if provided for free of charge
We grill over our camp fire its recreational and femily enjoy it. A beautiful way to enjoy an evening in any season
The most important ban should be to ban barrel burning of trash
Trash barrell burning must be banned
I am tire of neighbors smoke filling my home in fall and i know they do not get a permit. Problem with composting is my one neighbor throws garbage in the compost not just leaves
Live in a condo
We dont burn much grass or leaves but we do have a very nice fire pit and we burn wood, we enjoy relaxing around the bon fire. We don't have huge fires and i dont believe we bother anyone, we dont usually mind the smell of others burning we always call for a burn poermit and we are responsible. We live far enough in the country that we should be able to have bond fires
What are the environmental effects of burning leaves one season a year? It would be helpful to know this; also would there be a fee for the choices for removing the waste?
Bruning of leaves, trash or any other outdoor burning is not only unsafe but unfair to people with breathing issues' it should be eliminately compltely!
The township should stay out of private affairs!
Leaves and grass clippings make great compost people need more education on this-we see our neighbors cut their grass and leave clippings in the street all season; we compost everything and have very good success
I am in total favor of recreational surns, we have these 2-4 times a year as a great source for social

gatherings, I see no comparison between industrial pollution and recreational leaf burning

Freedom liberty!

My family enjoys camp fires, i burn leaves because living on east side of the road all west side leaves blow in my yard; i use my garbage service for yard waste now; i dont burn grass clippings

I believe we need to take ownership of the harms of burning in the township. I have either seen or experiences myself the adverse affects on others of burning; respiratory illness is on the rise. The costs far out weigh the benefits

Do not have the type of vehicle to transport the volume fo leaves that we have in a semi rural environment. If you offer on site pick up suck up at no cost to us i would consider this an option; the cost of bags to transport this volume would be expensive

This burn ban would be just another way for govt to control our lives and our property

Leaf burning results in a persistant odor which permeates the neighborhood

If oshtemo is to remain a suburb with trees and green space a system must be developed or residents must be allowed as they are now to dispose of their leaves in a convenient way; residents who oppose this must be willing to pay additional taxes to facillitate pick up of leaves or allow the rest of us to continue burning

Even if thre were to be a total ban, i would continue to have recreational cam fires; thi sis not a right that i will be willing to give up

We feel that controlled recreational burning is acceptable; burning of greass clipping and leaves should be banned

We are a little concerned with the language "total burn ban" since these words could include burn barrels which was not addressed and which we do use; although you do say "in plats" the language sound like it couldd wnd up applying to anyone anywhere; does this survey only allow for property owners or can renters from large apartment complexes also reply?

I do not object to rural burn in covred metal cans

I have been a resident of oshtemo twp since 1985; neighbors have burned yard waste and garbage! Neighbors have started a fire and then thrown spray cans for nthe noise and fire works; people start burning yard waste and then leave the site! I am tired of it; the "fire works blew holes in my garage siding!

Camp or back yard fires should be allowed as long as they are supervised; many neighbors have nice expensive metal fire pits. Dont put burning of leaves/grass in the same group with back yard camp fires

Use pick up service through trash company

Need more drop off days and include grass clippings

Please stop trying to find things to ban us from; we are taking care of it economically and doing just fine

Bonfire for family gathering

I think in subdivisions where the homes are relatively close together it is a safety concern when people burn yard waste; however garbage yard waste service is expensive and i fear if neighbors just pile it int he yard it may atteact rodents

Many in the township have heavily wooded lots. As part of normal upkeep throughout the year, dead limbs/leaves clean up is required. Its not economical for a commercial service to be used every time a large storm comes through which blows dead limbs down. Finally if you look at the communities which do have burn bans they provide periodic curb pick up. Unless the township.residents are willing to take on this extra expense i would advise against it

Burning-all should be banned not just grass clipping/leaves

I do not understand composting, here or elsewhere? We and our neighbors burn and no one complains! Weve been doing this for 35 years. This has worked wonderfully

I live in quail meadows condos therefore does not apply to me

Burning leaves is one of the best things oshtemo twp currently offers to its residents, to ban leaf burning would be very disappointing

Dont have that many leaves

We are glad you are reviewing salaries, benefits, per diem allowances; hopefully these will be revised downward!

I like living in oshtemo twp
Would continue to burn we are not in a plat
I would mulch on my own property
We are very much opposed to burning of anything in anyone's yard. There is never any thought or respect to neighbors or the environment. Usually fires in our neighborhood are left unattended and smoldering throughout the night often into the next day
I do not burn leaves or grass; i do burn brush 1-2 times a year; i always wait until the brush is dry so it will have minimal smoke. I have a lot of trees. I feel it is very important to be able to burn all the sticks and brush i get; it would be a lot of extra work and expense if i would not burn it; there is absolutely no difference between burning some brush and someone burning wood to heat their home; if you ban open burning then fire places and wood burning for heating should be banned as well
Fire pits and occasional fall bon fires should be okay
The township has no right to put a burn ban on residents and on their property
Burning is nasty and something should be done to eliminate it
Recreational burning such as camp fires are okay
Due to asthma related issues im please you are addressing these issues; it causes breathing concerns due to the wind paterns and the smoke
Smoldering leaf fires in close proximity to other is not acceptable; its irresponsible! Its not a right of the property owner when it impacts others
Strongly opposed to banning of burning yard waste
We would be very disappointed if oshtemo supported a burn ban; it is one of many reasons we enjoy living in the township
Leisure time condos uses a paid service for yard waste; a safe contained fire pit for yard recreational use should be allowed
Too many leaves to bag. If you change the burning policies then oshtemo township needs to pay for curbside pick up like kalamazoo does; please leave policy unchanged
Township to pick up leaves curbside every two weeks form oct 1st to dec 1st
One size regulation does not fit all!! Camp fires should never be banned. I feel that people have a right to enjoy their property by cooking or just enjoying an evening camp fire; the above is especially true on larger plots of land of several acres or more or farms
Dont do it!!!
I would be willing to pay a little extra in taxes for the township to have 2 or 3 days per fall that a truck comes around and pick up leaves
Definitely dont support a ban on campfires! We safely enjoy our camp fires in a pit we would be very agitated if campfires were banned
Only consider above if were at no cost
Subdivions dont often have the need to burn but if you ban subdivions we will be next there is no way i can bag and lift the clippings it too hard and heavy for me
Would consider above services if were provided at no charge or very inexpensive
I think like a lot of townships in the area we should be able to burn leaves when we please; now burning of a huge bon fire may be one thing but leaves is no big deal
People abuse burning-we have a garbage burner here on kl avenue-infiltrates the whole house even after closing windows and usually at night
No way to lift or be able to transport bags for drop off day; cant afford more taxes for additional services
Already compost and use garbage service for removal
Who had this foolish idea? I would like to know who not to vote for
Do not ban burning!!!!
Cost of these services? Major issue
I already compost leaves but i live i a woods and need to burn larger branches that fall as they do not decay rapidly; the end products of natural decay and burning are the same i use the ashes

We would support a total ban. Our neighbors burn leaves and has camp fires frequently. I here is a small wooded area between our houses and we are always very concerned he will catch the woods on fire and endanger our house; there is also a lot of smoke that comes into our house

We would approve if the township furnished yard waste pick up; we would be willing to pay a reasonable up charge for this service

I have had 30 years on the fire dept; i think some banning is necessary

Do we really need to waste time on this issue? Let people burn their leaves and have camp fires

Oak trees have high acidic leaves do not mulch for that reason; also lots of leaves too many to bag

Thank you for asking. God bless!

Burned properly, leaves will not cause health issues, post proper burn techniques in the news letter ie hot fire, do not add water; do not let them smolder; burn like a camp fire log

My first choice is to mulch but i support the right to burn. I have more leave than i can mulch so i prefer to burn some as well

None other than let's not pollute the air we breath by burning leave, grass, etc

Leaves & grass clipping are not the problem, the problem is tree branches, etc

Residents would be more sustainable id the purchased a composter and composted grass and leaves themselves

I would like to see leaf pick up form the curb. I compost all of my kitchen waste but with 1 acre of leaves i do not have an area to accomodate so many leaves. I do use most of all of the other options and usually only burn brush and twigs

People have been burning limbs and papers for 45 years here in oshtemo and enjoying family time at camp fires why do you feel you need to take this away from people?

I always check wind direction, so not to inconvenience neighbors

The burning of yard waste is a wonderful option. Leave it alone!!!!

We live directly east of naylor landscape and they have no thoughts or respect for their neighbors. They have burned i don't know what with much smoke and bad odors, i tried to talk to them and i was basically told where to go. I will say i have not noticed them burning this summer

At the very minimum there should be a few specific days for burning, im tired of not being able to enjoy nice outdoor weather because of constant burning

I would hate to not allow bon fires but the smoke from burning leaves is unhealthy

We currently use garbage service pick up but we have been considering bag drop off

Would like to burn leaves and brush in fall only

Why cant we have a curbside leaf pick up like in other surrounding areas like portage

I mulch leaves and grass clippings but do burn all weeds, brush and tree trimmings; do not live in subdivision

We just put it over the bank on our property

I strongly feel that one of two burns per year in oshtemo twp for residential burning would in no way have any environmental impact what so ever! The present system is working fine, why fix it?

We still need burning permit for brush fires

If the burning of leaves and camp fires were done responsibly then it should continue, if leaf burning in a plkat needs control then the township should not make it a blanket ruling for all others. The tax payer already feels an over intrusion of govt. If we ban camp fires how long before we ban wood burning for winter? I personally compost all leaves and mulch but burn branches and brush. Thank you for at least considering the tax payer point of view. Don't forget you work for the people!

Leaf removal such as done with city of kalamazoo or portage would be nice depending on cost, i currentloy dump leaves in open fields behind and in front of my home

I live in a condo and condo mgmt takes care of lawn and yard maintenance

I would move!

I would not want to see all burning banned, social activities like camp fires cook outs with fires with family and frineds would go a bit too far

Wehre we lived before had a leaf collection day when a truck with a suction hose would come and collect them. This was paid for with tax dollars; also had brush collection day
There has been unsafe burning in my plat. There have been unattended fires, i stayed home in case of a problem, two of my neighbors have nasty smells in their homes because of burning and some burn garbage
I am a single resider in my home. I now am paying \$77 every 3 mos for garbage service and recycling every 2 weeks; i cant afford another bill and new regulations i am not in control
Don't ban camp fires!!!
Yes!!! I think we have enough laws of all types now! Back off
I agree to ban burning of grass clippings too smoky, should be able to burn leaves
Would not support ban on burning in plats unless township arrange pick up
Ban all burning regardless of "permits"
Using commercial law service removal now.
Condo-smell of leaves burning, the smell of fall, campfires are part of roasting marshmallows. People just need to be responsible.
If a ban or partial ban of at least 2-3 months before it becomes effective via special letter articles in newspapers oshtemo news letter or other methods. Prior notification may mean fewer headaches later for both homeowner and township
Also include construction waste and garbage in the total ban
Drop off at oshtemo township collection center is only on saturdays-not a good day for us. How many destructive fires have been caused by open burning? Why do some people want open burning banned?
Everyone (it seems) on 2nd ave. Which my street ends on, burns leaves, tree limbs and probably road kill burns every fall & every spring. The first 2 minutes of it in the fall make me nostalgic -- then it can stop for another 12 months.
We would like to continue having camp fires
I don't see yard waste burning as a problem. Family campfires, hot dog roast, etc are a positive thing. Sound like a possible unnecessary expense. Sound like a ban proposal is an item that is a pet project of a few.
Seems like this decision should be made by those in subdivisions that would be affected rather than by us "country folk" that have acres to dispose of our mulch.
Is an outside fireplace or similar device within your definition of "recreational burning"? Is a wood burning inside fireplace "recreational burning"? Is an wood burning home heating system recreational burning? Who has requested this survey and, who is paying for it, what is the cost? Please reply: earlymicheal@gmail.com
We are dead set against all burning bans! This is only the beginning of removing our rights + freedoms + the right to make our own choices! We are not a gated community, we are one of the last free + rural communities around. Do not remove more of our rights + freedom!
I would not support any ban on burning and campfires. I have always called in for permits for even burning leaves, which i would be happy to support a regulation to call in for permits to burn leaves. My kids love campfires to roast marshmallows and what not, so i would oppose that.
We want to be allowed to burn in the country trails neighborhood.
Small amount of leaves & branches should be allowed to be burned.
Live in condo where all is taken care of.
I have ~5ac, i just haul to the back '3'.
I feel we should be able to burn brush from our shrubs and trees in a safe manner especially in the winter.
81 years old - living on fixed income. I would support a road side pick up tax. This should be placed on ballot for us to vote on!
Township should hire or buy a large vacuum truck to suck up leaves at the home owners curbs and start a large compost pit on township property for leaves. Fence it in and open it certain days and give township residents free composted soil from it.

would support a total burn ban if we lived in a subdivision.

We have composted over 500 bushels of leaves every year for 20 years.

We live on greystone rd. We have lots of trees. In the fall we have our leaves. Plus our neighbors across the street and next door. If you have as much leaves as we do you would burn also. We cannot afford to (or anybody else) have them haul away leaves or leave them on the ground. This would ruin our lawn. I totally againsts this ban.

Although i don't live in a plat or subdivision, and although i do very occasionally burn things, i support a ban because when my neighbor burns leaves, i am downwind, and the smoke blows right into my house, and i can't even sleep in summer without all the windows closed. Also, i've seen huge fires burning and no one outside monitoring them. Unfortunately, this irresponsible behavior seems the norm out here. I would like to see a township-wide ban.

Dispose of leaves & grass clipping on my own property.

Would we be able to get a burn permit when we trim trees from the orchards and such.

We have too many leaves. We primarily burn fallen sticks and pulled weeds. Our leaves are hauled away by a service in the fall. We leave grass clippings on the lawn. We are getting older. It is a huge help to be able to burn sticks and a few leaves, plus weeds. We have a very large lot. I try to burn when the wind blows the smoke over our pond. I get a permit, and i keep the fire low.

I have a 1 acre lot on n 10th st. I would not support a ban that would include eliminating my ability to have a "campfire" in my fire pit on a crisp october night, with friends over for a bbq. I would do it anyway.

If we had the leaf vaccuum like portage does i would be happy to take my leaves to the curb

Back yard would become a dump if a ban is put in place; on an acre of land too many leaves and branches to bag; also too expensive to hire a commercial service to remove! Removal of waste should be included in our taxes

Due to heavy smoke we cannot open our window most fall weekends and many week nights in the fall and several days in the spring

Former neighbors burned garbage as well as leave it was not pleasant; so i support a ban, thought we had one

Please, please no burn ban. Thank you

Once again government is trying to tell us what we can or cannot do please out all our lives

I would not be able to spend the time or money to bag leaves and get them to a collection center and get the leaves picked up off the lawn

Anything that costs would not pay for

Do not have a vehicle for transporting leaves; we have many trees that drop leaves for a month in the fall; burning the leaves helps us keep ahead of the game. Our neighbors have the same issues

I will continue to have camp fires no matter what!

I am a senior citizen and ease and expense make burning a big factor; i am very careful of safety

On a budget and would not have any way of getting my leaves anywhere-have handicapped souce he can not help

I can see why some woudl like to ban the burning of leaves and grass it is very smoky and smells. I can not see the season for banning other burning such as camp fires and would fight to oppose any such ban

We need more options to get rid of this waste

I thin kthis is ridiculous@ it may make sense in plats where the homes are close together but a total or partial ban is not necessary; please do not let the tree-huggers jam this down our throats

Would use services only free of charge; at least once a day i get behind a vehicle that stinks because of exhaust this is killing our environment much more than burning leaves; cars should have to pass inspections; please refocus your efforts

Pick up by lawn service or garbage service is too expensive this is mostly country area and we should be free to burn. It doesn't polute anymore than the thousands of cars and trucks that travel my street

I burn in a container i do not open burn and i also compost; i respect others right to burn

Its convenient and doesnt crowd my sidewalk

Ban on burning leaves period for everyone platted or not!!!

Health issues asthma allergies are greater concerns than most issues to the writer!
We support recreational burning but not burning of leaves or grass in plats. Question #6 is very confusing and impossible to answer
Woners and renters fo their own, not governement please no more taxes!!!!
Our most frequent problem! People west of us h avenue have frequent and terrible smudge fires with awful smell and smoke 2-3 days at a time
Its nice to be able to have a social camp fire my lot is 15 acres doesnt cause naighbors a problem
Would note against ban, would vote against any commissioner who supported a ban
Sounds liek oshtemo township is looking to become a city
What would services cost? All we enjoy is camp fire andoccasional burning of trimmings and yard twigs; a camp fire is a special family event for us. Thank you.
Doesnt understand question #6; i would support a ban only if it were for the entire township
In the area we live threr shouldn't be a ban for burning
Too many rules already, too much gov't; stop trying to control the world! You want choice for abortion why not choice to burn leaves?
The township is getting along fine just the way it is
This ban would work on areas such as plats. I have 2-3 acres that need leaf removal; if you have a ban what you suggest? I do not mulch and will not!! Who will be checking if i burn leaves? The township is getting too sophisitcated!!
I burn a little, some in my camp fire mostly sticks and brush; lots of trees lots of branches that i burn
Am certain a total burn ban would not be popular; more easy to enforce
Since we do not live in a plat or such this is a bit hard to appreciate what a banor lack there of may cause on some. What issues have arrisen to bring on this initiative
Could we bring bags if sticks tree branches or grass clipping to the leaf drop offs?
I have watched this townshipbecome more and more like a city for 50 years i fear the farm i have will become more & more run by plat dwellers, i love freedom, i hae a water tower across the street and gravel trucks going by my front doors so the residents of 10th street can have their peace
Maybe we should spend more time on how we can reduce property taxes instead of trying to take our freedoms away
Allergy is the problem to smoke and weeds and grass. When people burn we have to shut up the house and leave; i would certainly support a tital burn ban
Plastic bags are worse for the environment sohtemo is a rural community not a big city, having a nice camp fire is part of the charm of oshtemo how long before you start charging for leaf drop off like you want to do for dump day' i have lieved here 15 years and dont see a problem with burning libby heiny-cogswell ran on the basis of restoring oshtemo to a rural community if we start imposing restrictions on things such a s burning where do we go from here? How is having a camp fire different from those that have fire places in their homes and like the abiance of a fire? Do we stop use of indoor fire places?
I never burn leaves or grass clippings; i burn only limbs that fall from trees; i have several acres so not being able to burn would really be an inconvenience
When i did burn i called the fire dept; i have no objection to a chiminea or a fire pit that is supervised
People should have the right to burn what they what on their property! And have camp fires and wood burning furnaces, what next will smokers, deep fat friers, and grills be banned because they create too much smoke?
I hate burning time i have asthma and migraines and the burning makes me really sick! I mulch and pay for yard wastel; i shouldn't have to endure this lack of consideration on part of the people who are cheap and inconsiderate
Isnt it time you pave 2nd street? Instead of spending money on everything else let the people the built those new homes and the rest of us have a paved road
Not all subdivisions are the same. May need different regulations for some areas in order to be fair

Our house has a huge wooded lot to the west and north immediately adjacent to our yard. A few years ago someone burning trash at the far north end of the lot started a wild fire that spread in to the wooded lot; somehow the fire was contained and extinguished; our fire dept could not have contained a forest fire that may have ensued because of their carelessness, our hose could have been toast

Depends on cost garbage or commercial

I live in a condominium question #6 is two-sided

(this survey represents 4 people opinions) we moved out to the country to avoid such over-regulation. We are polite neighbors and burn responsibly. Please do not submit us to the regulations of living in town, thank you

Autumn can be such a beautiful season of the year until people start burning leaves etc. We are forced to close all our windows and even close our fresh air intake in our car when contacting smoke.

We have a lot so I find 4+ acres to mow brush and leaves and grass to even think about bagging; we also love our camp fires those that do not like it don't have to, stay in the city; we love our land

I do burn dead limbs that fall from trees in my woods. And would not want to lose this option. The ashes go into my compost pile. I burn brush about 4 times a year.

Because of casual burning, I once ignored some that was coming from a structure fire and didn't call for help because I knew they burned regularly, by the time I realized the urgent nature it was too late and the structure was engulfed

Would like to burn limbs and brush

I have seen, in other township and counties that have garbage service pick-up yard waste not work to the customer satisfaction. The waste is put in the same truck as refuse.

Although we support privileges we would like to see it limited to yard waste and recreation we are in an area where like to burn other types of refuse we would support a ban on that

Burning of leaves, especially along roadways is dangerous. It is difficult to see while driving, in addition it may cause debris to be scattered. I don't like the smoke haze while driving.

Because I live by the woods, I think a ban on leaf burning is adamant. Controlled fire pit usage is a good thing

There is a huge difference between recreational burning and burning leaves and grass clippings. I can't see putting them together for a total burn ban

My property has a wooded lot so leaf removal is easy for me. Blow all leaves into wooded area

I think if there is a burning ban that the township should pick up my yard waste and leaves

I feel a yard waste burn ban could be used as justification by some neighbors to call in complaints about recreational burning. I could live without yard waste burning, but I like the rec. Burning in small quantities (3 ft dia. Pit).

In my Westport neighborhood our homes are close enough to cause thick smoke to enter open windows and cause windows to be closed. Some neighbors do not follow the rules that are currently in place. Plus it is a waste of the fire dept. Time and resources to respond to irresponsible neighbors. Thank you for this opportunity.

I think campfires would be okay!

Thank you so much for asking the questions. We so appreciate it

I'm getting sick and tired of township officials telling me what I can and can't do on my own property. Leave well enough alone. You meddle too much in our private lives already.

I have branches, leaves, and grass. I compost what I can but times are hard and money is scarce I have no alternative other than burning and composting I call fire department to make sure the weather conditions permit

We don't burn leaves or clippings but we do burn a large brush pile that accumulates over the summer we usually burn once per year.

We have lawn service

Some people here in Westport rake their leaves into the street and they sit there all winter and rot. Could something be done about that please?

Suggest burning of household trash be banned if total burn ban not agreed upon

Condo assn does all yard maintenance
Often the fires in our neighborhood are later in the night. On still nights the smoke seems to settle around our house forcing us to close the doors. It often smells as if people are burning garbage and plastic.
We live in very wooded area and fires are a concern in most of the of the neighborhood due to trees. We are able to have professional help at the end of season and blow/rake further in to woods to naturally decay but not all have this option
Why can't individual subdivisions/home owners associations handle this? This is a waste of township money and time. Why don't you focus on more important issues?
Please allow burning to continue
Burning in residential areas should not be allowed. Too many people living together in one area to have the neighborhood full of smoke.
I wish when people would burn, they would stay by the fire and work it and not just let it smolder. It doesn't take that much and it's being more considerate of others, especially if others don't like the smell of burning.
Please keep my burning policies unchanged
No bans!
As a physician I care for the people with lung problems that have to be admitted because of burning leaves, wood and barbecues
Strongly support burn ban
It is very important to be able to get a burning permit for burning. If this is banned it would cost me a lot of money for disposal. I have 7 maple trees to clean up after. Please do not ban this. I always made sure not to burn if it is windy.
The air quality on days my neighbors are leaf burning is often terrible. It makes mine and my daughters asthma worse which is scary. I wish my neighbors would not burn leaves. Only a ban would help. I will not report anyone no matter how mad the burning makes me
I regularly use small campfires in summer and fall if leaf burning was banned I have them to a woods somewhere
Neighbors burn everything its very unpleasant for many reasons and they seem to burn on windy days
A burn ban is long overdue in the entire township. "leaf" burning and leaves is toxic and an environmental hazard.
Having camp fires on my property is very important to me and my family. Please do not ban this healthy cheap activity. It is also a great way for neighbors to get together
A burn ban is a terrible idea, it infringes on our freedom and consideration is a waste of time and resources
Im not in favor of any type of burning ban without some workable & no cost option for disposal, hauling to township is not an option
The smoke from poison ivy leaves, if inhaled, can be deadly. There are many poison ivy patches in our subdivision, so it is not a stretch to think this could happen here. Inhaling smoke of any kind is dangerous to those with allergies and asthma, not to mention the unpleasantness of breathing smoke from yard waste. I applaud this effort. As far as ban on recreational use, I would wait and see how much of a problem or nuisance it is after living with a ban on yard waste (grass/leaves) first. I don't see much difference in a campfire vs. Burning wood in a fireplace or wood burning stove.
You would get better response if you provide postage
Allow majority subdivision homeowners make banning decision. If I lived in a plat, I would not want burning allowed due to health and environment.
Only practical idea is to get machine like city to pick up at curb but I am not in favor of the expenditure of this would support limited ban in high density areas
I live where I can remove leaves into the woods on my property. The burning leaf smoke gets very thick in the area sometimes and overwhelming and my daughter has asthma. I know there are few options for many people
There is no reason at all to even consider banning of a camp fire in your yard. What's next? Ridiculous!!!!

Currently live in a heavily treed area with no way for tree leaves to just blow away. Not everyone takes care of leaf removal in a timely manner. Those of us who can't afford lawn service are a slave to leave removal daily oct-nov. Our taxes should pay for leaf removal as does kalamazoo, portage and mattawan. I'd be happy to deposit them at the curb for designated pick-up days. 60-ish now - cannot do much longer. Maybe leaves should be left alone to blow around all winter as some do.

If we have checks and balances in place such as calling to get permission to burn (burn permit) why waste valuable man hours and tax payer moeny to come up with a banning on burning leaves, camp fires, etc in our own yards. Money can be spent on other more impoertant issues lets get real here people!

I have seen people burning in their back yard in my neighborhood; very strong smell, flames too close to homes, black soot in the air, childres playing closely - unsafe!

I have 34 acres and need to burn brush to clean woods and farm field

We already have to mow lawns. (rules) . No more new infringements on our lives

Isnt there currently in place some ordinance that requires residents to obtain a permit to burn leaves, etc? That's enough, please dont go overboard with any new additional restrictions

The burning of leaes and grass is a smell that i do not like you can smell it miles away & when my windows are open the whole house stinks, the burning of small fires in a fire pit and camp fires are fine but burning of trash/grass and leaves should be banned

We compost 98% of yard waste, we do not want to compost garlic mustard and other invasive lpants and do not feel its responsbile to abg ut up and ship it for someone else to deal with; we enjoy back yard camp fires and always get a burn permit first

Stop with the regulations

Not everyone can afford or even the ability to bag up and haul to a drop off site; why is this a concern maybe ban, why are we spending so much \$ on this survey

If they decide to pass a burning ban it shoould be devided in two sections west of h avenua nd wast of h avenue; stop passing ordinances oshtemo is know as the ordinance township because have too many and dont need anymore

We recently put a small fire pit in our back yard for smores and hot dogs and it would be a shame to not be able to have neighbors over for this fun summer time activity; in this recession any cheap entertainment is necessary; please dont take it from us now

Leave things alone as long as people call before burning otherwise fine them

As an option burning of branches and leaves could be allowed only during cold months when senior citizens are likely to be in doors

Ive had a burn barrel for 30 years; i use it to burn papers with personal information, i also appreciate that fire pits and camp fires are possible in this township

Infringing on my freedom!! Your all big gov't!

Would any of these burning restrictions affect areas outside plat?

~~Reason for not allowing burning or having a ban on burning is very hard on individuals who have allergies or expecially asthma, it takes the good air away from us~~

Camp fire are usually at night and not as obnoxious
we generate too many leaves to bag and drop off

If you ban burning we have to have another viable option to get rid of leaves, dont want to burn would rather have roadside leaf pick up

I sincerely would hope that you are not considering a tax funded leaf pick up it would be costly and impractical the members of the community are already over taxed

Camp fire recreational burning needs further explanation and noted requirements/restrictions

Please notify residents do not burn wood products that are painted or warnished; all plywood and compressed wood products etc do not burn treated lumber or fires; these products emit dangerous chemicals in the air, and adversely affect

I do not have objection to camp fires, bon fires in locations for business, camp grounds etc but not on private property

I have 5 acres and blow the leaves into the woods. I do burn tree branches and have camp fires from time to time

We need a township pick up, clean up program for leave to be placed in the street

Thank you for examining this issue. Several of our neighbors with kids enjoy bon fires responsibly. Others burn huge amounts of leave in the day time-a hazzard for asthmatic elderly and others. We enjoy the former, endure the latter, we are forced to close windows and put up with the odor

Camp fires and cook outs only should be permitted if weather conditions are favorable and a camp fire permit is issued. Thank you for this survey. Many of my neighbors burn without permits and seem to do so whenever i have windows open. They often leave fires unattended and do so wihtought regard to the smoke and smell of their fires and the impact it has on the community. I am tired of having to confront them and wind up calling the fire dept even if they have been issued a permit

If you are going to ban leaf burning some sort of service should be provided to dispose of leaves. An example would be leaves are raked to the curb then picked up

I would like to see aplace for mulching/composting for banches and other garden waste

We compost leaves but have many branches that need to be disposed of, we have 5 acres and not in a subdivision

Totally against ban and particular camp fire use, should be personal preference

I would not appreciate losing my fire pit but idiots with matches worry me

No ban!

Recreational campfires in a pit ring bowl or other containers 5 feet in diameter or less should not be banned. I am a mature adult and have the capacity to determine when conditions are unsafe for burning and i take the proper 'common' safety precautions when i have campfires

We live in a heavily wooded area it woud be a full time job dealing with the leaves if we couldn't collect the leaves and burn them.

Please do not add to my property maintenance costs by requiring me to haul off biodegradable and burnable debris.

Safety concern for those who burn when its dry/windy

Pleased to see consideration for health/safety/environment concern burning. Personally know of one in our neighborhood w/allergies/asthma/healthy issues who are affected by others

Next issue... Number of cars per house and/or parking on lawns

I can't believe burning leaves is still allowed. People start fires this way. I know of two fires that were started by people burning leaves even trees caught fire. We should never be allowed to burn just from a healthy environment standpoint. Some people even burn who have woods in their back yard. These people are just laxy and inconsiderate

I have a large amount of limbs and woody brush to dispose of

It would be nice to have curb side leaf pick up like the city of kalamazoo has

Are you excluding people with acres of peroprtly in this proposed ban? I assume the proposal is for platted areas only, hopefully people with acreage can still burn leaves, downed trees, camp fires should be allowed if supervised and they have space in plats.

Even though i don't burn (i compost), i'm against a ban on burning leaves/grass clippings. I would burn if i didn't compost. I am totally opposed to any kind of a ban on campfires, etc. We do it all the time as a family activity and we enjoy it.

This survey was very specific to the burning of leaves and grass. This survey is very biased. Leaves and grass when burned cause a lot of odor and smoke. What about brush burning? The burning of wood and brush is very different than burning leaves or grass and far more necessary.

All fire is not bad. Recreational social camp fires should be allowed. Bon fires are subject to twp permit; already and this is a reasonable safety measure. Burning trash and trash burners should be out lawed. Wood stoves and fire places in homes should be allowed in all parts of the twp.

Leaf drop or sponsored by the twp should be a cost paid by the users. Tax payers who someone or otherwise do not use the service should not pay for it!
You would charge too much for law service removal. Pretty soon we won't have any rights what we can do on our property.
I like camp fires sometimes
I burn bush trimmings as well as leaves, usually mulch grass clippings.
Garbage service or commercial lawn service is too expensive
This is all assuming if i didnt live in a condo
Too many leaves!!!
No burning barrels allowed. Safe, covered campfires pits only. Would use garbage service or commercial lawn service through township only.
It seems like people burn on the nice days when you want to have your windows open
I think we should have a leaf pick up, like city of kalamazoo. Maybe a total of three pick ups.
One of our neighbors burned his shed down from recreational burning and it nearly spread to adjacent properties; we live in a heavily wooded area so i just rake leaves into the woods; ban all burning! I have asthma and it is dangerous for me to inhale leaves that are burning
I would like to have an occasional campfire in the back yard like my neighbors do, but i thought that we were not permitted to burn in the township.
If i do not annoy my neighbors & am safe. I should be able to do this! I can see concern in a neighborhood. But i live on 10 acres! My neighbors and i settle the burning issue between us with no need for the township's "help".
Hate the smell of burning leaves.
Even though we live in a condo we cannot tolerate noxious smell outside burning
Ban leaf burning at side of road or in road
Oshtemo township should have leaf pick up in fall and spring
Sell and move 20+ trees on property and completely surrounded on all sides by other peoples property
Is a burning ban is enacted extend ban 200 yds beyond all plats doesnt make sense to ban burning in a plat and have the person next to the line burn
I need to shred 15 cartons of personal paper, any suggestions?
Burning leaves is a constitutional right!
Garbage service pick up can be expensive and limits # of bags they will take per week. Oshtemo is still a semi-rural area with a lot of large tree filled yards. Residents of these homes seem to love nature and enjoy their yards. Many families work together raking and burning leave, enjoy camp fires under the stars and use burn ashes in garden for compost, it would be very sad to see those outdoor delights taken away
On days that windows are open in the neighborhood it seems that there is always someone burning something somewhere
Specifically define leaves/grass from shrubs/wood and recreational burning.
Why is this even brought up?
Simple solution is plan b
A burning ban would mean for the numerous wooded lot land owners in oshtemo that removing trees and forested areas and planting mega lawns would be the only reasonable choice. Mega lawns do more environmental damage than one or two burnings of tree trimmings per year. Wooded lot owners need the ability to burn limbs and brush to control and nurture their land otherwise forcing them to clear their land to control it, you simply cannot mulch and compost the amount of brush limbs etc; produced by a 1/2 3 acres area our contribution of the live trees and woods to the township more than makes up for the small amount of pollution caused by 1-2 brush fires per year
I get so tired of smelling other people's dirty garbage smoke, just when i am having dinner or guests in; the smoke waffles in; please please a stop to this we have a beautiful neighborhood and this destroys it; people who burn are just too cheap to put in a garbage can
I have a neighbor who burns garbage all the time; i know this about leaf burning but if you can't stop him

how do you control leaf burning? The whole township will smell like fires are burning all year round.
No cost to residents for unasked services please
To have to many trees and laves for pick up & i also burn brush from fence row
I currently do not need to burn anything however i support the right to burn if needed
There is a recent trend of township locally over regulate. Thought i dont burn leaves i believe property owners have the right to do so
I want to use my peoperty the way i want; after all the one that has to pay such high taxes
Who is going to pay for these services? You are kidding me. I would put them in your parking lot; this township is losing their minds why change anything? You people have too much time on your hands, change nothing!!!
We dont like the direction of these questions sensible burning of yard waste and camp fires should not be regulated; if we had to bag our leaves we would need over 100 bags per season; a ban is a terrible idea
Camp fires would need to limited to small contained fires
As loong as you are considerate of your neighbors and dont let a lot of smoke flow in their direction and keep the fires smaller burning should be ok. With a heavily wooded lot we also have a lot of tree trimmings to dispose of
I dont have a lot of leaves in my yard but i support any efforts to recycle and reuse yard waste burning pollutes the air and negatively effects people with health problems
Can you imagine the smoke filled air pollution if you were to allow the burning of leaves etc in oshtemo? Please consider this, my son and i both have lung issues and asthma and pulmonary fibroses some of the neighbors burn occasionally and its very bad for our breathing
I burn wood from dead branches and mulch leaves and grass getting rid of branches is a problem if burning is not allowed
Someone was burning yesterday, a beautiful day and i had to close up the house because of the smoke houses in weat port are too close together to allow any burning
I live in the country so little open fires should not be a big deal
For the health of others it is simply inappropriate to burn leaves few people do not have a mulching mower or a small corner of their yard where they could compost leaves
We have used township leaf drops and pay for garbage yard waste collection our allergies make leaf burning a problem-trouble breathing. Hate it on a nice autumn day when windows are open and someone starts burning leaves-then we cant breathe in out home either
By burning leaves and grass small limbs and branches we are helping keep oshtemo clean and nicer looking
Enjoy campfires and very much against banning them im unaware of any problems ever in oshtemo township as a result of any burning, wondering why this is being considered. Far more important issues than this
Thew closer we live together the less we want to have everyone brining out in the wider open areas why not let people burn what they like
The city should pick up leaves regularly during the autumn and in addition provide a pring and fall clean up service; west port has high property taxes and little services
My leaves are disposed of in my woods
We have yard waste service and we use leaf and waste day at the township
I think burning leave and garbage should be banned only papers in a container should be allowed
It would be nice if services were available please stop the burns on those days people burn we need to close up everything due to asthma problems and cant even enjoy being outside for weeks, yard work etc. I have called about this in the past; requestng that burning to stopped; hopefully this practice will be banned! Thanks for addressing this!
I believe the ban on leave/greass clippings burning should be instituted township wide; extremely bothered by piles burning along side the roads haing to drive through the smoke or breathing the smoke
Definitely would not want to see fire pits banned lots of families use them as recreation most are responsible for handling a fire 2 of my neighbors agree with me

You have better things to do

Being able to burn branches enables us to keep our yard and surrounding woods trimmed and /or cleaned up after storms high winds ice damage, etc campfires are fun but we have had to close our windows to keep out the smell from one next door after they were doused at night

Please make it clear to residents that a burning permit is required we have new neighbors they burn everything and we dont want to antagonize them with complaints

Is the township going to provide free leaf pickup

All options are expensive

I would be very upset if a total burn ban was in put in place people should have the choice and be responsible about it if they are putting others in danger we have police/fire departments to assist us should that situation arise

Years ago i had no breathing problems how ever driving through an area of leaf smoke ws very distressing

I have a neighbor who burns garbage in a burn barrel is smells bat i don't mind leaf burning what can be done about burn barrels

While i do not feel it is necessary to burn leaves since they decompose and burning them releases extra green ? Gases i would not support or total burning ban i feel there are times burning out trees for fires is enjoyable

Having small burn you already aallow is nice and serice its purpose. Allowing people to hav little outdoor dies is nice we enjoy ours

I live on several acres and need to burn the debris after storms. Its ashame to be penalized because other choose to burn garbage, how about you punish them as opposed to people that abide by the current laws, wow!! Novel idea

Having many folks burn in the fall is a nuisance is not unhealthy

If i had 3 to 10 bags may use but we aould have 100-200 bags; the time and cost of bags would be great

Not all plats are 1/4 a lots (nearly illegible)

I have trouble with my neighbor burning - she burns too close to my house (22 feet) and leaves fires unattended (a major fire hazard) the smell filters into my house (she burns away from her house so that the smell doesn't permeate her home - just mine). I have to close all of my windows and cannot even attempt to work in my yard or enjoy my deck because i am allergic to the smoke. I have discussed this situation with her but she continues to burn 2-3 times per week (more during the fall). Burning is a tremendous, unnecessary environmental polutant as well as a person health issue.

We would be extremely upset if a burn ban [other than high wind / dry conditions] was imposed. It would be extremely problematic and create a great hardship. It is very difficult for us to transport leaves and branches to the dump site. We do not have a truck and it would be impossible to transport the amount of natural debris from our property. We could not afford hiring a pickup service or commercial lawn service for removal. If the township would provide some type of alternative service, compost bins, chipping machines, leaf pickup and storm damage repair/pickup that would compensate for the ease and inexpensive method of burn control that would be helpful. We are doing the work now to keep the property clear of brush and debris. We would be opposed to any type of ban on burning on our property.

This would be a huge mistake to make a burn ban. People should be able to freely burn their leaves, grass clippings, etc. Also people should be able to enjoy a campfire. Don't take away the freedom of these things.

I think it is inconsiderate for people to burn leaves etc and fill their neighbors homes with smoke . Some even burn garbage. People with asthma and other lung problems are at risk too. A total ban would be wonderful.

At least ban the burning of garage in residential areas.

Do not support a ban of any kind. If there are issues with burning they need to be handled as individual issues and not the "shot-gun" approach of punishing everyone for a minorities transgressions. If there has been an issue with a neighbor then it is dealt with directly. There is a system in place for times when someone may be burning in violation, let the system work do not punish those who burn responsibly. There are other jurisdictions where burning is not allowed, if you do not wish to have burning around you

feel tree to move there.

Hard for older people to bag and drop off large bags. We use grass/leaves in the fall for mulching, however, when tree tops or large branches come down they usually just get put on a pile to burn when the time is appropriate.

We have people that burn a lot. Not only does it smell but everyone else has to close their windows because of the nasty smoke. There are children with asthma in the area and they have to stay in with the windows closed on nice summer days. Plus people burn and leave it unattended so i have to worry about the wind and potential spread. Please ban burning!

The right to have a bon fire when you want even if you live in a sub...(i don't) would be a shame to loose. With a fire dept. That sits idol for a great deal of time and has a great deal of tax payer provided gear, i think they could handle an occasional grass fire or any other challenge that would arise. I agree with dry weather bans but a total ban i could not support. This really needs to be and discussed, i am glad the survey is available online.

A ban on burning would probably increase roadside dumping of debris.

I would like to see the township do everything possible to encourage composting, including composting the yard waste that is collected at the osthemo twp collection center. It is the sensible and responsible thing to do and the twp should be leading the way.

Also, i hope that if a burn ban is put into effect, that it also applies to homes that are outside of subdivisions (see question 1 above). There are many homes on our street, not located in subdivisions, that burn yard waste unnecessarily, causing pollution and an unhealthy and unsafe neighborhood. It's inconsiderate and very annoying.

Thank you.

Just moved into the area.

I have garbage service for yard waste, and there is no way i can get the amount of leaves that i get, in curby for the once a week pickup. As for the commercial lawn service removal that comes down to money, and lack of it. I have 4 trees in my yard, and 2 are on the lines, most of the leaves i receive is by way of my neighbors, i would not burn if i had other options, its not like i enjoy standing outside for hours watching leafs burn. I have lived out here for 28 years, and i have had neighbors call on me and complain, go look and see how many leafs they have in there yards. None or else they live in one of the big houses and they can afford to my a lawn service.

Please find a way to included unplatted as well as platted areas in a ban on burning leaves and other yard waste. Our smokiest neighbors live in small (5 to 10 acre) lots that are not within residential plats. Every fall, the smoke from smoldering, damp leaves creates a haze over the entire neighborhood. Make them stop!

Our lot is too large - cannot fit that many bags into the car to transport leaves for disposal

I'm a responsible land/ homeowner, that burns moderately, with a respect for safety to myself and others. Have been doing it since 1994. Moderate burning is not a problem, uncontrolled burning is! If there's a banning on burning leaves and recreational burns, may want to think about charcoal grill burning, propane grill burning, fireplace burning, wood stove and furnace burning, exhaust fumes from vehicle and generators, and so on! I like the idea of calling in for 24 hour burn permit.

Why are we considering a ban? Have we had many fires that were caused by burning leaves or by camp fires? Assuming that people want a ban because they don't want the smoke or smell from the fires, are we going to ban having a fire in a fireplace as well?

While people do need to be careful with how they burn their leaves, osthemo already has laws pertaining to the burning leaves. If anything, we should look at how to enforce the existing laws effectively.

I don't burn leaves and grass clippings. I have a garbage service pick up my grass clippings and some leaves. The bulk of fall leaves, i haul into the woods on my property.

I do, however, burn brush and small logs that i clear from my property. My sudivision has large lots ranging from .5 acres up to 2-3 acres and is wooded. Osthemo is made up of different types of subdivisions. Those like mine, have no other choice in order to keep their properties neat and under control.

I don't live in a subdivision, so shouldn't only those that do answer question #1 ?

I also don't like recreational burning & burning of leaves etc being put in same question, especially since i live in woods, have a in-ground fire pit, & many times campfires are actually cooking fires.

Again question #2 combined two separate issues & should be asked separately.

If you or someone else has a problem with leaf/grass burning in subdivision... That should be addressed to those it affects.

I have live here since 1976. I love my wooded home and i am responsible with burning that i do... If i need to do large burn... I call and get permit. Part of land management is to not let piles of dead wood/branches/leaves etc build up. I'm happy with the choices to burn that exist now, i don't see the point of change. Why are you doing a survey ? Shouldn't you consider who you need to target?

I will repeat myself and suggest that you rewrite the survey to distinguish why you're getting the answers you are. I'm assuming something's not right with how people are burning or you wouldn't be asking these questions. If so, why not state that there's a problem you're trying to resolve, then ask the questions. You say the purpose is to gather information, but why do you need that info ?

It is my property. I paid for it. I pay taxes on it. I am the one to maintain it. I should be able to do that on my property if i so desire. Especially the campfires. That is part of socializing, entertaining and enjoying where you live.

Live in condo, commercial lawn service removes them now.

Ability to burn safely and have fire pits for recreation is a must!

Many of my neighbors (including myself) have small campfires during the spring & summer months where the children get to cook hot dogs & roast marshmallows over a fire. A ban on campfires is ridiculous if not offensive. A small campfire is just as much a part of summer as running thru yard sprinklers or playing in a pool. And a ban on burning leaves is just as ludicrous. As a rule i am not a proactive in a political sense but i will speak out loudly if bans of this nature come close to becoming a reality.

I need to burn tree branches, maybe the township should pick up tree limbs,twice a year,from storms.ect.than i wouldnt need to burn!!!!

I believe you need to define your terms. You refer to the burning of leaves and grass clippings yet at other points you refer to yard waste. While i generally do not burn grass and leaves i own a heavily wooded lot and do burn fallen branches, dead wood and other woody material as the need arises. I do not support an accross the board burning ban. What may be appropriate for a platted community is not necessarily appropriate for a more rural setting. Additionally, i have a fire ring where i will occasionally burn logs in a campfire setting. I attempt to be mindful of the neighbors and have called in for burning permits when the "yard waste" accumulates.

It is very difficult for the rual locations to capture and haul the leaves to a different locations. May not have a truck or a way to haul plus it will make a mess going down the road. It would also take many trips to do such a thing.

I feel that a burn ban would hinder the disposal of leaves and grass clippings from around the area and the ban of outdoor fires would be a large impact to reasons not to move into the township. I do have outdoor fires through out the year and im very considerate of my neighbors in the area. Alot of my neighbors come over to visit and talk when they see a bonfire in the backyard. Nice relaxing social event to get to know the neighbors. To my knowlege no one in the area has ever complained about it and it is done in a reasonable and controled manner. If it is enacted there goes the enjoyment of living in the township in which you can enjoy the outdoors with friends and neighbors. Just how i feel.

A ban needs to be implemented especially in areas of dense population; my house is just west of drake, between skyridge and driftwood, and we are too close together for this practice not to infringe on the neighborhood.

The reason i may support a ban is because i saw damage on a street in oshtemo township from a fire that burned a mail box. I don't know if it was left unattended or just spread before the homeowner contained it. I don't like the idea of leaf & grass fire smoke drifting into open windows. I think campfires are ok.

We enjoy having small family campfires and would like to preserve these if a ban is put in place.

We have vastly different types of communities existing in oshtemo. Take for example westport and country club. Because the close proximity of the houses in westport, it's not wise to burn anything.

However, country club's residential plats are vastly bigger (1/4 acre and bigger), making sense to allow brush burning.

With that in mind, i do not support a total burn ban.

#7 is vague - who is doing the arranging? The residents or the township? If the township is arranging, would there be additional fees incurred to the homeowner, and how would fees be collected?

Thank you for the survey. I appreciate the opportunity to participate.

We have 20 acres next to a plat which was built around us. It has trees and brush which needs periodic maintenance. We burn the big branches in a wood stove for heat in the winter but burn the smaller branches and brush periodically (with a burn permit). We also have family campfires and cookouts along with hosting our church group on occasion for a campfire. We have not been a nuisance or caused problems for our neighbors. We would not support a burning ban and would be very upset if one were implemented.

Pretty unreasonable that i would have to go through a extremely large expense. My neighbor has an "alleged" health issue with leave burning but yet they have their wood burning fireplace going through the winter.

Perhaps the ban should exclude the fall when leaf hauling would be very impractical

We live on a wooded lot and once or twice a year we burn dead limbs and brush. If a total ban were in place, we would like to be able to drop the limbs and brush at the oshtemo township collection center.

I will not let the government take any more of my freedoms away.

I do not pay taxes so i can be told "no! You can't do that."

you tax (rape) us enough already.

Thoughts of oshtemo township: let's take a random survey of those who fund our paychecks to see if we can take away a freedom they have now.

Correct...i am not happy.

People should be able to make their own decisions, talk with their neighbors and follow the "golen rule" when it comes to burning. If everyone used a little common sense this would not be an issue. Do not let a few ruin it for most. It is probably a few people that burn when they should not based on winds etc and smoke directions. It is probaby a few that complain. Most people do not have an issue and most people don't complain. If i have a problem with my neighbor burning i will talk to them about it. If my neighbor has a problem with me burning they can talk to me about it. The township should keep their noses out of private property matters.

The township is a very large area and no issue is one size fits all. Probably creat a nuisance if you burn in the westport subdivision between 9th and 10th streets as the neighbors are close. But someone living on property in the undeveloped areas of the township could burn without buggin anybody. I think banning burning township wide would be a very bad idea, but it would make sense to ban it within specific plats.

Also i think backyard campfires should not be lumped in with burning leaves and grass. Leaves and grass create lots of smoke which is probably the major complaint, a campfire burning dry or seasoned wood does not create the same issues. Also think how many individuals complain a year and how many total residents are there? This seems like an issue that is being over exaggerated so the township officials should think real hard before doing anything rash.

We would definately composte - but sometimes we have to many and wouldn't bag, so we love the fact that we can still burn. We also love having the option to have friends and family over and have a bon-fire. We also have a lot of dead trees - how else would we have them removed with out paying a lot of money, except to burn and have a bon fire. We don't want to end up like portage - no burning what so ever there. That is one of the main reasons we moved to oshtemo :) we don't have a lot of neighbors close to us and we are careful not to burn if they have any special events going. Besides - how about my neighbor that burns his trash on occasion? They live on the corner of 6th & stadium - green house :)

Because of the bulk of leaves that i deal with (1-1/2 acres mostly red oak), the lot is a little too small for practical compost pile, too small to mulch in place, and too large to use commerical trash pickup. If a total ban were to happen my only option would be use a landscaping serice?

We are very conscientious and careful when we burn our leaves and are considerate of the neighbors, some of whom also burn theirs. We live in a plat and there is no room to compost them and trucking them away would simply create twenty bags of leaves in some collection facility when they can be far better used as fertilizer in our garden. We also have campfires a few times a year in an outdoor fireplace. It is an excellent way to spend time with our children and friends summer evenings. Please don't take this little treat of the outdoors away from us.

I would also continue to burn and take my chances. Who exactly is behind this ridiculous initiative????

We have an outdoor wood burning stand that we use for recreational use: sitting around campfire, roasting smores, etc. That we enjoy with our friends and neighbors.

We have used commercial services for removal of our tree limbs, grass clippings, etc. For the past eleven years. The cost is minimal and we would continue to do so as needed instead of burning.

One of the things that we really like about living in oshtemo township is that we are allowed to have campfires in our backyard. We would be really disappointed if there was a total burn ban.

Why not let the neighborhoods/plats decide on their own what to do? This is a tough survey because you are going to always have people who support a ban, and always have a large number who support not having a ban.

When u have 30 acers u should have options like burning ie campfire or yard waste. It is not a bother to the neighbors possible solution is to have a ban in plates or subdivisions. Simular to the hunting ordinance not within so many feet of a residence or structure.

We have alot of trees in my yard, and have come from the city of portage where we had yard waste pick up curbside once a month. We are trying to clean up a backyard that was left for several years and has about 6" of leaves.

Why is the township expending resources on such a trivial and low-priority issue?

We have had ongoing issues with irresponsible burning in our subdivision. Most do not get permits. Many burn garbage with their leaves, sticks, and grass, producing noxious odors and heavy smoke. There have been issues with some leaving a fire unattended, which we consider a safety issue since we live in a heavily wooded area. We are strongly in favor of a complete ban on burning, which would allow us to enjoy the fall outdoors. My wife has asthma and even indoors has issues when our neighbors burn.

I think that homeowners should be able to burn yard waste, seasonally as long as homeowner is attending to the fire while burning.

As an alternative, a curb side leaf pickup would be nice.

A spring clean up for tree trimmings etc. As well as an oppoportunity to set out non-functioning appliances. Stoves, refrigerators, sinks etc.

Page 2, question 1: exemptions should be considered for out-lying properties they may benefit from the minimal exposures.

Right now we place yard waste on an adjacent lot that is undeveloped that we own. If we did not own it, i would definitely want an environmentally friendly solution to yard waste. If the only option was to cart it to the township, i'd do it, but my vehicle is not well suited for that. Instead, i'd pay my garbage company for yard waste pick up.

This has been a problem in the past that upsets me greatly. We do not live in the country where people in general are not affected. It is unreasonable and unrealistic to burn in neighborhoods where houses/condos are so close. I feel it is an issue that threatens the health and well being of my young children and my house as well. I will do everything i can within the law to make sure this does not happen

We must maintain the ability to burn yard waste. Oshtemo is kept as a low density residential for these types of reasons, we are not an urban environment.

And put a sidewalk over 131 and up 9th street!

Thank you, and we love oshtemo!!!

Oshtemo township is still a rural community and rural residents should not be affected by a burning ban that

may be needed in higher populated areas.

Perhaps "one specific day per week" could be designated as an "allowed burn day" in these plats or subdivisions for burning of leaves and grass clippings. Recreational burning should not fall under this

Dan.

In an economy that is placing great burdens people, is this really a necessary item to cut out? We need to be able to burn our yard's leaves and sticks, without incurring another yet expense to let someone else remove them, or a greater time commitment to bag and deliver them!

Please maintain Oshtemo's uniqueness from Kalamazoo proper by maintaining this privilege.

I would not be willing to pay someone to pick up my leaves at my house, but if the township arranged for them to be collected at the curb I might use it.

I do not support more ordinances in Oshtemo township, there is no need to control everything people do.

Purchasing extra services is not an option at this point in our economy or my budget. I have no idea what I could do with all of it as it accumulates...

I find it very frustrating living in a very wooded neighborhood that we do not have a leaf pick up in the fall. I think that if our taxes paid for leaf pick up (as they do in the city of Kalamazoo) the burning of leaves would barely be an issue at all. Currently I end up paying over \$400 in the fall to have a company come and remove the leaves from our yard. I would much rather pay more in our taxes and spend a few weekends pulling them out to the street that have that expense.

I just bought a house here in December of last year. I like this township and being out in the country and yet close to Kalamazoo city. I haven't had a chance to either burn leaves or do the drop off but I do have bonfires which is one of the reasons I bought a house in Oshtemo. I definitely would be against the ban on recreational burning. Especially since I don't have any close neighbors.

I do not burn leaves or grass, but I do burn brush / tree fall. All of our burning is done off of the ground. Last fall was terrible for leaf burning. A thick dense layer of smoke hung about our house for days.

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Glen Hawkins	2457 Ramblewood Dr	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	49009			
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Rerucha	9337 Highland View Drive	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	49009			
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Van Hatch	6917 Willson Dr	Kalamazoo	49009	
	8872 Wendolyn Way	Kalamazoo	49009	
Stephen Tucker	6391 Torrington Rd	Kalamazoo	49009	
	9166 West L Avenue	Kalamazoo	49009	
Dennis Leskowski	6159 Pheasant Ln	Kalamazoo	49009	
Rex Hornish	6953 Northstar Ave	Kalamazoo	49009	
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Bill Buell						
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Jan Voss	4648 O Park St		Kalamazoo	49009		
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OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Oshtemo Township Board meeting held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Nedervelt opened the meeting with invocation. All members of the Township Board present, also present was Atty. Philip Schafer and Mr. Geo. Boyce representing Wilkins and Wheaton Eng. Co. Harold Underwood moved that the minutes be approved as mailed, seconded by Theo. Snow. Passed.

Theo. Snow moved that the income be acknowledged and approved and disbursements amounting to \$7,405.03 be paid, seconded by Harold Underwood. Passed by Board.

Simon Visser was present for final approval of West Port Plat #4. Clerk read letters from both Atty. Bauckham and Wilkins and Wheaton Engineering stating that everything seemed to be in order and both recommended the approval of the Plat. Moved by Theo. Snow and seconded by Harold Underwood to approve the final Plat Plans as submitted by Simon Visser for West Port #4 Plat to require the payment of the \$2.00 per lot fee from Mr. Visser pursuant to the Township Subdivision Control Ordinance for a total of 114 lots, and to request the township engineer to submit a statement to the Township for its service rendered in approving the Plat plans. Motion carried unanimously. The clerk signed the Plat and Mr. Geo. Boyce from Wilkins & Wheaton gave a check for \$228.00 to the Township.

The rezoning of Fairlane Plat from "B" Residence Dist. to an "A" Residence Dist. This consists of Lots #1 through 59. Both the Oshtemo Twp. Zoning Board and Co. Planning Commission approved the request. Mr. Howard Bushouse, who was present, spoke in opposition to the change. Mr. Triestram, developer and owner of the empty lots and land at the North of the Plat had opposed the change at the Zoning Hearing. After considerable discussion, this zoning matter was tabled for two weeks.

The rezoning of land in Sec. 33 located at 8401 W. Michigan to a depth from W. Michigan Ave. of 200 ft. from a "B" residence to a "C" local Business Dist. for the operation of a proposed used car lot and used Furniture Store, this request was favored by Township Zoning Board and Co. Planning Comm.

Harold Underwood made motion to approve, seconded by Gertrude Wilber. Passed by Board. Harold Underwood moved that this be Ordinance #81, this Ordinance to take immediate effect. Glenn Husted supported motion. Passed by Board.

The Burning Ordinance which had been tabled at the previous Township meeting was brought up and Harold Underwood made motion that we not adopt the Burning Ordinance, seconded by Theo. Snow. Passed by vote of the Board. Meeting adjourned.

Gertrude Wilber, Oshtemo Twp. Clerk

Gertrude Wilber

July 13, 1971

OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 13, 1971, Oshtemo Township Regular Board meeting held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Nedervelt called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. All Township Board members in attendance also Atty. John Bauckham. Theodore Snow moved that the minutes of the last Board meeting be approved, seconded by Glenn Husted. Passed.

After the review of disbursements amounting to \$11,823.69 and Income of \$2,812.50 Harold Underwood moved to pay all bills, motion seconded by Theo. Snow. Passed by Board. The Credentials of John Preston and Associates of Continental Eng. were reviewed and felt to be satisfactory, Glenn Husted moved to retain Continental Eng. on part time basis for inspection where necessary, seconded by Harold Underwood. Passed.

Tarnow Tree cutting service presented a price of \$325 and Taylor Tree cutting a price of \$313 for cutting a large tree which was on the fence line at W. Oshtemo Cemetery.

Ted Snow moved that the Township sign contract with Tarnow Tree cutting service to remove the tree, seconded by Harold Underwood. The Supervisor felt that some new fencing was necessary at back line of Genessee Cemetery, fencing around Hill Cemetery and replace some posts at W. Oshtemo Cemetery, Gertrude Wilber moved that \$500 be appropriated to take care of the fencing, seconded by Harold Underwood. Steve Rundman Jr. made application for a new SDM licensee to be located at 5190 W. Main St. in Maple Hill Mall. Mr. Rundman showed plans for a large drug center, this would include postal service and consumers pay station. Glenn Husted moved, seconded by Ted Snow that his request be granted, on roll call vote, Snow yes, Nedervelt yes, Husted yes, Underwood yes, Wilber yes. All members present. Sup. Nedervelt discussed speed limits on M-43 between Lodge Lane and Drake Rd. he felt that the speed limit should be reduced to 45 MPH. Glenn Husted moved that a resolution be drawn up and sent to the State Road Dept., asking that a speed limit of 45 MPH be set for area starting at Lodge Lane East to Drake Road, and left turn signals be installed at M-43 and Drake Road. The Board approved the splitting of Lot 136 in West Port Plat each 1/2 to the adjoining Lot.

The Supervisor said that some adjustments would have to be made on the West Main Mall enforcement officers, one replacement and one new. Glenn Husted moved to approve John C. Hawthorne and Kim Kolb.

Harold seconded, passed by Board.

Supervisor Nedervelt presented a Trash and Leaf burning Ordinance for the Board to review, it was generally felt that it would be difficult to enforce, it was referred back to the Fire Commission for review.

The Supervisor suggested that summer office hours be started July 19th thru Aug. 27th, hours to be 8:00 to 4:00 it was agreed.
Respectfully submitted.

Gertrude Wilber

GERTRUDE WILBER
TOWNSHIP CLERK

INSULATION FOR STAION #3

Supervisor Hill reported that the Building Committee is getting estimates to insulate the station at 3rd & H AV.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Chief Moore explained that runs are on the increase. They are experiencing difficulty getting personnel to respond, especially in the daytime or late at night.

A possible recruitment program was suggested to acquire more personnel.

OPEN BURNING

There is alot of negative in the County regarding open burning of leaves, brush, etc. Some areas are going to "no burning".

We try to discourage open burning in the township, especially constructors burning building material.

Chief Moore brought up the problem of the Township's leaves that the lawn service piles in two or three places for the Fire Dept. to burn. The Dept. discourages others from burning and it does not seem right that we should continue.

The possibility of having the lawn service haul the leaves away each year was discussed. This will increas the cost, of course.

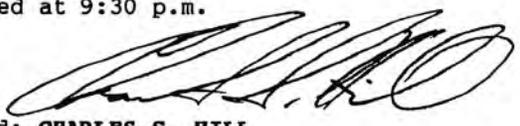
It was suggested that the dumpster bins could be put in the cemeteries for leaves in the fall.

It was agreed taht the piles we have now will be burned off and we will investigate other options fro the next lawn contract.

Elain Branch will investigate the volume of leaves we have and the cost of hauling them away or a dumpster box for disposal.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Elaine J. Branch
ELAINE J. BRANCH
TOWNSHIP CLERK


Attested: **CHARLES S. HILL**
SUPERVISOR

DECEMBER 13, 1994

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. All Board Members were present, except Howard Bushouse. Also present were, Richard Reed, Township Attorney and Robert Snell, Township Engineer along with 4 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Fiala, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of our last meeting held, on November 29, 1994. Carried.

Income to the General Fund of \$13,729.29, and disbursements of \$845,140.74 were reported. Fire Fund income was \$.00 with disbursements of \$7,707.01. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to acknowledge the income and pay the bills. Carried.

WASTE REDUCTION ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and licensing of residential garbage collection services, including recycling, trash and yard waste, was presented for First Reading.

The Ordinance would require waste haulers to offer curbside collection of recyclables, trash and yard trimming, in order to be able to make garbage collections in Oshtemo Township.

It was explained that the effective date will be May 1, 1995. This will allow the County time to prepare for the licensing procedure and the haulers to gear up for the addition services.

Motion made by Brown, seconded by Anderson to accept the Ordinance for First Reading and set the Second Reading for December 27, 1994. Carried.

Treasurer Brown stated she felt it was important to close our two recycling sites at the time the Ordinance takes effect. She moved to coincide the closing of our recycling sites with the effective date of the Ordinance. She stated the following reasons:

1. There would be a duplication of services.
2. The dollars saved could go for other programs, i.e. roads.
3. Would eliminate the problems and mess of the sites.
4. Oshtemo people are actually providing service for other areas.

Also, this will allow time to educate our citizens through the newsletter, newspaper and signs.

Clerk Branch supported the motion, stating that the education will be very important. The motion carried unanimously.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

An amendment to our Uniform Traffic Ordinance that addresses under age drinking and driving, was presented for First Reading. The Ordinance would follow the State Law that established a "zero" tolerance policy for drivers under the age of 21 who have been drinking. Violations could be written under our Ordinance rather than the State Law. Motion made by Brown, seconded by Johnson to accept the Ordinance for First Reading and set the Second Reading for December 27th. Carried.

OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

As a result of a ban on open burning, which goes into effect in March of 1995, our attorney and fire department prepared an Ordinance to regulate burning. It was explained that a community with a population of over 7,500 could allow open burning, provided they controlled it by ordinance.

The Ordinance reflects the current unwritten policy of the Fire Department. It would allow, by permit, the burning of leaves and brush and burning associated with agriculture. The Ordinance also addresses recreational fires, incinerators, waste burners and grills.

Due to past problems at apartments, charcoal grills will be prohibited on balconies. Gas grills will be allowed, however.

Trustee Anderson questioned the problem with smoke from burning leaves, etc. being a serious concern for people with respiratory conditions. The Ordinance provides the Fire Department the authority to require fires extinguished if complaints are received.

Engineer Snell inquired about developers burning stumps and was told that they can not get a permit to burn stumps. They must be hauled away.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Fiala to set the Ordinance for First Reading on December 27th. Carried.

1995 MEETING DATES

The Board was provided with a schedule of meeting dates for 1995, continuing the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Trustee Johnson questioned the wisdom of a meeting on December 26th because it was the day after Christmas. After discussion, motion made by Brown, seconded Anderson to approved the dates as presented. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Elaine J. Branch
ELAINE J. BRANCH, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

R. Fleckenstein
Attested: RON FLECKENSTEIN
SUPERVISOR

DECEMBER 27, 1994

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. All Board Members were present, except Howard Bushouse. Also present were, Richard Reed, Township Attorney and Robert Snell, Township Engineer along with 10 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Fiala to approve the minutes of our last meeting held, on December 13, 1994. Carried.

Income to the General Fund of \$4,584.48, and disbursements of \$66,912.58 were reported. Fire Fund income was \$1,787.00 with disbursements of \$48,283.92. Motion made by Fiala, seconded by Johnson to acknowledge the income and pay the bills. Carried.

SQUAD TRUCK

Fire Commissioner Anderson reported on the need for a new Squad Truck to replace the old ambulance van, which has over 200,000 miles on it and is in poor condition. The Fire Department, due to new laws, now needs the capacity to carry alot of equipment, such as air bottles, trench supports and extrication tools. The proposed vehicle will be designed to carry the need equipment, as well as, to provide a space for firefighters to either cool off or warm up, as needed, at a fire scene.

Three companies were invited to bid on the vehicle, which will have a Freightliner chassis. Only one bid was received. The company that bid was Cayel-Craft, Inc. in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The cost of the truck, after a trade-in of \$2,500.00 for the van, will be \$124,765.00. The delivery date will depend on the availability of the chassis but should be between April 1st and September 30, 1995.

In response to a question by Treasurer Brown, Deputy Chief Howe stated there will be some addition equipment purchased for the truck, i.e., air packs and trench rescue equipment. Most equipment will come from the old truck, however.

After all information was provided, motion made by Anderson, seconded by Fiala to approve the purchase of the Squad Truck. Carried.

WASTE REDUCTION ORDINANCE

The ordinance regulating the disposal of recyclables, yard waste, and trash was presented for Second Reading. The ordinance would be effective May 1, 1995.

There was no discussion and motion made by Brown, seconded by Johnson to adopt the Waste Reduction Ordinance. Roll call showed all Board Members voting "aye".

UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE AMENDMENT

An amendment to the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance, related to under aged drinking and driving, was presented for Second Reading. There were no comments and motion made by Branch, seconded by Brown to adopt the amendment. Roll call showed all Board Members voting "aye".

BURNING ORDINANCE

An ordinance regulating burning in the Township was presented for First Reading. The ordinance reflects the current unwritten policy and was discussed at our last meeting. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Fiala to accept the ordinance for First Reading and set the Second Reading for January 10, 1995. Carried.

Ken Kirton, 1767 S. 8th Street, requested a copy of the ordinance and Neil Sikora, 2378 Fairgrove, questioned the definition of an apartment complex. He was advised by Attorney Reed, 3 or more units.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PENSION PLAN ELIGIBILITY -

In our current plan, the following employees are eligible to participate in the Township's Pension Plan: Elected Officials, Full Time Employees and Part-Time Paid Firefighters.

Trustee Fiala reporting for the Personnel Committee, stated it was their recommendation that the plan now include Permanent Part-Time Employees. The change would be effective January 1, 1995.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Anderson to accept the recommendation to change the Pension Plan eligibility. Treasurer Brown stated she would abstain because one employee effected would be her husband. The motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 abstention and 1 absent.

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL REVISION -

Trustee Fiala reviewed the revisions that had been previously approved by the Board since the last printing of the Personnel Policy Manual. He then read the six new revisions they were recommending for the Policy. They dealt with the following:

- Compensatory Time
- Definition of "Employee" and "Comp-Time"
- Sexual Harassment
- Travel - mileage
- Change Fire Board to Fire Commissioner

In response to questions from the Treasurer, Supervisor Fleckenstein explained that the Comp-Time will be recorded on a new form that will be developed and will be maintained in the employees personnel file. The time will, in some cases be approved prior to earning it, however, emergencies would not have prior approval.

As a result of a question by the Clerk, Attorney Reed suggested a change in the wording under 5.6 Compensatory Time - D., to read, ---and insuring compliance with conditions herein stated.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to accept the recommendation and adopt the revisions, including the correction. Carried.

VIOLATIONS BUREAU MANAGEMENT -

With the recent creation of the Violations Bureau, the Committee proposed that the position of Violations Bureau Administrator be created. The position would be responsible for the administration of both the parking violations and Civil Infraction violations. It was pointed out that the position would continue to be responsible for the Fire Department secretarial duties. This new, salaried position would be effective January 1, 1995. They further recommended that Karen Willis be promoted to this position.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to approve the creation of the new position, as recommended. Carried.

1995 SALARY PLAN -

The Committee proposed that for 1995 there be a general cost of living increase of 4% for all employees. In addition, a 2% merit adjustment would be applied, where appropriate. They did recommend that the Elected Administrative Officials receive the additional 2%.

Their recommendation also included increases for all job classifications in the Fire Department, for the person who works our Trash Day and an increase for the Trustees Committee Meetings.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Anderson to approve the 1995 Salary Plan.

Clerk Branch read a statement, for the record, which included the following: She supports merit increases for outstanding performance and feels they are a good incentive. But can not support a cost of living increase that is so far above the average rate of inflation. She further stated, that she is uncomfortable with a 6% increase for the Elected Officials and feels it is not appropriate. (copy of statement filed in "Supplements to Minutes")

Treasurer Brown stated she had a problem with an across the board 4% cost of living increase because it is much higher than the nation average.

The motion carried 4 to 2, with Branch and Brown voting "no".

It was pointed out that the new Fire Inspector would receive his increase after his nine months probation is completed.

1994 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments to the 1994 Budget were prepared and presented by Clerk Branch. She reviewed the major changes for the Board. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Fiala to approve the 1994 Budget Adjustments. Roll call showed all Board Members voting "aye". (copy filed in "Supplements to Minutes")

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Fire Commissioner Anderson reported that the Departments Long Range Plan has been completed and should be to the Board in January. The Plan goes through 1999.

Treasurer Brown informed the Board that she will have the Township Office open, Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for the payment of property taxes.

Clerk Branch announced the receipt of a \$1,500.00 contribution from Park Village Pines towards the cost of the repaving of Crystal Lane. They are tax exempt and could not be assessed. A thank you letter was sent.

Trustee Fiala questioned if any petitions had been received to discontinue any road project in 1995. He was advised, not yet. He commented on the meeting the KCRC had scheduled with residents of West M Avenue, regarding future paving of that road.

Trustee Johnson inquired if tax payments were coming in normally and was advised by the Treasurer that payments were heavy this week, which is normal.

Supervisor Fleckenstein reported that the new computer equipment had been installed and networked, and the employees were being trained. The Treasurer reported, her investment program had been delayed, due to Proposal A!!

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

Elaine J. Branch
ELAINE J. BRANCH, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Ron Fleckenstein
Attested: RON FLECKENSTEIN
SUPERVISOR

JANUARY 10, 1995

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. All Board Members were present. Also present were, James Porter, Township Attorney and Robert Snell, Township Engineer along with 5 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Bushouse, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of our last meeting held, on December 27, 1994. Carried.

Income to the General Fund of \$17,612.71, and disbursements of \$25,370.66 were reported. Fire Fund income was \$.00 with disbursements of \$23,808.16. Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Fiala to acknowledge the income and pay the bills. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dave Bushouse, 992 N. 7th Street, commented that he had not received the petition to discontinue the repaving of 7th Street or the information regarding the actual work, as he had requested. Clerk Branch reminded him that the Road Commission informed the people at the Public Hearing that the petitions could be picked up at the KCRC office. She did agree that they indicated that information could be made available about the project, however, he should contact them.

Supervisor Fleckenstein stated Ron Reid said Thursday was the deadline for petitions.

MISTY OAKS PLAT

Plans for a 13 lot plat, located west of S. 9th Street north of Stadium Drive, were submitted by Glover Brussee. In response to a question from Treasurer Brown about the deadend road, Mr. Brussee stated the road is about 930 feet. If he were to comply with the 660 feet, it would only go back to the existing house.

He further stated that the plat would have water but not sewer because Wilkins & Wheaton said the line is too shallow.

Motion made by Bushouse, seconded by Anderson to accept the plans and refer them to our engineer. Carried.

BURNING ORDINANCE

The ordinance regulating open burning in the township was presented for Second Reading. Supervisor Fleckenstein reviewed the ordinance. In response to a question by Trustee Bushouse, Attorney Porter stated it is pretty much the same as our current policy. Motion made by Bushouse, seconded by Johnson to adopt the Burning Ordinance. Roll call showed all Board Members voting "aye".

ADELPHIA CABLE RATE RESOLUTION

Clerk Branch explained that we were ready for the last step in the rate regulation process, the adoption of a Cable Rate Order Resolution. Joe Walls of Siegfried, Crandall, Vos & Lewis, had completed the review of the rate material provided by Adelphia Cable. He felt they were in line with the benchmarks established by the FCC.

Hugh Anderson, West H Avenue, questioned if we have competition in our township. He was advised that we have three cable companies who can serve our residents. Two of them overlap in some areas.

Motion made by Branch, seconded by Bushouse to adopt the Cable Rate Order Resolution for Adelphia Cable. Roll call showed all Board Members voting "aye".

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Clerk Branch read a note from outgoing Road Commissioner Dana Downing. She complemented the township on their efforts to provide/maintain a viable road system. She enjoyed working with us.

Trustee Johnson informed the Board that he spent several hours with Deputy Chief Howe visiting our fire stations, examining the equipment and learning how the department operates. He reported that everything he saw was good. It was time well spent.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Elaine J. Branch
ELAINE J. BRANCH, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Ron Fleckenstein
Attested: RON FLECKENSTEIN
SUPERVISOR

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
April 8, 2003

Public Comment session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:
Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Lois Brown
Trustee Ted Corakis
Trustee Stan Rakowski

Also present was Patricia Mason, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Mary Lynn Bugge, Planner, and 5 interested people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reviewed previous discussions regarding sidewalks including requirements of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, requiring sidewalks in new developments, maintenance, etc. Consensus was to continue the discussion at the April 22nd work session with more information from the KCRC.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

PRESENT:
Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Lois Brown
Trustee Ted Corakis
Trustee Stan Rakowski

Also present was Patricia Mason, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and approximately 15 interested people.

Motion by Brown, second by Culp to approve the minutes of the March 24th regular and March 27th special meetings. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$1,857,090.27 and disbursements of \$113,675.56 were reported. Motion by Rakowski, second by Corakis to accept the report as presented. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Wayne Taylor, owner of property on Stadium Drive expressed concern regarding increased sewer fees and how they will affect his ability to sell his property.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to refer the item to the Sewer/Water Committee for discussion with Mr. Taylor. Carried.

LAWN MAINTENANCE BIDS

Supervisor VanDyke advised thirty bid requests were mailed, sixteen were received, of which ten were complete. He then reviewed each bid. *Tally sheet on file in Clerk's Office.*

Clerk Everett commented she would recommend awarding the bid to Niewoonder & Sons as they did a good job last year, their bid is second lowest with not a great difference in price on the per mow bid. She further commented consistency should be considered, especially where the cemeteries are concerned.

Trustee Corakis felt the low bid from Four Seasons should be accepted; there was concern last year about going with the low bidder and this situation is the same. Supervisor VanDyke inquired of the Four Seasons representative present the number of pieces of equipment and personnel they have. He also asked for clarification of their per season bid. The representative advised they have three riders and six walk behinds, and after reviewing the per season bid acknowledged it was incorrect but would be honored.

Scott from Superior Lawn Maintenance commented he wished to introduce himself to the Board, felt he presented a good bid and references and cautioned low bid is not necessarily the best.

Bob Janssen, 8670 Almena Drive, commented he would recommend Niewoonder & Sons.

Motion by Everett, second by Rakowski to award the 2003 lawn maintenance contract to Niewoonder & Sons on a per mow basis. Roll call vote showed Brown-yes, Corakis-no, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-no.

COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADE

Treasurer Culp advised a new server is needed for the township computer system. The current server is five years old with intermittent problems including problems with saving back up files. She recommended purchasing a Dell PowerEdge 2650 server, tape back up unit and necessary licenses at a total cost of \$6,846.60 plus installation.

Motion by Brown, second by Everett to approve an expenditure of \$6,846.60 plus installation for a new computer server. Carried.

EXPANSION OF POLICE DISTRICT

A description of the proposed police special assessment district expansion was presented along with the assessor's calculations. The expansion would include the future apartments on Croyden, the northeast, southeast, and southwest corners of West Main and North 10th Street, the commercial node at West Main and North 9th Street, and the area west of Drake Road, south of Green Meadow along both sides of KL

Avenue to 131 and the north side of KL west to include the Jefferson Commons development. It was noted the two parcels intended to be included on the southwest corner of West Main and Lodge Lane were not shown on the map presented.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to acknowledge receipt of the proposed district information, correct the map and description to show the two parcels at the southwest corner of West Main and Lodge Lane and set a public hearing for May 13th. Roll call showed Corakis-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes.

HAWKERS/PEDDLERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Hawkers/Peddlers Ordinance were presented for consideration. The amendments would eliminate the provisions requiring registration of children under the age of 18 on behalf of a school, charitable or religious organization, require description and license plate number for all vehicles to be used, and establish a fee for less than a 30 day license.

Motion by Culp, second by Brown to set the text amendments for Second Reading on April 22nd. Roll call showed Corakis-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes.

TEXT AMENDMENTS

OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY, PLANT GROWTH & OPEN BURNING ORDINANCES

Text amendments to the Outdoor Assembly, Plant Growth and Open Burning Ordinances were presented for consideration. The text amendments are necessary to correct references to the previous Ag-Rural district and include the recently adopted Agricultural and Rural Residential districts. After Board discussion there was consensus the term "agricultural burns" should be defined in the Open Burning ordinance.

Motion by Culp, second by Everett to insert a definition of "agricultural burns" in the Open Burning ordinance and set the text amendments for Second Reading on April 22nd. Roll call showed Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes, Corakis-yes.

LAWN SPRINKLER BIDS

Supervisor VanDyke advised the bids would be available at the April 22nd meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Mason advised she will be leaving the firm of Lewis, Allen & Reed effective April 9th and joining the firm of Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer & Thall. The Board had also received a letter from Richard Reed of Lewis, Reed & Allen dated March 31st advising their withdrawal as general counsel to the Township due to their representation of other long standing clients that could be perceived as a conflict of interest.

Special counsel from Lewis, Reed & Allen could be retained for specialized issues, i.e., the landfill issue and current tax appeals.

Trustees Corakis and Rakowski expressed interest in considering an in house attorney.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to appoint the firm of Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer & Thall, P.C. as Township General Counsel, retaining Mike Ortega of Lewis, Reed & Allen, P.C. as special counsel for the KL Landfill issue and Richard Reed of Lewis, Reed & Allen, P.C. as special counsel for the Meijer tax appeal. Roll call vote showed Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes, Corakis-yes, Culp-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

11TH STREET SEWER EXTENSION

Engineer Marc Elliott reminded the Board a resolution was adopted in June 2002 to work with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to extend sewer in South 11th Street from Crystal Lane to Parkview Avenue when KCRC reconstructed South 11th Street. He advised this project is ready to commence and requested the Board approve a bid in the amount of \$52,262.69 for the sewer extension. He advised the project would include lateral leads to adjoining properties.

Motion by Corakis, second by Rakowski to authorize execution of the agreement with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission in the amount of \$52,262.69 subject to Township attorney review. Roll call showed Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes, Corakis-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes.

John Bauckham, of Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe, Lohrstorfer & Thall welcomed the Township as their client and commented on their extensive municipal law resources.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Rakowski inquired if letters of welcome are sent to new businesses that locate in the Township.

He also advised he had received favorable comments from a tax accountant regarding the assessing and tax information available on the Township web site.

In response to questions at a previous meeting by Trustee Bushouse, he advised repairs to a broken windshield did not have the deductible waived, an invoice listed as brake repair also included repair of a starter.

Mr. Rakowski also advised several members of the Fire Department recently attended the FDIC conference, receiving extensive training in several different areas.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Deborah L. Everett
DEBORAH L. EVERETT
 Township Clerk

Attested: **JOHN VANDYKE**
 Supervisor

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
May 13, 2003

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Public Comment session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Lois Brown
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ted Corakis
Trustee Stan Rakowski

Also present was Patricia Mason, Township Attorney, and Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and 3 interested people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Chief Paul Karnemaat provided an update on the ambulance provider agreement; the request for proposal is expected to be to the Board in August.

County Commissioner Bob Brink provided updates on the airport expansion, Care-a-Van funding, the new committee studying justice needs, and advised he had a complaint from a resident regarding the retention area at Westpointe Development, which he referred to the Drain Commissioner.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Lois Brown
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ted Corakis
Trustee Stan Rakowski

Also present was Patricia Mason, Township Attorney, Bob Snell and Marc Elliott, Township Engineers, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Planner Mary Lynn Bugge, and approximately 45 interested people.

Motion by Brown, second by Corakis to approve the minutes of the April 22nd Regular and May 6th Special Meetings. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$318,805.24 and disbursements of \$121,177.25 were reported. Motion by Rakowski, second by Culp to accept the report as presented. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Alistair Smith, 2285 Signal Hill, advised he had purchased a lot in the Turtle Cove Development, his documents indicate water fees have been paid, however he has since learned there is a fee due to the Township before a building permit can be issued. He acknowledged this is an issue between himself and the developer, but asked the fee be waived and the building permit issued. Attorney Mason advised he could ask the monies be held until the dispute with the developer is settled.

Jim Ross, 3200 South 8th Street, commented sidewalks are needed along Stadium Drive between 9th Street and the Pinehurst Apartments; there is a lot of pedestrian traffic creating a dangerous situation.

Mike Baranski, 3065 South 11th Street inquired as to the cost of the road project done on South 11th Street a couple of years ago since the road is being redone again. He was advised that information is available from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICE DISTRICT EXPANSION

The proposed expansion of the police protection special assessment district was before the Board for public hearing on the setting the district boundaries.

The following public comment was offered:

Mike Zaeske, 1796 North 9th Street commented he felt more police protection was needed but the burden should be on all and he would be willing to share the cost.

Lowell Seyburn, representing business owners in the proposed district commented they are opposed to the assessment.

Jim Worline, 3692 East Wembley, commented he was glad to see this matter before the Board from a previous proposal, however, he feels there should be a question on the 2004 ballot for a township wide assessment and noted that the General Fund does support police protection.

Grace Borgjford, 9802 Sunnywood, commented she is a resident and business owner, crime is everyone's problem, there are things that can be done, i.e., neighborhood watch and posting of criminal activity on the Township web page.

Latrice Swander, 3133 South 6th Street, commented the neighborhood watch is a good idea, people need to be more aware of activity and citizens should work together.

Wayne Crippen, 5177 Beech, commented he is not opposed to the district, businesses and apartments are generating most of the calls and feels it is appropriate for them to pay.

Neil Sikora, 2378 Fairgrove, urged the Board to support the proposed expansion of the district, this is a good first step.

Shashin Kothawala, 6914 Northstar, commented he is a resident and business owner and felt businesses are being isolated. He agreed more police protection is needed but felt the cost should be borne by all.

Bob Janssen, 8670 Almena, commented the satellite office is a step in the right direction but more police protection is needed due to increased activity.

In response to questions, Attorney Mason advised the assessment can be appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, the General Fund supports the Police Fund, and the area proposed for inclusion in the district can be considered to enjoy an extra benefit from the current police protection.

Capt. William Timmerman of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department advised there are currently 18 contracted deputies in the county, six in Oshtemo as well as 19 general patrol officers who are spread over three shifts.

Trustee Brown noted that businesses pay the same tax rate as residential property and the current Township General Fund millage rate is less than \$1.00 per thousand of taxable value.

Clerk Everett noted for the record written objections received from Menard, Inc. and Jack VanDenBerg, owner of Stone Mountain Carpet. She commented she is not opposed to a township wide millage and support it but is uncomfortable imposing it on taxpayers without a vote.

Trustee Bushouse commented the Fire Department went to the Township Board in the 1970's and asked for a 10 mill special assessment and promised never to collect beyond 2.5 mills for equipment, facilities, and operations and at the present time he strongly feels the Board needs to consider current facts, bite the bullet and set a township wide assessment. He further commented expanding the current district is a piecemeal approach to the problem but does not have long-range implications. He also commented he is glad steps have been taken to increase the police presence with the satellite station.

Trustee Rakowski commented he concurs with Mr. Bushouse, the entire Township benefits from the assessment district. He further commented he hopes the Board has the political courage to adopt a township wide millage for police protection.

Trustee Corakis commented he will support the proposed expansion, this is a beginning, but also feels it should be Township wide.

Trustee Brown commented her concerns were still that there are people who live on the western side of the Township and if they are going to pay for 24/7 police protection she wants to see service in that area, currently the service is concentrated on the east side of the Township. She commented she would not mind paying as long as the service is there.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Corakis to adopt the resolution setting the police special assessment district boundaries and schedule the public hearing on the assessment roll for June 10th. Roll call showed Brown-yes, Bushouse-yes, Corakis-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes.

REZONING – SECTION 25 & 26 – R-2 TO R-4 – FIRST READING

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone six parcels located on the north side of Parkview Avenue, west of 11th Street from R-2 Residential to R-4 Residential was before the Board for First Reading.

Motion by Everett, second by Brown to set Second Reading for May 27th. Roll call showed Bushouse-yes, Corakis-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes.

REZONING – SECTION 26 – R-4 TO R-3

Planner Bugge presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone 212 properties in the Quail Meadows and Quail Cove Drive area from R-4 Residential to R-3 Residential. She advised staff had initiated the rezoning to recognize the actual development of the area at less than four units per acre rather than the six to eight units per acre permitted under the R-4 district, the rezoning also includes Heritage Christian Academy, and all existing and approved development will remain conforming. She further advised the Planning Commission recommends the Master Land Use Plan be amended to reclassify the above area from multiple family to transitional.

Motion by Culp, second by Rakowski to accept the recommendation and set First Reading for May 27th. Carried.

REZONING – SECTION 26 – R-2 & VC TO R-4

Planning Director Stefforia presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny a rezoning request for property located at the northeast corner of Stadium Drive and South 8th Street from R-2 Residential and VC Village Commercial to R-4 Residential. She advised the request involves two properties under common ownership that fall within two different zoning districts; the majority of the land requested for rezoning, located on South 8th Street, is within the R-2 district, the corner property is zoned VC, and the request is that the entire northern parcel and north half of the corner property be rezoned to R-4.

She further advised the Master Land Use Plan classifies the corner as Village Focus Area which supports the uses allowed in the R-4 district, however, the 8th Street parcel falls within an area classified as residential, therefore, an amendment to the Master Land Use Plan would be necessary to rezone the 8th Street parcel.

Ms. Stefforia commented the Planning Commission determined the requested rezoning was inconsistent with the Master Land Use Plan, had the possibility of severely impacting the area regarding traffic and density, may stimulate additional requests in the area, is contrary to the established land use pattern to the north and west, adequate sites were available elsewhere for the proposed use.

Tom Kostosky advised he was the applicant and was unable to attend the Planning Commission hearing. He commented he felt there were reasons to rezone the property; the request reduces the existing commercial density, allows clustering of housing units to preserve existing natural features, allows a more orderly transition between commercial to medium density residential to lower density residential, the existing streets currently provide sufficient frontage, visibility and utilities, no infrastructure improvement is needed, an amendment to the Master Land Use Plan is rational if the plan is not amendable it becomes defacto zoning, the zoning is compatible with existing zoning adjacent, the request went through review by neighboring municipalities whose responses were no comment, no opposition and some cases support. He also commented he did hear feedback from the Planning Commission hearing and takes seriously comments of community and would like to take those comments into consideration and present alternatives. He suggested the possible action of the Board could be to refer the request back to the Planning Commission giving him the opportunity to work with the commission and neighborhood and perhaps reduce area of R-4, table further action to and allow him to submit a proposal for a Planned Unit Development, or allow him to withdraw the request.

Phil Schubert, 2223 South 8th Street, inquired if the applicant has specific plans for the property, i.e., student housing. The applicant responded he is not in the student housing business, and has no intention of doing so. It was noted that any use in the R-4 district would be permitted if rezoned.

Chuck Sowles, 2935 South 8th Street, commented his property would be severely effected by the rezoning, he felt the Planning Commission found reason for denial with their required criteria and would be disappointed if the Township Board voted differently.

Jan Weller, 7084 St. Charles, President of the LaSalle Neighborhood Association, commented they are opposed to the rezoning, other property is available for the proposed use, the Master Land Use Plan exists for a reason and more apartments are not needed.

Dan Corse, 7103 Baton Rouge, commented since the advent of the subsidized housing at the Pinehurst development there has been an increase in crime in the area.

Virginia Hill, 3230 South 8th Street, commented the area is all single family homes, 8th Street does not need more traffic and the intersection at Stadium Drive is dangerous.

Chris Lim, 7058 St. Charles, commented traffic would be impacted as it is currently very difficult to access Stadium Drive, the current zoning is compatible with adjacent properties and he would be opposed to a delay in Board action.

Jean Harvey, 2997 South 8th Street, commented her property is adjacent to the proposed rezoning, problems have resulted from the Pinehurst development and she does not feel safe.

George Harvey, 2997 South 8th Street, commented he likes the country atmosphere, the present owner is not a resident, he does not oppose use under current zoning, opposes the multiple family use; there are enough apartments.

Jim Ross, 3200 South 8th Street, commented there are plenty of apartments, the second phase Clayton Estates will result in more traffic on 8th Street, residents have substantial investment in their homes, he surveyed what was in the area before purchasing his home, and the Township has done good job with development with the exception of Pinehurst.

In response to a question from Supervisor VanDyke, Ms. Stefforia advised the applicant could develop the property under the current zoning with a Planned Unit Development approved by the Planning Commission as a Special Exception Use.

John Richardson, 7121 Baton Rouge, commented he has respect for the process; the Planning Commission has a plan, someone can come and ask for plan to be changed, however the Planning Commission found this request does not meet the criteria for rezoning, and the Board has enough information to act and should not delay.

Rick Ouweleen, 2988 Belle Chase, commented there would be need for increased police patrols, traffic would increase and population density would change the focus of plan for the area, there have been flooding problems due to the topography and an increase in paving and roof area would add to the problem. He also commented the Township should follow the regulations and codes established to keep the promise of the long term plan.

Earl Hill, 3430 South 8th Street, commented the zoning should be left as is, more apartments are not needed.

Trustee Bushouse commented he wanted to make sure everyone understood that under the current zoning a Planned Unit Development can be proposed at six units per acre; there is a very real possibility for apartments to be constructed. It was noted a Planned Unit Development would require Special Exception Use approval from the Planning Commission and property owners within 300 feet would be notified.

Motion by Corakis, second by Rakowski to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and deny the rezoning request. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENT – I-1 DISTRICT SUBSTANDARD PARCELS

Planning Director Stefforia presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt a text amendment to allow office buildings in the I-1 Industrial district as a Special Exception Use on legal, non-conforming parcels that do not meet the minimum area criteria. She noted that currently only office uses traditionally related to building trades are allowed. She further noted there are five properties that are substandard and grandfathered as to the minimum area requirement and staff and the Planning Commission felt it would not be detrimental to the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance and purpose of the industrial districts to allow general office use on these substandard properties.

Motion by Culp, second by Corakis to accept the recommendation and set the text amendment for First Reading on May 27th. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENT – SIGN ORDINANCE

Planning Director Stefforia presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt two text amendments regarding the Sign Ordinance noting they are in response to observed deficiencies with or a need to change the existing language. She advised the first proposed amendment addresses the 20 foot greenspace required along arterial streets and M-43 that it would be appropriate to allow placement of the freestanding sign centered in the greenspace area. The current 25 foot setback requirement results in the sign placed in the parking lot, therefore, the Planning Commission recommends that the freestanding sign setback requirement be reduced from 25 feet to 10 feet.

She advised the second proposed amendment would allow occupants of multi-tenant buildings an additional wall sign; the current ordinance allows one wall sign. She noted with new development, the rear side of buildings may be exposed and tenants may wish to display signage.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Corakis to accept the recommendation and set the text amendments for First Reading on May 27th.

TEXT AMENDMENT – RENUMBER SECTION IN R-4 DISTRICT

Planner Bugge presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt a text amendment correcting the numbering in Section 24. She advised as a result of recent amendments concerning the family definition and AG and Rural Residential districts, there was some confusion in the numbering of crematories and multiple-family dwellings in R-4 Residence district, therefore a correction needs to be made numbering multiple-family dwellings be designated as Compiled Section 24.205 and crematories as Compiled Section 24.207.

Motion by Brown, second by Culp to accept the recommendation and set First Reading for May 27th.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

A text amendment to the Open Burning Ordinance was before the Board for Second Reading. The text amendment is necessary to correct references to the previous Ag-Rural district and include the recently adopted Agricultural and Rural Residential districts.

Motion by Culp, second by Brown to adopt the text amendments. Roll call showed Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes, Bushouse-yes, Corakis-yes.

TOWNSHIP HALL/FIRE HOUSE #1 PARKING LOT REPAIRS/STRIPING

A memo from Chief Howe to the Building & Grounds Committee was presented with a proposal for sealing, repairing and striping the Township Hall/Fire House #1 parking lot. The total cost of the project as proposed by Heystek & Sons is \$6,020.00.

Trustee Corakis commented he felt more bids should be sought. Treasurer Culp commented consistency is also important and Heystek had done the expansion of the parking lot last year. Clerk Everett noted that Heystek was low bidder for that project.

Trustee Bushouse commented he had asked for a bid on chip seal.

Motion by Corakis, second by Rakowski to seek further bids for this project. Carried with Culp voting *no*.

11TH STREET SEWER PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER

Engineer Elliott presented a change order in the amount of \$7,656.68 concerning the 11th Street sewer project addressing the discovery of unsuitable sub grade material that required removal and replacement.

Motion by Culp, second by Rakowski to approve the change order. Carried.

PURCHASE SEWER EASEMENT – WEST H AVENUE

Engineer Elliott advised an agreement had been reached with Harjit Bhatti in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a sanitary sewer easement whose property must be traversed to provide gravity flow into the Savannah pump station.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Corakis to approve the purchase of the easement. Roll call showed Everett-yes, Rakowski-yes, VanDyke-yes, Brown-yes, Bushouse-yes, Corakis-yes, Culp-yes.

OTHER BUSINESS**PARKVIEW BUILDING RENOVATION**

Trustee Bushouse presented a request from the Park Committee to contract with VanderWeele Design Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00 to prepare construction plans for renovation of the Parkview Building.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Brown to approve the contract. Carried with Culp voting *no*.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Rakowski commented he felt a township wide police district should be considered without a vote. Trustee Brown commented the opportunity to place the question on a ballot is only a little over a year away.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.

Deborah L. Everett

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: **JOHN VANDYKE**
Supervisor

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
October 23, 2007

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Stan Rakowski
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and 3 interested people.

Public Comment: None.

Closed Session: Motion by VanDyke, second by Everett to adjourn to closed session to discuss opinion of legal counsel. Carried.

Adjourned to closed session at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Grace, second by Culp to reconvene open session. Carried.

Open meeting reconvened at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to redirect authorized expenditure of \$12,500 previously offered to Alamo Township to assist with legal fees regarding the proposed gravel pit to C-COATS for past legal fees and current appeal. Carried.

Board member comments: Trustee Grace commented when inquiring about a newspaper clipping in his mailbox regarding lower of the flag for military personnel he was advised by an employee their concern the flag at the Township Hall was not being lowered when needed. Trustee Sikora commented he had also received the copy of the clipping but had no idea what it was about. It was noted by other board members that when receiving information from other board members or staff, the sender should identify themselves and include a memo of explanation.

Trustee Grace advised the next Fire Department Study Committee meeting is scheduled for October 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Fire House No. 2.

Trustee Sikora reviewed his comments and questions regarding the proposed position descriptions.

The public comment session was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Senior Planner Mary Lynn Bugge, Interim Fire Chief Paul Karnemaat, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Scott Paddock and 8 interested people.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve the October 9th regular meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$38,457.18 and disbursements of \$307,728.65 were reported. Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tim Mallett, 6404 West H Avenue, thanked the Board for their stand on the gravel pit and truck route ordinance issues.

REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE – LAWTON RIDGE WINERY

A request for approval of a resolution to grant a small wine maker license to Lawton Ridge Winery to be located at 8456 Stadium Drive was before the Board. Richard Haltom, owner was present and advised the winery would utilize the existing building with minor modifications, produce approximately 1,000 cases per year, production and storage would occupy approximately 4,050 square feet and a tasting room of 660 square feet is proposed; tasting room hours would be noon to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. He further advised production would not begin until next year.

Motion by Grace, second by Culp to adopt the resolution recommending approval of the small wine maker license to Lawton Ridge Winery. Roll call showed Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Grace-yes, Rakowski-yes, Sikora-yes, VanDyke-yes.

REQUEST FOR PILOT – CROYDEN COMMONS

A request from Forsite Properties for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for a proposed senior housing development on Croyden Avenue, west of Drake Road was before the Board. It was noted instead of paying property taxes, a PILOT permits a percentage of net rent income be paid, special assessments cannot be applied, the current ordinance is set at 10% and permits a PILOT be granted only for low income senior housing. There was lengthy discussion and Board member comments recognizing the need for senior housing and that such developments are good neighbors. There was also discussion regarding the services provided but not funded, particularly Fire Department EMS services. Consensus was the program needs to be addressed through State legislation that would address these issues.

Stanley Palmer, representing the developer for the proposed site was present, advised the proposed development would have 72 units with approximately 7 leased at market rate and the balance rented based on income. He also provided information regarding their tenant selection and rent calculation methods and indicated he felt the development would be able to pay a fee for EMS services.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to deny the application while studying the matter further regarding the offer of the developer to pay a fee for services and addressing the concerns discussed to the Township's State legislators. Carried.

REZONING REQUEST – SECTION 30

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a request to rezone 2559 South Van Kal Street and two adjacent vacant properties located on the east side of VanKal between "M" and "L" Avenues from "AG" Agricultural to "RR" Rural Residential was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the rezoning request. Carried.

FENCE ORDINANCE

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt proposed text amendments to Sections 11 and 78 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding fences; the intent being to provide reasonable parameters for the installation of fences was before the Board for Second Reading.

Clerk Everett presented a letter from Chad Hughson, 18 North VanKal Street, who commented that while in favor of an ordinance to eliminate enormously tall spite fences or those that can pose a danger, he was against what he felt was the restrictive nature of the proposed language. He further commented a six foot standard is outdated, and not tall enough for large parcels or hilly terrain. He also had objection to the 4 foot front yard restriction. It was noted the four foot restriction applies only to the setback area, not the entire front yard.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Sikora to adopt the fence ordinance. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE

Attorney Porter presented proposed text amendments to the Truck Route Ordinance clarifying definitions of trailer and truck, adding Ravine Road from Drake Road to the north Township line and N Avenue from 11th Street to 9th Street as designated truck routes, increased carrying capacity to five tons for trucks on roads not designated as a truck route, and deleted the term pick up in Section IX describing services.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski, to accept the proposed text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for November 13th. Carried.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR CONTRACT

A proposed three year contract for Art Earl to continue as the contracted electrical inspector was before the Board. Hourly rate for inspections and office time for the balance of 2007 and 2008 would be \$40.25, \$42.75 for 2009, and \$45.50 for 2010. Plan review fees would be 25% of the building code review fee, and plan reviews, inspections and test observations related to fire suppression systems would be at \$50.00 per hour.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to approve the three year contract. Carried.

AMEND BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE FOR REMODEL PROJECTS

Attorney Porter advised a mathematical error had been discovered in the formula for calculating building permit fees for residential remodel projects.

Motion by Everett, second by Sikora to adopt a resolution adopting the building permit fee schedule for residential remodel projects. Roll call showed Everett-yes, Grace-yes, Rakowski-yes, Sikora-yes, VanDyke-yes, Culp-yes.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Clerk Everett advised the changes discussed at the last meeting had been incorporated into the Parking Enforcement Program and Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) guidelines.

Interim Chief Karnemaat had questions concerning the language regarding fire lanes. He also discouraged allowing the PEO's discretion regarding voiding a ticket.

Trustee Sikora commented discretion should be allowed; Clerk Everett commented training will be key and provided by Attorney Porter.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the program and officer guidelines subject to final review by the Township Attorney. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Interim Chief Karnemaat presented a request for purchase of an on line Fire Department training program. He noted the program offers over 450 fire and EMS programs, is available on the internet, each program takes 30 minutes to one hour to complete and provides cognitive knowledge for each topic with a video test administered on line; firefighters would be able to gain the textbook knowledge through the program and apply it during the practical hands on training sessions. He further advised the program can be monitored for compliance. The cost of the training program would be \$1900 for 2008 with credit given for canceling a current subscription to another service, and a fee of \$2500 each year for 2009 and 2010. Interim Chief Karnemaat also commented a process for addressing non compliance for training requirements is being formulated.

Motion by Rakowski, second by Grace to approve the expenditure for the training program. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Paddock presented proposed text amendments to the Open Burning Ordinance to prohibit burning of any materials on any paved or improved public or private street, language to address burning of building materials as it relates to the Dangerous Building Ordinance, and language addressing outdoor fireplaces.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to accept the proposed text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for November 13th. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – PARK ORDINANCE

Trustee Sikora presented a recommendation from the Parks Committee for a text amendment to the Parks Ordinance to address large gatherings. Proposed language would define all gatherings on Township park property as an outdoor assembly to which Ordinance No. 70, the Outdoor Assembly Ordinance would apply requiring application and licensure by the Parks Committee.

Motion by Sikora, second by Grace to accept the proposed text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for November 13th. Carried.

TOWNSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Township position descriptions had been reviewed by the Personnel Committee and were before the Board for consideration. Clarifications and corrections as discussed at the previous board session were noted.

Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the position descriptions as presented with suggested clarifications and corrections. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Sikora presented appointment recommendations from the Board Appointment Committee:

Planning Commission – Kitty Gelling, 7060 Hawthorn Valley, currently finishing a partial term, appoint to first full term, expires 12/31/2010.

ZBA – Roger Taylor, 7684 West Main, currently finishing a partial term, appoint to first full term, expires 12/31/2010.

Grace Borgfjord, 9802 Sunnywood, currently finishing a partial term, appoint to first full term, expires 12/31/2010.

Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals – Steve Visser, 6317 Sanfield Lane, appoint to second term, expiring 12/31/2010.

DDA – Tom Brodasky, 6392 Buckham Woods, appoint to second term, expires 12/31/2011.

Dana Slocum, 2970 South 9th Street, appoint to second term, expires 12/31/2011.

Ron Zuiderveen, 5464 Holiday Terrace, appoint to second term, expires 12/31/2011.

Also, Township Board minutes of 10/24/2006 indicated terms of Jay Brown, Mike Lutke, and Leo Zanon expire on 12/31/2009; correction to reflect 12/31/2010 is needed.

Motion by Culp, second by Grace to approve the appointments as recommended and correct the minutes of October 24, 2006. Carried.

ROOF REPAIR – FIRE HOUSE NO. 3

Clerk Everett advised four bids had been received for repair of the roof at Fire House No. 3. She advised in reviewing the bids, Dan Smith, Township Maintenance recommended Hippensteel Construction's bid for the 30 year shingle.

Motion by Sikora, second by Rakowski to accept the bid from Hippensteel Construction in the amount of \$5,200 plus \$25.00 per sheet for plywood to be replaced.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPAIR

Interim Chief Karnemaat advised the radiator in Engine 521 required repair; he presented an estimate for a re-core in the amount of \$5,980 with a one year warranty. He advised cost for a new radiator would be approximately \$9,000.

Motion by Culp, second by Grace to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$5,980 for the repair. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor VanDyke commented his comments regarding the truck route ordinance as reported in the Kalamazoo Gazette were taken wrong indicating the Township considered the ordinance specifically for the proposed gravel pit, the Township is 36 square miles and the ordinance was never intended to be directed at one entity. He also commented in the future he will respond only to written questions and expect his answers to be printed in full or not at all.

Trustee Rakowski noted a 17.5% increase in health insurance premiums is projected for 2008.

Trustee Sikora commented he attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Mike Horvath whose project was to map the disc golf course and trails in the Township Park. He noted there will be an opportunity for future Eagle Scout projects such as identifying vegetation along the trails.

Mr. Sikora also commented he would find having the author's name on the Planning Department reports helpful.

Trustee Sikora asked the Board to consider if the name of the Parks Committee should be changed to Parks and Recreation Committee to better reflect their function.

Mr. Sikora commented the Parks Committee would appreciate hearing about proposed projects adjoining any Township owned property when the Township becomes aware of them, i.e., the proposed Croyden Commons project heard earlier.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: John VanDyke
Supervisor

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
November 13, 2007

Township Board work session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor VanDyke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Stan Rakowski
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and Interim Fire Chief Paul Karnemaat.

Discussion – Ben Cohen, from Kushner & Company, whom the Board had contracted with for a benefit study was present. Discussion centered on the Personnel Committee's work with Mr. Cohen and health insurance agent Chip Schelb of the Nulty Agency. Mr. Cohen reviewed the proposed changes to the health insurance plan for Township employees. Also discussed was combining vacation and sick time benefits into a personal time off bank.

Other discussion items included inquiries from Board members regarding the PEO program, hiring a temporary maintenance person, and the status of the KVCC Fire Academy agreement.

The board work session was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also present were James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Interim Fire Chief Paul Karnemaat, Senior Planner Mary Lynn Bugge, and approximately 40 interested people.

Motion by Sikora, second by Grace to approve the October 23rd regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$72,111.06 and disbursements of \$127,835.08 were reported. Motion by Grace, second by Sikora to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

Proposed text amendments to the Truck Route Ordinance clarifying definitions of trailer and truck, adding Ravine Road from Drake Road to the north Township line and N Avenue from 11th Street to 9th Street as designated truck routes, increasing carrying capacity to five tons for trucks on roads not designated as a truck route, and deleting the term pick up in Section IX describing services, was before the Board for Second Reading.

Marty Dodge, Senior Vice President of the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, commented a limited number of businesses were contacted for input regarding the ordinance, the ordinance will add significant cost to commerce, adjacent townships and Kalamazoo County planning were not consulted, enforcement will be nearly impossible, and many of the roads that would exclude truck traffic were designed for this type of traffic. He also commented that a previous discussion with Supervisor VanDyke and Township staff resulted in the feeling Chamber members could offer additional insights. Mr. Dodge further commented engagement with all stakeholders, not just residents, is key maintaining a balance of business growth and citizens needs.

Lara Meeuwse, 5442 West H Avenue, thanked the Board for supporting the residents in the face of pressure from the gravel pit interest and the Chamber. She commented the Kalamazoo County Road Commission's 2030 plan indicates an improvement of Drake Road from Grand Prairie to Ravine Road to three lanes is planned for 2011 while the City of Kalamazoo's plan indicates improvement of Drake Road from Canterbury to Grand Prairie to three or four lanes in 2011. She suggested perhaps those in the industries effected and the Chamber could work with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and the City of Kalamazoo to make these improvements

prior to 2011. She also noted since 10th Street from H Avenue to G Avenue is a local road, H Avenue from 9th Street to 10th Street and 10th Street from H Avenue to West Main could be returned to local road status, noting these streets are mainly residential in nature with churches while Drake Road has several commercial businesses and would be more likely to see such expansion.

Jim Sterenberg, 4110 Oakharbor Street, commented he was representing C-COATS, Concerned Citizens of Oshtemo and Alamo Townships. He commented 10th Street and H Avenue are primary routes for residential traffic from a large residentially zoned area. He also commented since the spring a large increase in gravel train traffic has been observed especially on 10th Street and H Avenue. He further commented they appreciate the Board taking a proactive role in regulating commercial traffic and limiting such traffic in residentially zoned areas and encourages to the Board to implement the ordinance, agreeing the Township should have the right to govern its own roads.

Pat Glass, 6617 West H Avenue, provided a copy of a mining permit from Highland Township and information how they have dealt with a gravel mining operation in their Township.

Robert Mallett, indicated he is a resident of Alamo Township and commented he applauds and supports what the Oshtemo Township Board has done and commended Attorney Porter on his work. He also commented 10th Street is not suitable for heavy truck traffic with pedestrian uses.

Galen Rike, 6180 Ashwood Drive, commented anyone encountering the gravel trains should realize they have no business on residential streets and thanked the Board for protecting the citizens.

Joe Gemmill, 3300 North 10th Street, commented he supports the Board's efforts regarding the truck route ordinance, he is not anti industry but there must be a balance that protects quality of life issues. He played an audio recording of trucks going past his residence, noting that one particular day he counted 37 during a one hour period.

Morris Arnold, 1226 Cadet Lane, commented while there appears to be a groundswell of public entities being controlled by corporate dollars, he appreciates being an Oshtemo resident, the Board goes above and beyond, and it is refreshing to see a public entity for the people.

Wendy Lawrence, 8516 West G Avenue, commented that local governments should have the right to decide where truck and through traffic goes; as an Alamo Township resident she will benefit also.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski, to adopt the proposed text amendments. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Proposed text amendments to the Open Burning Ordinance to prohibit burning of any materials on any paved or improved public or private street, language to address burning of building materials as it relates to the Dangerous Building Ordinance, and language addressing outdoor fireplaces was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Grace, second by Culp to adopt the proposed text amendments. Carried.

TEXT AMENDMENTS – PARK ORDINANCE

A recommendation from the Parks Committee for a text amendment to the Parks Ordinance to define all large gatherings on Township park property as an outdoor assembly to which Ordinance No. 70, the Outdoor Assembly Ordinance would apply requiring application and licensure by the Parks Committee was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to accept the proposed text amendment. Carried.

VEHICLE BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

Supervisor VanDyke advised all bids had not been received therefore this item was removed from the agenda to be heard at a later date.

RECONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PILOT – CROYDEN COMMONS

A request from Forsite Properties for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for a proposed senior housing development on Croyden Avenue, west of Drake Road was denied at the previous meeting. Attorney Porter advised in light of comments made, he drafted an agreement that would provide for the payment of the Fire Department special assessment which was a major concern as this type of development is more likely to be a frequent user of EMS services.

In response to Board members questions, Mr. Porter advised he did not feel this set a precedent for future applications, if the property is sold a new owner could appeal the conditions of the agreement, however, the Board could also at any time repeal the ordinance or if the development was rented at market rate, the PILOT would be terminated. Senior Planner Bugge noted the current three senior housing developments in the Township each had one police call in the past nine months; the largest service used by senior housing tends to be EMS services. There was lengthy discussion and Board member comments recognizing the need for senior housing and that such developments are good neighbors. Trustee Bushouse expressed concerns regarding other entities that would not receive their revenue from granting a PILOT.

Motion by Grace, second by Rakowski to approve the PILOT application subject to the agreement that Croyden Commons will pay the Fire Department special assessment. Carried with Bushouse and Culp voting no.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CHANGE

A change in health insurance plans was discussed at the Board's work session. The Personnel Committee recommended changing health plans in an effort to contain costs while still offering good benefits. It was noted the premium for the current health plan would increase by 17.5% next year.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Grace to approve the change in health insurance plan effective January 1, 2008. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

FIRE DIRECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustee Grace thanked the members of the Fire Direction Committee and provided their recommendations that the Board proceed with the process to hire a new Fire Chief, the Fire Department should continue to respond to EMS calls and the committee review long term options submitted by the new Fire Chief.

There was discussion of keeping the committee in place; Trustee Sikora commented the committee might be useful in the selection process for the new chief.

It was noted a position description for Fire Chief would be on the next meeting agenda.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to thank the committee for their time and work and accept their recommendations as presented. Carried.

FIRE COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION

Trustee Rakowski advised he would be resigning as Fire Commissioner effective December 31st. Consensus was filling the position would be discussed at the next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Everett reported a 14% turnout for the November 6th election on the KRESA millage issue.

Engineer Elliott advised the St. Charles pump station project is nearly complete.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: **JOHN VANDYKE**
Supervisor

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
April 28, 2009

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 Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Building Official Bob Horton, Building Inspector Jerry Reitnour, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Scott Paddock and 11 interested people.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stan Rakowski, 7151 West G Avenue, inquired regarding real estate signs being location at various intersections advertising lots on G Avenue for sale. Ordinance Enforcement Officer Paddock advised he had removed them several times and will do so again.

Nancy Carr, 9881 Sunnywood Drive, commented she would like to see the Township ban burning of leaves due to the pollution and health and environmental concerns. She provided information from the EPA to the Board regarding the issue.

Lorrie Versteeg, 9850 Sunnywood Drive, concurred advising her husband has health issues that are aggravated by burning leaves. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell indicated this item would be discussed under other business on the regular agenda.

Wind Energy Ordinance – Planning Director Stefforia presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt a Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance. She commented the ordinance was based on a model ordinance prepared by the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth but personalized to the Township and staff and the Planning Commission feel it is adequate and gives the Township appropriate review while not over burdening applicants. She also commented all systems are proposed to be a special exception use but the Ordinance distinguishes between small users such as homeowners and small business owners who are looking to off set their electricity bill and large wind farms purposely generating energy to put into the utility grid. She noted one area the Board might wish to change is the requirement for one acre parcels. Trustee Grace commented he had several questions needed more time to study the ordinance.

It was noted this item is on the regular agenda as an action item.

Building Department Presentation – Building Official Horton and Building Inspector Reitnour provided information and photographs regarding the poor condition of decks and balconies at some multifamily complexes in the Township. Consensus was to consider an ordinance at the May 12th meeting to address these issues.

The work session was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Building Official Bob Horton, Building Inspector Jerry Reitnour, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Scott Paddock and 11 interested people.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by James Grace to approve the April 14th regular and April 21st special meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$345,781.01 and disbursements of \$134,164.93 were reported. Motion by James Grace, second by Borgfjord to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Justine Hertzell, 2484 Isle Harbor Court, inquired if there would be oversight to make sure necessary repairs are made to the decks and balconies as discussed at the public comment session. It was noted building permits would be necessary and inspections conducted.

Stan Rakowski, 7151 West G Avenue, inquired if there are regulations for potholes in parking lots. Attorney Porter advised he is working with the Ordinance Enforcement Officer to address these issues.

Captain William Timmerman, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department, advised deputies answered over 750 calls for service during March.

Gordon Lanker, 2524 North 2nd Street, commented the Township might wish to consider addressing photovoltaic systems in the wind energy ordinance.

WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

As reviewed at the work session, a proposed Wind Energy Ordinance was before the Board for First Reading. Due to comments and questions, consensus was to acquire more information before accepting the ordinance for First Reading.

Motion by Everett, second by Borgfjord to accept the proposed ordinance and set First Reading for May 12th. Carried.

CONSULTANT POLICY

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented a proposed policy regarding the Township engineering firm reviewing projects also engineered by their firm. The policy would provide that for any project involving the Township when the Township's named engineer/engineering company chooses to serve as a consultant for any applicant or outside government entity, the review of such project shall be done by a different engineer/engineering company selected by the Township. Ms. Heiny-Cogswell commented there was no inference of dissatisfaction with the current Township engineer.

Engineer Elliott commented the policy was reasonable and he would welcome open discussion of his role.

Trustee Bushouse commented he would not vote in favor of the policy, he had asked for the engineer's role to be defined and by putting responsibility on another engineer does not solve the problem of needing as built plans. Attorney Porter advised this issue is being addressed and a recommendation will be brought to the Board.

Motion by James Grace, second by Borgfjord to adopt a resolution stating the policy as presented. Roll call showed James Grace-yes, Borgfjord-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Bushouse-no, McCormick-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATE

Attorney Porter presented amendments to the Employee Handbook to add provisions for temporary seasonal employees.

Motion by James Grace, second by Culp to adopt a resolution approving the amendments to the Employee Handbook. Roll call showed James Grace-yes, Borgfjord-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Bushouse-yes, McCormick-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

**OTHER BUSINESS
DISCUSSION – OPEN BURNING**

Trustee Borgfjord commented she had been contacted by a resident concerning open burning of leaves as discussed at the public comment session. She advised she had done some initial research regarding health concerns and had found the same information from the EPA as presented by Ms. Carr. She commented she had reviewed examples of other community policies, i.e., limiting burning to certain days of the week. Consensus was to form a committee to study the issue with Trustees Borgfjord, James Grace and Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell along with Fire Chief Mark Barnes.

TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE OBJECTION MEDIATION

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the mediation session had taken place as ordered by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission regarding the truck route objections of Alamo and Kalamazoo Townships with no resolution, therefore the decision is now with the KCRC.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by James Grace to adjourn to closed session to discuss the KCRC administrative hearing process because doing so in open session could negatively impact the Township's position. Carried.

The Board adjourned to closed session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by James Grace to return to open session at approximately 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised a public meeting would be held at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission offices on May 19th at 7:00 p.m. and the KCRC would accept written public comment until May 5th.

Dick Hertzell, 2484 Isle Harbor Court, inquired what residents should address in their comments. Attorney Porter advised the Township Board was elected to represent the residents.

Margaret Masuzawa, 331 West Ridge Circle, inquired if there was any indication what the Kalamazoo County Road Commission is considering. She was advised the Township has not been advised of such.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Everett reminded everyone to vote May 5th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COSGWELL
Supervisor

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JOINT MEETING
May 18, 2010**

A joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott McCormick

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Bob Anderson
Carl Benson
Kitty Gelling
Fred Gould
Terry Schley
Dick Skalski

ZBA:

Cheri Bell
Neil Sikora
Mike Smith
Jim Sterenberg

Also present were Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Township Attorney James Porter, Fire Chief Mark Barnes and 7 interested people.

NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

Sarah Reding from the Kalamazoo Nature Center provided an update on the progress of the natural features inventory being conducted in both Township parks, which has been funded through a grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. She also provided information on conducting an inventory Township wide.

REPORT FROM OPEN BURNING STUDY COMMITTEE

Ken Irish, citizen representative on the Open Burning Study Committee presented a recommendation that burning of leaves and grass clippings be banned in plats, condominium and multi-family developments. Discussion included alternative disposal methods, cost to residents, health concerns, number of burning complaints, enforcement and perhaps a survey could be conducted through the Township newsletter for further citizen input.

OUTDOOR FURNACE ORDINANCE

Attorney Porter advised concerns had come to light since the adoption of the ordinance regulating outdoor furnaces that some are used year round for heating hot water. There was discussion that prohibiting such a use would be difficult to implement.

KALAMAZOO CITY MASTER LAND USE PLAN UPDATE

Planning Director Stefforia provided information regarding the proposed update of the City of Kalamazoo's Master Land Use Plan, particularly the cemetery property and approximately 60 acres west of the cemetery on North Drake Road which is part of the City, noting the draft plan designates the area as Mixed Use. She further advised her discussions with City staff resulted in their concurrence that the area should have been designated as the 2005 North Drake Area Plan, agreed on by the City, the Townships of Oshtemo and Kalamazoo; a follow up letter from the Township will be sent.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
October 12, 2010

Township Board work session 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 Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, DDA Chairman Terry Schley, and 3 interested people.

KCSD Activity Report

Capt. William Timmerman was present and provided information on recent activity in the Township including continued stepped up patrols in the student apartment areas. He also introduced Sgt. Todd Meyers who has been assigned to the Township.

DDA Streetscape Design Study

DDA Chairman Schley introduced Michael Smith and Jim DeWilde from M.C. Smith, consultant to the DDA for designing a streetscape for the 9th Street/Stadium Drive area. Two conceptual plans were presented. Chairman Schley noted this is a beginning step in a very long process; the DDA will continue its work and bring more information to the Board as plans progress.

Other Business
Open Burning Survey

Trustee Borgfjord advised the results of the survey conducted through the newsletter and on the Township web site during the month of September have been compiled including the many comments received. The committee formed to study the issue is recommending the Township facilitate a pilot program for leaf pickup by a private contractor for the area of South 2nd Street from M-43 to KL Avenue. Discussion did not lead to a consensus; all Board members had not had an opportunity to review the survey results; more information will be presented at the October 26th meeting.

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

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliot, and 6 interested people.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by James Grace to approve the September 28th regular meeting, September 23rd joint meeting, and October 5th special meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$12,742.46 and disbursements of \$218,452.84 were reported. Motion by James Grace, second by Borgfjord, to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE – SECOND READING
SOCIAL GATHERING/FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

A proposed ordinance to provide enforcement of violations for noise complaints and minors in possession of alcohol was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by James Grace, second by Culp to adopt the ordinance. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING
AMEND STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
CENTURY/HIGHFIELD**

A public hearing was held to amend the street light assessment district to include street lights to be installed at the request of residents in the Century/Highfield neighborhood.

There was no public comment. Clerk Everett advised she had spoken with a property owner and a resident of the district; neither objected, the resident was happy to hear street lights were being installed.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Culp to amend the street light assessment district to include street lights on Century Avenue and Highfield Street. Roll call showed James Grace-yes, Borgfjord-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Bushouse-yes, McCormick-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RECEIVING BOARDS – NOVEMBER 2ND ELECTION

Clerk Everett presented a resolution to establish receiving boards for the November 2, 2010 election noting that State law requires Township Board action to do so.

Motion by James Grace, second by Culp to adopt a resolution authorizing the establishment of receiving boards for the November 2, 2010 election. Roll call showed McCormick-yes, Bushouse-yes, Everett-yes, Culp-yes, Borgfjord-yes, James Grace-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR – TOWNSHIP HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented a recommendation to accept a proposal from Arcadia Benefits to act as the third party administrator for the Township's health reimbursement account. She noted there had been service issues with the current provider and noted a lower cost would be realized with the new proposal.

Trustee Bushouse commented he felt the current provider should have been given an opportunity to bid. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised she had communicated to them that this was coming to the Board; they indicated they would like to keep the business but did not offer a new proposal.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to accept the proposal from Arcadia Benefits for 2011 with annual review. Carried with Bushouse voting *no*.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell provided Board members with a copy of the approved Trustee Compensation policy.

A budget workshop was set for November 4th at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Borgfjord commented the results of the open burning survey will be available on the Township's web page; the response based on the number of newsletters sent out was 16%.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
October 26, 2010

The Oshtemo Township Board regular meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:
Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee James Grace
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, and 14 interested people.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Culp to approve the October 12th regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$29,435.57 and disbursements of \$88,965.44 were reported. Motion by Borgfjord, second by James Grace to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION – OPEN BURNING SURVEY RESULTS



Trustee Borgfjord, who chaired the Open Burning Committee, advised the committee had been formed to look into open burning after the Board received complaints from some residents regarding burning of leaves, a survey was conducted through the September township wide newsletter and was also available on the Township web site. She noted the committee discussion on a total ban was for leaves and grass clippings only, burning brush, campfires, and other types of burning were not considered for a ban.

Margaret Masuzawa, 331 West Ridge Circle, commented she was not familiar with the drop off days, does the Township have a site where leaves could be dumped.

Ken Irish, 2651 South 4th street, member of the committee, commented there is no question that burning leaves and grass clippings creates toxic fumes, particulates and gases including carbon monoxide; he supports a township wide ban as piece meal restrictions would be difficult to enforce.

Mary Zwart, 6332 Rose Arbour, commented she is a twenty year resident, does not like burning in her neighborhood and would support a ban for health reasons.

Dan Thompson, 105 Echo Hills Drive, commented this is a tough issue, the survey does not necessarily reflect the majority, there is a need for education and the Board might want to consider having public hearings.

Lori Versteeg, 9850 Sunnywood Drive, member of the committee, commented she is a fourteen year resident, has health concerns related to the smoke, safety concerns with fires left unattended, supports a total ban of burning leaves and grass clippings without cost to the Township, and a ban should be in place as soon as possible.

Dan Holmes, 10848 West Main, commented he has 37 acres, still gets smoke from others burning, he supports a ban on burning leaves and grass clippings or if a ban cannot be agreed on, perhaps have certain days for burning.

Chad Hughson, 18 North Van Kal Street, commented the survey should have asked for type of residence, conducts prairie bums on his 35 acres with no complaints; he is opposed to any burning ban on natural materials, favors requiring a burning permit and enforcement.



Fire Chief Mark Barnes commented he would support a ban on burning leaves and grass clippings, continuing to allow camp fires and burning of clean natural wood. In response to questions from the Board, he advised records show 86 complaints over the last 6 years, and complaints can be made anonymously.

Trustee Borgfjord commented she supports the ban on burning leaves and grass clippings or at least establishing designated days to burn.

Trustee Bushouse commented he would not support a ban at this time but would like to see more details on complaints received.

Trustee James Grace commented he felt if there is a ban, it should be total ban, should not be a cost to the Township, and there are other pollution issues to be concerned about such as wood burners.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell commented she is has a concern with a ban without offering alternatives, a leaf pick up program would be cost prohibitive, and the burn committee needs direction.

Clerk Everett commented this is a difficult situation finding a solution for all concerned, understands the health issues but also the need for means to dispose of leaves.

Treasurer Culp commented more education is needed and more public input.

Trustee McCormick commented he would prefer to educate, if residents had an easy way to dispose of leaves, many would stop burning.

The burn committee was asked to compile an education piece, the Fire Chief to initiate a more detailed burn permit process and the Attorney to provide a draft ordinance with language to ban burning leaves and grass clippings for review at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS NON MOTORIZED FACILITIES SNOW PLOW CONTRACT

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised one bid was received for snow removal from the non-motorized facilities in the Township from DeVisser Landscape Service in the amount of \$9,090.00. She noted this is lower than the 2010 price.

Motion by Culp, second by James Grace to accept the bid from DeVisser Landscape Service in the amount of \$9,090.00. Carried.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised Building Official Bob Horton, who had been part time since his retirement in February, has resigned effective November 11, 2010. She noted Building Inspector Jerry Reitenour is currently the Deputy Building Official and recommended appointing him as Building Official upon Mr. Horton's resignation.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by James Grace to appoint Jerry Reitenour as Building Official. Carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE PURCHASE

Treasurer Culp advised an update of the Building Department software is needed as the current program is not compatible with the BS&A accounting software.

Motion by Culp, second by Everett to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$9,000, spread over two years, for the purchase of software for the Building Department from BS&A. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Fire Commissioner James Grace advised the annual testing of the SCBA equipment has resulted in necessary repairs to some of the units.

Motion by James Grace, second by Culp to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,700.00 for needed repairs. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee James Grace inquired if the medical marijuana issue might be on an upcoming work session agenda.

Clerk Everett reminded all to vote on Tuesday, November 2nd.

She also reminded all of the Oshtemo Rotary Halloween Party to be held on October 31st at the National Guard Armory.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COSGWELL
Supervisor



Memo



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To: Oshtemo Township Burn Committee, Chair Grace Borgfjord.
From: Mark Barnes, Fire Chief
CC: Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Supervisor & James Grace, Fire Commissioner
Date: October 22, 2010
Re: Fire Chief Recommendation

Background

The appointed Oshtemo Township burn committee has been diligently working to reach a consensus on how to protect its citizens from the hazards of smoke generated by the burning of leaves and grass clippings and the interests of citizens who desire the ability of disposing of leaves through burning. This letter will summarize my thoughts and provide a recommendation based on the information currently available and my experiences to date.

Scope of the issue

It is important to recognize that this discussion only entails the burning of leaves and grass clippings. It is my understanding that the Township is NOT attempting to ban the safe use of camp fires for the enjoyment of our citizens who can perform that in a safe and non-intrusive manner. The burning of clean natural wood, such as tree limbs would also be allowed with proper permitting issued by the Township.

Rationale for my decision

As your Fire Chief I will point out that open burning does pose a significant increased risk of wildland fires. Michigan alone suffers between 10,000 and 12,000 fires each year. These fires typically burn thousands of acres¹. Although not as frequently, there is added risk of structural fires as well. This fact alone is enough to prompt some fire chiefs to vote in favor of all burning restrictions.

Public health officials have warned us for years against the dangerous health hazards of what is erroneously believed to be harmless leaf smoke. The open burning of leaves produces particulate matter and hydrocarbons, which contain a number of toxic, irritant, and carcinogenic (cancer-causing) compounds. Leaf smoke also contains carbon monoxide².

The reason leaf smoke is visible is because of tiny particles capable of reaching the deepest parts of the lung, where they can trigger asthma attacks or other breathing problems. These particles can remain in the lungs for decades, impairing function and increasing the long-term risk of disease³.

The tremendous diversity of Oshtemo Township's land use (urban to agricultural) is recognized. A small amount of smoke on private acreage is not typically considered a danger to neighbors. However, that same amount in a neighborhood can be a significant concern. Therefore, the generation of smoke is not a universal concern throughout the entire Township.

Conversely, a reason to continue to allow leaf burning is based on a concern for citizens who do not have the physical ability or financial means to dispose of their leaves in the presence of a burning ban. They have enjoyed raking and burning them at virtually no fiscal cost.

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When these factors are weighted in the presence of a risk analysis model, it is pretty clear that the health and safety of humans outweighs reasonable fiscal inabilities.

Although uncorroborated, I suspect there are more Oshtemo citizens who suffer various degrees of respiratory endangerment from leaf smoke than there are those unable to dispose of leaves.

It should also be recognized that an ever deepening pile of leaves on private property realistically impacts only that person or family. On the other hand, the effects of unchecked smoke are its ability to meander downwind impacting countless citizens at varying degrees. Smoke has no respect for property boundaries or people's health.

A final recognition of this issue struck me just last week. At about 10:00 PM, while returning home from an emergent response, I traversed down a slight hill to find myself heading into a thick bank of smoke. This smoke was visible in my headlights for as far as I could see. Upon investigation I found an approximate 30' row of leaves piled at the streets edge which had been smoldering for some time. This unattended, and after dark fire, is in clear violation of the Township's current burning ordinance.

Upon politely asking the homeowner to extinguish the fire, his only interest was in finding out who had reported him. My explanation of the dangers of an unattended fire and the amount of smoke this fire was generating was of no interest to him. He only sought revenge on whoever dared to report this action.

My poignant and unfortunate realization is that some people simply do not care about the health and safety of their neighbors or community. Sadly, it is this kind of position that drives government to make rules based on the actions of a very few.

Recommendation

That Oshtemo Township removes its exemption from DNR section 324.11522 (enacted March 28, 1995) which bans the open burning of grass clippings and leaves. This would restrict open burning to:

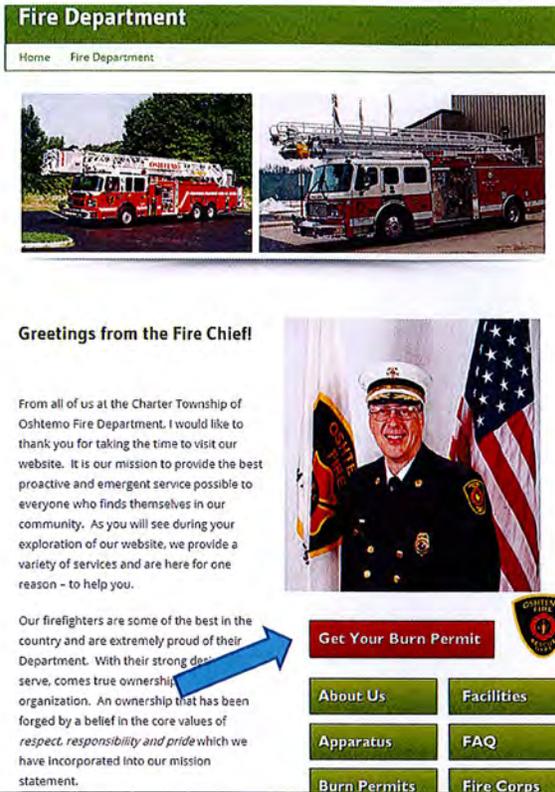
- 1) Camp fires used for outdoor cooking or recreation (no larger than 3' in width and height).
- 2) The burning of clean natural wood such as tree limbs.

I would also recommend that these two events only be allowed via a Township permitting process so that it can be halted during exceedingly hazardous conditions such as DNR red flag days.

If this recommendation is adopted, I would ask to work with Township officials as the new parameters are drafted.

1. Frequently Asked Questions about Wildfires. Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/FAQs_242957_7.pdf
2. "An Unhealthy Solution to Leaf Disposal." US Environmental Protection Agency, October 1992, EPA-452/F-92-007.
3. "Poisoning by leaf smoke is a rite of fall." Burningissues.org. September 30, 2010.

As per Board direction of 10/26/2010, the following is a series of screen shots demonstrating the improved process for a citizen to obtain an open burning permit. *Note: Screen shots are unable to capture information that requires scrolling.*



Oshtemo Fire and Rescue website homepage. Click on tab "Get Your Burn Permit" to start the easy process of requesting an open burning permit.



Oshtemo Township Fire Department: Burn Permits

Open burning of brush, leaves, and grass clippings is allowed in Oshtemo Township. Prior to burning you must obtain a permit by calling (269) 375-0487 or online by clicking the banner below. The following information is from Oshtemo Ordinance #256. (Emphasis added) Violations of the burning ordinance may result in the loss of burning privileges or a civil infraction.

[Get Your Burn Permit Online!](#)

Oshtemo Township Open Burning Ordinance

- Sec. 5.1. Open burning, to the extent allowed, shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance. Open burning shall also be conducted as required by other governmental agencies regulating emissions.
- Sec. 5.2. The open burning of brush, vegetation, grass clippings or leaves, is permitted within Oshtemo Charter Township.
- Sec. 5.3. Open burning of materials containing paper products, any building material, lumber or lumber products is prohibited.
- Sec. 5.4. Prior to commencement of open burning, the applicant shall obtain a burning permit from the Township Fire Department.
- Sec. 5.6. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions which would cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. The distance from any structure or other combustible material may be reduced to 25 feet when the pile size is three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height. Under no circumstances shall the burning of any materials be conducted on the paved or improved surface of any public or private street or roadway.

The first page provides the essence of the Township's burning ordinance.

OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT BURN PERMITS

Fill out the form below to obtain a burn permit or call our office at (269) 375-0487 for assistance.

Start Date Jun 22nd, 2016
 Expiration Date Jun 24th, 2016

First Name
 Last Name
 Address Number
 Street [LOOKUP STREET](#)
 Phone Number - -
 Email Address
 Material to be Burned Leaves Brush Vegetation Grass

Additional Details

Accept Terms [VIEW AND ACKNOWLEDGE ORDINANCE](#)

[REQUEST PERMIT](#)

This form has two safeguards in place.

1. The street names are on a lookup table. This precludes someone from requesting a permit on a street that is not in Oshtemo. i.e. East Main Street is not in Oshtemo and thus not available to choose from this list.
2. The applicant must click on the "View and Acknowledge Ordinance" tab to continue the process. Failure to do so, will not allow the issuance of the permit.

When the acknowledgment is requested, this page appears. The system will not progress until the applicant clicks on the blue acknowledgement button on the bottom.

Acknowledge Ordinance

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Sec. 5.9. The Fire Chief or his/her designee is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the open burning is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to constitute a hazardous condition.

[I HAVE READ AND WILL ABIDE BY THESE TERMS](#)

Oshtemo Township Fire Department Burn Permits

This permit is active for the following dates and location.
An email receipt has been sent to mbarnes@oshtemo.org.
[Print Permit](#)

Permit Number	16-5837
Start Date	Jun 22nd, 2016
Expiration Date	Jun 24th, 2016 at Sunset
Name	Mark Barnes
Address	207 US 131 HWY S
Phone Number	(269) 216-5226
Email Address	mbarnes@oshtemo.org
Material to be Burned	Brush
Additional Details	This is a demonstration of the on-line open burning permit process.

This is the final window that appears in the applicant's browser.

Because they also provided an email address in this application, a confirmation is automatically sent to them.

Oshtemo On-Line Burning Permit Process

This is a confirmation email. Please note that it also contains the rules for open burning allowed by this ordinance.

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Additional Details:

**This is a demonstration of the on-line open burning permit process.
Accepted Agreement**

Oshtemo Township Open Burning Ordinance

Open burning is allowed from sunrise to sunset.

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As a result of this process the department is provided with a current list of open permits. The system also allows us to search the data, place a temporary burning restriction on an individual who has an inability to follow the ordinance and to cancel all permits when conditions become too hazardous to burn.

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16-5831	Schubert	Marcia	2223	8th ST S	2693755515	2016-06-21	2016-06-23	Details
16-5832	Baranski	Micha	3065	11th ST S	2693758482	2016-06-21	2016-06-23	Details
16-5833	Cottrell	Richard	2192	6th ST N	2693722200	2016-06-21	2016-06-23	Details
16-5834	Earls	Lori and Todd	4457	Forest Creek DR	2693536525	2016-06-21	2016-06-23	Details
16-5835	Schafer	Iarry	7396	N AVE W	2693753706	2016-06-22	2016-06-24	Details
16-5837	Barnes	Mark	207	US 131 HWY S	2692165226	2016-06-22	2016-06-24	Details
16-5838	Nutt	Ada	2040	9th ST S	2693750555	2016-06-22	2016-06-24	Details
16-5839	woodworth	paul	439	2nd ST N	2692170605	2016-06-23	2016-06-25	Details
16-5840	A-bel	Jay	9268	Big Rock DR	2693758536	2016-06-23	2016-06-25	Details

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Totals

Year	Permits	Complaints	Percent	Citations
2012	714	39	5%	
2013	1198	28	2%	
2014	1422	37	3%	2
2015	1302	32	2%	5
2016	630	4	1%	
Total	5266	140	3%	7



Citations

Year	Citation #	Last	First	Address	Street
7/22/2014	1690	Horn	Scott	218	S. 1st St.
8/8/2014	1692	Vandenberg	Dawn	6415	Atlantic Ave
4/14/2015	1694	Hyde	John	6240	W. KL Ave
5/2/2015	1695	Johnson	Linda	8998	W. ML Ave
5/3/2015	1696	Solis	Daniel	8081	Stadium Dr.
5/28/2015	1697	Layendyk	Robert	920	S. 4th St.
11/11/2015	1669	Herder	Scott	7656	W. Main St.

Burning Complaint log
2012-2016

Date	Address	Direction	Street		Unauthorized Controlled	Authorized	Citizen Complaint
7-Jan-12	9939	W	M	AVE	1		
19-Feb-12	8011	W	ML	AVE	1		
13-Mar-12	9191	W	Main	ST		1	
17-Mar-12			Valley View St. (entirety)				1
18-Mar-12	3883	S	6th	ST	1		
19-Mar-12	745	S	4th	ST	1		
19-Mar-12	745	N	4th	ST	1		
20-Mar-12	8930	W	ML	AVE			1
21-Mar-12	8310	W	KL	AVE	1		
22-Mar-12	1942		Highfield	ST	1		
7-Apr-12	262		Lodge	LN		1	
18-Apr-12	8930	W	ML	AVE		1	
29-Apr-12	2101	N	Drake	RD		1	
30-Apr-12	2101	N	Drake	RD		1	
18-Jun-12	920	S	4th	ST	1		
19-Jun-12	422	N	1st	ST	1		
19-Jun-12	3133	S	6th	ST			1
20-Jun-12	5505		Colonial	TRL		1	
14-Jul-12	504	N	1st	ST		1	
15-Jul-12	7039	W	ML	AVE		1	
15-Jul-12	2535		Ramblewood	DR	1		
21-Jul-12	6200		Parkview	AVE		1	
23-Jul-12	2128	N	7th	ST	1		
5-Aug-12	6710		Stadium	DR		1	
7-Aug-12	8333		Gibbs	AVE	1		
14-Aug-12	1928		Highfield	ST	1		
17-Aug-12	2955		Sunset	RD	1		
1-Sep-12	3384		Chime	ST		1	
23-Oct-12	6710		Stadium	DR	1		
25-Oct-12	8930	W	ML	AVE			1
28-Oct-12	5973		Fairway	CIR	1		
28-Oct-12	6270		Parkview	AVE		1	
7-Nov-12	2119		Wild Cherry	LN		1	
9-Nov-12	9810		Almena	DR		1	
11-Nov-12	67	S	4th	ST	1		
23-Nov-12	750	S	Drake	RD		1	
13-Dec-12	4014	S	9th	ST	1		
19-Jan-13	4766		O Park	ST	1		
12-Mar-13	2559	S	Van Kal	RD	1		
3-Apr-13	6656		Stadium	DR	1		
4-Apr-13	3419	S	9th	ST	1		

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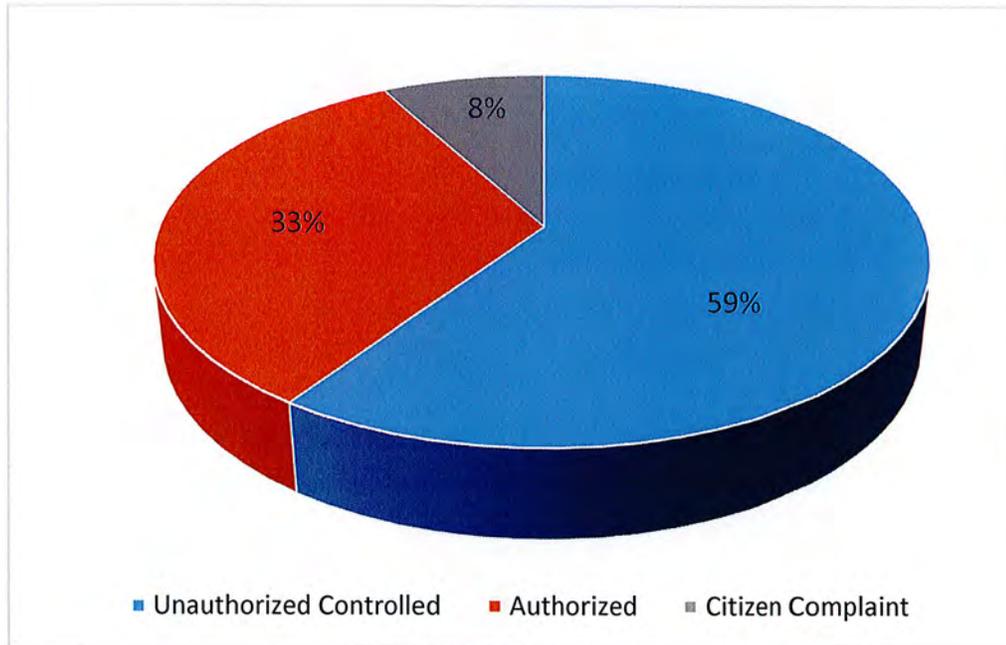
6-Apr-13	8140		Wendalyn	WAY	1		
9-Apr-13	634	S	4th	ST	1		
9-Apr-13	4014	S	9th	ST		1	
1-May-13	2560		Mansfield	ST			1
4-May-13	10725	W	J	AVE	1		
5-May-13	1250		Cadet	LN		1	
7-May-13	9919		Springwood	DR	1		
26-May-13	736	S	Drake	RD	1		
2-Jun-13	9048		Greystone	RD	1		
8-Jul-13	1640	S	4th	ST	1		
13-Jul-13	2557		Strathmore	ST		1	
13-Jul-13	8560		Stadium	DR			1
17-Jul-13	8171	W	KL	AVE		1	
18-Jul-13	8171	W	KL	AVE		1	
21-Aug-13	8025	W	ML	AVE	1		
25-Aug-13			8300 Blk W. H Ave				1
2-Sep-13			Kal-Haven Trail		1		
5-Sep-13	5926		Fairway	CIR		1	
11-Sep-13	10677		Martell		1		
2-Oct-13	180	S	2nd	ST			1
27-Oct-13	9247		Greystone	RD	1		
9-Nov-13	6715	W	KL	AVE	1		
10-Nov-13	223		Laguna	CIR	1		
19-Nov-13	6233		Parkview	AVE	1		
10-Mar-14	1750		Toscana	ST	1		
8-Apr-14	2319	N	Drake	RD		1	
9-Apr-14		S	4th	ST	1		
13-Apr-14			5500 Blk W. KL Ave		1		
13-Apr-14			Vienna	ST	1		
18-Apr-14	7068		Oak Highlands	DR	1		
18-Apr-14	81	N	2nd	ST		1	
19-Apr-14	2240	S	11th	ST	1		
26-Apr-14	53	S	2nd	ST		1	
27-Apr-14	2223	N	3rd	ST	1		
29-Apr-14	2223	N	3rd	ST	1		
2-May-14	5324		Skyridge	AVE		1	
9-May-14	6122		Westlins	AVE		1	
14-May-14	3815		Oak Harbor	ST	1		
24-May-14	5143		Skyridge	AVE		1	
26-May-14	5899		Scenic Way	DR		1	
28-May-14	6352		Saybrook	DR		1	
29-May-14	6149		Pheasant	LN		1	
13-Jun-14	5681		Lamplighter	LN	1		
30-Jun-14	6656		Stadium	DR	1		
09-Jul-14	6656		Stadium	DR	1		
10-Jul-14	6656	S	9th	ST	1		

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12-Jul-14	8342	W	Main	ST		1	
15-Jul-14	7396	W	N	AVE	1		
22-Jul-14	218	S	1st	ST	1		
23-Jul-14	1152		Cadet	LN	1		
26-Jul-14	8816		Almena	DR	1		
31-Jul-14	218	S	1st	ST	1		
08-Aug-14	6415		Atlantic	DR	1		
19-Aug-14	8313		Gibbs	AVE	1		
21-Sep-14	8561		Stadium	DR	1		
23-Oct-14	4071	S	7th	ST	1		
01-Nov-14	9288		Big Rock	DR	1		
02-Nov-14	2341	N	Drake	RD	1		
03-Nov-14	400	N	2nd	ST	1		
03-Nov-14	402	S	2nd	ST	1		
06-Nov-14	3046	S	8th	ST	1		
09-Feb-15	7039	W	Main	ST	1		
20-Mar-15	30	S	2nd	ST		1	
30-Mar-15			Haven	WAY	1		
03-Apr-15	745	S	4th	ST	1		
03-Apr-15	1649	N	10th	ST	1		
06-Apr-15	8011	W	KL	AVE	1		
11-Apr-15	6895		Mandy	LN		1	
16-Apr-15	193	S	2nd	ST	1		
19-Apr-15	9490		Almena	DR	1		
30-Apr-15	8880	W	KL	AVE	1		
02-May-15	8951		Almena	DR	1		
03-May-15	8081		Stadium	DR	1		
07-May-15	2935		Sunset	RD	1		
28-May-15	920	S	4th	ST	1		
05-Jun-15	745	S	4th	ST	1		
05-Jun-15	422	N	1st	ST	1		
9-Jun-15	300	S	2nd	ST		1	
21-Jun-15	4204	S	12th	ST	1		
23-Jun-15	3630	N	3rd	ST	1		
12-Jul-15		S	5th	ST		1	
23-Jul-15		S	4th	ST		1	
11-Oct-15	5497		Blindmans	CV		1	
2-Nov-15			Stadium	DR			1
3-Nov-15	5817		Manorwood	DR		1	
3-Nov-15	6420		Saybrook	DR		1	
7-Nov-15	53	N	2nd	ST	1		
10-Nov-15	6200		Parkview	AVE			1
14-Nov-15			Quail Run	DR			1
15-Nov-15	9002		Hobbit	CIR		1	
15-Nov-15	6069		Litchfield	LN		1	
15-Nov-15	6232		Winddrift	DR		1	

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17-Nov-15	3419	S	9th	ST		1	
9-Feb-16	1800		Toscana	ST		1	
14-Apr-16	223		Laguna	CIR		1	
12-May-16		N	Drake	RD	1		
11-Jun-16	5513		Colonial	TRL	1		
Section Total					82	45	11
Grant Total					138		
Percentage					59%	33%	8%



256.000 - BURNING ORDINANCE Ord. No. 324 Adopted: January 10, 1995

SECTION I

256.010 - REGULATIONS

256.011 - Regulations.

Sec. 1.1. Incinerators, waste burners, open burning, barbecue pit and charcoal or gas grill fires shall hereafter be operated and controlled in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION II

256.020 - DEFINITIONS

256.021 - Incinerator.

Sec. 2.1. Incinerator is a structure, or portion thereof, container, device or other appliance designed, used or intended to be used for the disposal of combustible rubbish by burning.

256.022 - Waste burner.

Sec. 2.2. Waste burner is a container designed, used or intended to be used for outdoor burning of residential household rubbish.

256.023 - Chief.

Sec. 2.3. Chief shall mean the Township Fire Chief, the highest ranking officer of the Township Fire Department on duty, the fire inspector, or their authorized representatives.

SECTION III

256.030 - INCINERATORS

256.031 - Construction.

Sec. 3.1. Freestanding incinerators shall be constructed of concrete or masonry and have a completely enclosed combustion chamber. Incinerators shall be equipped with a permanently attached spark arrester. The spark arrester shall be constructed of iron, heavy wire mesh or other noncombustible material with openings not larger than ½ inch.

256.032 - Location.

Sec. 3.2. Freestanding incinerators shall not be located within ten feet of combustible walls, roofs, or other combustible material; building openings, or property lines. Incinerators shall not be located within five feet of noncombustible buildings or structures. Chimney stacks shall be constructed in accordance with the Building Code.

256.033 - Maintenance.

Sec. 3.3. Incinerators shall be maintained in good condition at all time.

256.034 - Discontinuance.

Sec. 3.4. The Fire Chief or his/her designee is authorized to require incinerator use to be immediately discontinued if the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the use of the incinerator is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to constitute a hazardous condition.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

SECTION IV

256.040 - WASTE BURNER

256.041 - Construction.

Sec. 4.1. A waste burner shall be constructed of noncombustible masonry or metal, not larger than 55 US gallons or 7.35 cubic feet containing no openings larger than one-half square inch and must have a cover or spark arrester constructed of iron, heavy wire or other non-combustible material with openings no larger than one-half inch.

256.042 - Location.

Sec. 4.2. Waste burners shall not be located within 15 feet of walls, roofs or other combustible material, building openings or property lines.

256.043 - Maintenance.

Sec. 4.3. Waste burners shall be maintained in good condition at all times.

256.044 - Discontinuance.

Sec. 4.4. The Fire Chief or his/her designee is authorized to require waste burner use to be immediately discontinued if the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the use of the waste burner is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to constitute a hazardous condition.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

SECTION V

256.050 - OPEN BURNING

256.051 - General.

Sec. 5.1. Open burning, to the extent allowed, shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance. Open burning shall also be conducted as required by other governmental agencies regulating emissions.

256.052 - Yard clippings.

Sec. 5.2. The open burning of brush, vegetation, grass clippings or leaves, is permitted within Oshtemo Charter Township.

256.053 - Material restrictions.

Sec. 5.3. Open burning of materials containing paper products, any building material, lumber or lumber products is prohibited.

EXCEPTION: When, as defined, in the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance of Oshtemo Charter Township, a building has been determined to be dangerous by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer and demolition is necessary, the Fire Chief or his/her designee, in conjunction with the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, shall complete a site inspection to determine if the building materials can be burned and maintain the general safety and welfare of the residents and adjoining properties. If the Chief or Ordinance Enforcement Officer, at the direction of the Chief, determines the materials may be burned but that the burning must be attended by the Fire Department, the hourly fee incurred by the Fire Department must be paid by the homeowner or the person doing the burning. The fee shall not exceed \$500.00. In no instance shall the area of the pile to be burned exceed 12 feet in diameter and 6 feet in height. No materials shall be burned which the Environmental Protection Agency does not allow such as roofing materials, treated lumber, etc. Sections 5.4 through 5.9 must be complied with.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

256.054 - Notification.

Sec. 5.4. Prior to commencement of open burning, the applicant shall obtain a burning permit from the Township Fire Department.

256.055 - Time and atmospheric restrictions.

Sec. 5.5. Open burning shall only be performed when time and atmospheric conditions are favorable to such practice and shall take place only during hours approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

256.056 - Location.

Sec. 5.6. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions which would cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. The distance from any structure or other combustible material may be reduced to 25 feet when the pile size is three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height. Under no circumstances shall the burning of any materials be conducted on the paved or improved surface of any public or private street or roadway.

(Amended: Ord. No. 432, 5-13-2003; Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

256.057 - Fire extinguishing equipment.

Sec. 5.7. A bucket, shovel, garden hose or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available at open burning sites.

256.058 - Attendance.

Sec. 5.8. Burning materials shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment and familiar with permit limitations which restrict open burning. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

256.059 - Discontinuance.

Sec. 5.9. The Fire Chief or his/her designee is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the open burning is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to constitute a hazardous condition.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

SECTION VI

256.060 - RECREATIONAL FIRES

256.061 - Location.

Sec. 6.1. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit or charcoal/gas grills. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

(Amended: Ord. No. 432, 5-13-2003)

256.062 - Fire extinguishing equipment.

Sec. 6.2. A bucket, shovel, garden hose or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

256.063 - Attendance.

Sec. 6.3. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been extinguished.

256.064 - Discontinuance.

Sec. 6.4. The Fire Chief or his/her designee is authorized to require that recreational fires be immediately discontinued if the Fire Chief or his/her designee determines that the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the fire is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to constitute a hazardous condition.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

SECTION VII

256.070 - BARBECUE PITS AND CHARCOAL OR GAS GRILLS

256.071 - Indoor barbecue pits.

Sec. 7.1. Barbecue pits used for commercial cooking operations in buildings shall be constructed as commercial food heat-processing equipment in accordance with the Township Mechanical Code. Private residential barbecue pits and charcoal grills shall be prohibited above the first floor level of any multi-family dwelling either within the structure or on a deck or balcony. Gas grills are permitted.

SECTION VIII

256.080 - OUTDOOR BARBECUE PITS, CHARCOAL GRILLS AND OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

256.081 - Construction.

Sec. 8.1. Barbecue pits, charcoal grills and outdoor fireplaces in outdoor locations shall be constructed of noncombustible, masonry or metal materials.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

256.082 - Location.

Sec. 8.2. Barbecue pits, charcoal grills and outdoor fireplaces outside of buildings shall not be located within five (5) feet of combustible walls or roofs or other combustible material. Outdoor fireplaces shall be prohibited above ground/grade level of any multifamily dwelling.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

256.083 - Portable fire extinguishers.

Sec. 8.3. Portable fire extinguishers shall be readily available for use at all barbecue pit, charcoal grills and outdoor fireplaces.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

SECTION IX

256.090 - AGRICULTURAL BURNS

256.091 - Location.

Sec. 9.1. The agricultural burning off of areas of fields on land within the Township is permitted. Agricultural burning is the burning of the remnants of crops and/or grasses of a type for which burning is conducive to regrowth.

(Amended: Ord. No. 432, 5-13-2003)

256.092 - Notification.

Sec. 9.2. Prior to commencement of an agricultural burn, the fire department shall be notified.

256.093 - Time and atmospheric restrictions.

Sec. 9.3. Agricultural burn shall only be performed when time and atmospheric conditions are favorable to such practice and shall take place only during hours approved by the Chief.

256.094 - Fire extinguishing equipment.

Sec. 9.4. Buckets, shovels, garden hoses or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at agricultural burns.

256.095 - Attendance.

Sec. 9.5. Agricultural burns shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment. The attendant shall supervise an agricultural burn until the fire has been extinguished.

256.096 - Discontinuance.

Sec. 9.6. The Fire Chief or his/her designee is authorized to require that an agricultural burn be immediately discontinued if such fire is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to be offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the burn is determined by the Fire Chief or his/her designee to constitute a hazardous condition.

(Amended: Ord. No. 486, 11-13-2007)

SECTION X

256.100 - BURNING BAN

256.101 - Notification.

Sec. 10.1. If high hazard fire conditions exist, the Chief may issue a burning ban which would restrict any or all burning until such time as the ban is rescinded. Imposition of the ban and the lifting of the ban shall be effective upon the date of publication of notice thereof in the Kalamazoo Gazette.

SECTION XI

256.110 - PENALTIES

256.111 - Violation.

Sec. 11.1. Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a municipal civil infraction.

256.112 - Fine.

Sec. 11.2. Upon determination of responsibility, the person, corporation, firm or other entity shall pay a fine according to the following schedule:

First offense\$ 75.00

Second offense within three years of first offense150.00

Third offense within three-year period325.00

Fourth and each subsequent offense within three-year period each500.00

256.113 - Costs.

Sec. 11.3. If a determination of responsibility is made by the Court, the Court may impose costs as provided for by law in addition to the fines called for above.

(Amended: Ord. No. 458, 12-21-2004)

256.114 - Each day a separate offense.

Sec. 11.4. Each day during which a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The imposition of a fine shall not exempt an offender from compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

256.115 - Other action.

Sec. 11.5. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Township Board, public official or private citizen from taking such lawful action as is necessary to restrain or prevent any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION XII

256.120 - SEVERABILITY

256.121 - Independent provisions.

Sec. 12.1. Should any portion of this Ordinance be determined to be unconstitutional or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction such determination shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which will remain in full force and effect.

SECTION XIII

256.130 - REPEAL

256.131 - Repeal.

Sec. 13.1. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION XIV

256.140 - EFFECTIVE DATE

256.141 - Effective date.

Sec. 14.1. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 21st day of February, 1995.



Memorandum

Date: 24 June 2016
To: Township Board
From: Public Works
Subject: USDA-Rural Development Grant & Loan Program for Sanitary Sewer

Objective

- 1) Township Board discussion of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant and Loan program for sanitary sewer extension.
- 2) Consideration of consultant contract for USDA-Rural Development pre-application.

Background

Township Staff are working under the Board's previous direction to explore options for funding sanitary sewer infrastructure. The goal of the Board's is to reduce the financial burden as much as possible to residents.

To that end, Staff met with Paul Bristol of USDA-Rural Development, and civil engineering consultants with Rural Development grant and loan experience on May 23rd, 2016.

In order to determine eligibility of Oshtemo Township sanitary districts for the USDA-Rural Development grant and/or low interest loan sanitary sewer funding, the Township must submit a 'pre-application.' Supervisor and Staff requested proposals from consultants to develop this pre-application. A summary of the proposals received will be emailed to the Board Tuesday.