

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Work Session
January 14, 2020
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Work Session was held at the Township Hall. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell (remotely)
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Grant Taylor
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford

ABSENT:

Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present was Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Assistant to Supervisor Josh Owens, and approximately 28 interested people.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. Approximately 9 people spoke.

Kalamazoo County Update

Sgt. Johnston provided the 2019 December Oshtemo Police Reports.

Discussion on Mortgage Interest Rate

Attorney Jim Porter presented the information regarding adjusting the mortgage interest rate for sewer installations.

Discussion on Sanitary Sewer Expansion

Public Works Director Marc Elliott provided an updated frequently asked questions to the Board. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell announced that neighborhood meetings for those included in the USDA expansion will be scheduled and noticed soon. The discussion will continue January 28, 2020.

Update on 2020 Census

Information provided in Board packet.

Other Updates and Business

Police Protection Discussion

The Board consensus is to interview the one candidate for the Lieutenant position from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the work session at approximately 7:18 PM.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Regular Meeting
January 14, 2020
7:15 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Work Session was held at the Township Hall. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:25 PM.

PRESENT:

Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Grant Taylor
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford

ABSENT:

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell
Trustee Ken Hudok

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Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. One person spoke.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – December 10, 2019 and January 7, 2020
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Handbook Amendment 6.14B
- d. Paid On Call Holiday Bonus
- e. Drake Farmstead Park Carriage Barn Rental Fees
- f. Sewer Main Connection Charges – Mortgage and Other Changes
- g. Grange Hall Rental Amendment for Public Events
- h. Authorization to sell decommissioned 2004 American LaFrance fire engine

Motion by Bell, second by Ford to remove item F and approve the remaining consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with two absences.

Presentation - Public Transit Millage Information

Metro Transit Executive Director Sean McBride provided information regarding the transit millage election that will be on the March 10, 2020 ballot.

WMU Student Website Accessibility Project

To be rescheduled.

Consideration of 2020 KCRC PAR Program for Road Maintenance Projects

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to approve the 2020 KCRC PAR funds for road maintenance projects. Motion carried 5-0 with two absences.

Local Road Contract – South 8th St Repair Design Services

Clerk Farmer called for public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to approve the contract for South 8th St. flooding repair design services and amend the budget as necessary. Motion carried 5-0 with two absences.

Other Township Business

Sewer Main Connection Charges – Mortgage and Other Changes

Board consensus is to bring the issue back to the next meeting, or as soon as possible, after the Treasurer’s office provides amortization tables and the question regarding reducing the 1% administrative fee is answered by Township financial advisors.

Clerk Farmer called for public comment. One person spoke.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer called for public comment. No public comment.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:54 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor