

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Work Session
February 26, 2019
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Work Session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Grant Taylor
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and 2 interested people.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called for public comment. 1 person spoke.

Discussion of Board Retreat

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the idea to have staff and the Board participate in personality evaluations. This would be a separate date from the full Board retreat, which is still in discussion. Board members will send availability for the next few weeks to the Supervisor.

Discussion of Staffing Changes and Board/Committee Appointments

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented a list of formal boards and commissions and ad hoc committees. The Board discussed needs for each board/commission/committee. Topic will be revisited under agenda item 13.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the Work Session at approximately 7:10 PM.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2019
7:15 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Regular Meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 PM.

PRESENT:

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

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and 9 interested people.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called for public comment. 2 people spoke.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2019 and February 12, 2019 Regular Meetings
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Sanitary Sewer Saw Grant Engineering Agreement Amendment
- d. Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2024 Sanitary Sewer Correction
- e. Fire Department Software for Revising Internal Standard Operating Procedures

Trustee Ford requested to remove item e from the consent agenda.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to approve the consent agenda, without item e. Motion carried 6-0 with one absence.

Item e will be brought back before the Board on March 12 so that Fire Chief Barnes can address questions.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Consideration of Non-motorized Facility on Stadium Drive in the DDA from 8th Street to Quail Run – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Taylor to adopt a resolution of support for a non-motorized facility on Stadium Dr. in the Downtown Development Authority from 8th Street to Quail Run. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0, with Hudok absent.

Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Section 53.510 Amendment – SECOND READING
Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt the amendment to 53.510. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Consideration of Nuisance Ordinance – SECOND READING
Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. 1 person spoke.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt the Nuisance Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Consideration of Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance – FIRST READING
Attorney Jim Porter presented a recommendation to opt out of allowing marihuana establishments in the Township until the State of Michigan has written the regulations and the Township can write an ordinance to include this type of establishment.

Consensus was that the Township Board recognizes the vote of the people legalizing recreational marihuana, and in no way wants to hinder that, but must protect the interests of the residents until the State establishes regulations.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. 1 person spoke.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to accept the Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance for first reading and set for second reading on March 12. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Other Business

No other business.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Board Member Comments

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition and Pending Litigation

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt a resolution to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and pending litigation at 7:56 PM. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0, with Hudok absent.

Motion by Ford, second by Taylor to exit closed session at 9:00 PM. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt the resolution as discussed in closed session. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0, with Hudok absent.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell requested that the Board continue the work session from earlier.

The Board finished the discussion regarding staffing changes in the office, and Clerk Farmer summarized the cemetery ordinance change information that will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Ford to approve the Boards and Committees recommendations. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the Regular Meeting at approximately 10:17 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor