

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Work Session
March 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 Cheri Bell
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and 1 interested person.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called for public comment. No public comment.

Update from Kalamazoo County

Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office informed the Supervisor that Sgt. Juvon Johnson will attend future Board meetings.

Discussion on Board of Review Alternate Compensation

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell informed the Board that there has been a request to pay the alternate Board of Review members when they attend meetings.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to compensate the alternate members of the Board of Review. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Updates and Business

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the Work Session at approximately 7:00 PM.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Meeting
March 12, 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 Cheri Bell
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Planning Director Julie Johnston, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Deputy Fire Chief Greg McComb, and approximately 50 interested people.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called for public comment. No public comment.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Boards/Committees – Public Media Network
- d. Job Description Amendments (Maintenance and Public Works)
- e. Employee Handbook Amendments (Paid Medical Leave, Marijuana Policies)

Trustee Ford requested that the Public Works job description be removed from the consent agenda and bring it back to the April 9, 2019 meeting.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve the consent agenda without the Public Works job description. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Department Commendation of 2019 Citizen Life Saving Effort

Fire Chief Mark Barnes and Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented recognition awards to Betsy Sell, Shad Ward, Dave Arrasmith, Lauren Petersen, Evan Kohler, and Officer Dale Deleeuw for their heroic lifesaving actions at West Hills Athletic Club on February 6, 2019.

Consideration of Resolution of Intent to Create a West Main Corridor Improvement Authority

Planning Director Julie Johnston presented a Resolution to move forward with the creation of a West Main Corridor Improvement Authority.

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

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to adopt a Resolution of Intent to Create the West Main Corridor Improvement Authority. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Discussion of Single Hauler Residential Waste Contract

Board consensus was to revisit this issue at a work session in or around June with more information regarding the details of single-hauler service and an opinion survey of residents to be published in the Township-wide newsletter in May that requires the entry of an address for verification.

Other Business

The Board discussed a resolution to declare a full U.S. 131 business route interchange between the West Main and D Avenue interchanges a top priority.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell shared that she volunteered in Cooper Charter Township for Styrofoam recycling. She requested that the Board consider participating with Cooper to provide the service to Oshtemo residents. Consensus was to advertise the need for volunteers in the May newsletter for a possible August date.

Trustee Hudok requested that the Board explore a more equitable way to charge residents for sewer and water connections with regard to linear frontage as one of the variables.

Public Comment

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

Board Member Comments

Request to Enter Closed Session for Employee Performance Evaluation

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt a Resolution to Enter Closed Session at 8:43 PM for the Purpose of Discussing an Employee Performance Evaluation at the request of the employee. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Bell leave closed session at 9:20 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Taylor to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 6-1.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the Regular Meeting at approximately 9:21 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor