

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
Joint Boards Meeting (Virtual)  
April 21, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Joint Boards Meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform. Residents were able to join the meeting through both the Zoom application and by phone. Residents were able to give public comment through email, the Zoom platform, and by phone during the meeting. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell	Anna Versalle
Clerk Dusty Farmer	Josh Owens
Treasurer Grant Taylor	Bruce Vanderweele
Trustee Cheri Bell	Chetan Vyas
Trustee Deb Everett	Iris Lubbert
Trustee Zak Ford	Richard Skalski
Trustee Ken Hudok	Theresa Spurr
Neil Sikora	David Walsh
Mary Smith	Anita Smith
Ron Commissaris	Themis Corakis
Micki Maxwell	Fred Gould
Fred Antosz	Jim Porter
Karen High	Marc Elliott

Also present were approximately 4 interested people (both through the Zoom platform and by phone).

**Virtual Meeting Policy & Public Comment Policy Amendment for Virtual Meetings**

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell informed all Board and Commissions of the updated virtual meeting policy approved by the Township Board on April 14, 2020.

**Construction Updates**

1. Drake Farmstead- Parks Director Karen High updated the Boards about the accessible ramps, completed carriage barn and mural, and the accessible trail.
2. Fruit Belt Trail-
  - a. Only a proposal at this time as the property has not been acquired
  - b. It would be 150 ft wide and 2 miles long; about 35 acres total
  - c. Conceptual framework can be found in the Go! Green Oshtemo Plan
  - d. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund acquisition grant would provide \$58,000, with no out-of-pocket cost to the Township
  - e. There is strong opposition from some residents
  - f. Application was due in April, but Board approval deadline has been extended
  - g. The soonest the property could be acquired would be 2021
3. 9<sup>th</sup> St/Gateway
  - a. Design changes will be considered this spring
  - b. Sidewalk will be altered to improve accessibility
4. PAR Funded 2020 local road projects
  - a. 14 roads
  - b. New roads with sewer installation
5. 8<sup>th</sup> St flooding
  - a. Closed due to water over the road for almost one year

- b. Scope of repair has been expanded to consider non-motorized paths
- 6. Drake Rd Path
  - a. West Main toward Green Meadow incomplete due to utilities not being moved last year
  - b. Work will continue April 27, 2020
  - c. Amtrak crossing agreement south of KL Ave is still not resolved, but the State of MI is allowing the section from Green Meadow to KL Ave, including the short segment north of Green Meadow
- 7. Stadium Drive Sidewalks
  - a. Quail to 11<sup>th</sup> St: 6 ft path schedule to go to bid 5/15/2020
  - b. Quail to 8<sup>th</sup> St: grant was not approved
- 8. Sewer Extensions/Connections
  - a. Board will consider if and how to pursue at the May 12 meeting

#### **Board Updates**

Updates were given from Township Board, Planning Commission, Clerk's Office, Friends of the Parks.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. Approximately 2 people spoke.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:17 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell  
Township Supervisor