

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Meeting – Budget Discussion and Other Business
July 23, 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

ABSENT:

Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and 3 interested people.

Public Comment

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Proposed Fireworks Ordinance – Second Reading
- d. Computer Cloud Server Migration Budget Amendment
- e. CCTA Board Appointment

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with 2 absent.

Consideration of Adoption of Resolution to Establish the West Main Corridor Improvement Authority and Boundaries

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

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt a resolution establishing the West Main Corridor Improvement Authority and boundaries. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0 with Hudok absent.

Consideration of Appointments to the West Main CIA Board

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve the recommended appointments to the West Main CIA Board. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 absent.

Discussion on USDA Phase II Scope of Work in Primary Roads

Public Works Director Marc Elliott and Matt Johnson from Fleis and Vandenbrink presented the challenges on KL Ave and 11th Street regarding improvement to the roadways and requirements from the Road Commission that might require large scale tree removal.

Consideration of Elks Plat Drain Petition

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

Motion by Ford, second by Taylor to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Elks Plat Drain Petition for locating, establishing, and constructing a drain for Elk's Plat drain #330. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 absent.

Consideration of Charter Millage and Road Funding

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

Attorney Porter presented a resolution to request that Kalamazoo County agree to the ability of the Township to levy the entirety of the charter millage and road improvement millage. This resolution would not levy any specific amount at this time.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution requesting Kalamazoo County authorization of the Township's ability to levy of up to 5 charter mills pursuant to MCL 42.27, and/or up to 2 mills for road improvements pursuant to MCL 247.670. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0 with Hudok absent.

Other Township Business

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the contract award request from Parks Director Karen High for American Athletix, LLC for construction of the picnic shelter at Drake Farmstead.

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

Motion by Taylor, second by Bell to authorize the Supervisor to enter into contract with American Athletix, LLC for construction of a picnic shelter at Drake Farmstead Park for \$49,980. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 absent.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell shared information with the Board regarding cost estimates to continue utilizing Planning Director Julie Johnston's services after her resignation takes effect and she is working for Wightman and Associates.

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

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to authorize the Supervisor to enter into contract with Wightman for continued Planning Services, and amend the budget to move \$15,000 from the Planning Department Salary line to the Consultant line. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 absent.

Public Comment

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

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation and Sale of Property

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution to enter closed session at 7:56 PM to discuss pending litigation and sale of property. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0 with Hudok absent.

Motion by Everett, second by Ford to exit closed session at 8:42 PM. Motion carried 5-0 with 2 absent.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a resolution of support for the Kellison Woods Condominium Association. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0 with Hudok absent.

Discussion on 2020 Budget – Third Budget Meeting

The Board discussed the budget structure and reviewed the requested revenues and expenditures for the Fire Equipment Fund (211).

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the Regular Meeting at approximately 10:00 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor