

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Work Session (Virtual)
September 8, 2020
6:00 PM

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PRESENT:

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

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Assistant to Supervisor Josh Owens, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, and approximately 3 interested people.

Public Comment

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

Fire Truck Discussion

Fire Chief Mark Barnes presented two opportunities for the Township to re-acquire former fire trucks.

2021 Budget Discussion (continued)

IT Coordinator Rick Kienbaum walked the Board through the IT budget for 2021.

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

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
September 8, 2020
7:15 PM

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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, Assistant to Supervisor Josh Owens, and approximately 12 interested people.

Public Comment

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – August 24th, 2020 and August 25th, 2020
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Wastewater Service Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading
- d. Drake Road Path Budget Amendment
- e. KLA Group Water Extension Budget Amendment
- f. Election Budget Amendment
- g. Fire Department Policies

Clerk Farmer removed item f. Trustee Hudok requested to remove and discuss item d.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to approve the consent agenda without item f. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Assembly and Convention Hall Zoning Amendments – First Reading

Planning Director Iris Lubbert presented the Assembly and Convention Hall Zoning amendments.

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

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve the zoning amendments for first reading and set second reading for September 22. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on Municipal Sewer

Attorney Porter presented information that would provide an alternative to sewer mortgage payments in the form of installment payments.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. Two people spoke.

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to move from a mortgage payment agreement to an installment payment agreement to take the liability from the person and place it with the property. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on State Revenue Sharing

Treasurer Taylor provided information to the Board regarding the share of sales tax that comes back to the Township in the form of constitutional State Revenue sharing. Rather than receiving the revenue sharing in August, the Township will be provided with dollars from the Federal CARES Act fund.

Other Business

Maintenance trucks-

Maintenance Director Rick Everett presented information that he will be purchasing the new maintenance truck as budgeted for 2020.

Item d: Drake Rd Budget Amendment-

Trustee Hudok shared that he did not think there was enough information for approval on the consent agenda. Public Works Director Marc Elliott provided more information.

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

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve the budget amendment for \$33,000 for the irrigation work on Drake Rd. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0, with Hudok absent.

Consideration of mailed bond ballot information-

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell shared that 3 factual mailers regarding the sewer bond proposal are proposed to be mailed to registered voters in the Township.

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

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to approve a budget amendment up to \$12,000 from carryover to the Newsletter/Public Education line item for the purpose of mailing factual postcards regarding the sewer bond proposal. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0, with Hudok absent.

Discussion regarding office hours during Covid-

This item will come back to the Board next meeting.

Public Comment

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

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:35 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor