

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
7275 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

July 15, 2025

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BUDGET MEETING
5:30 P.M.
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Remote Location Identification (for remote attendance when permitted by statute)
4. Township Mission/Vision/Core Values:
Core Value: Committing to quality Fire and Police protection.
5. Township Budget Kick-off: Review and Begin 2027 Budget
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment

**Policy for Public Comment
Township Board Regular Meetings, Planning Commission & ZBA Meetings**

All public comment shall be received during one of the following portions of the Agenda of an open meeting:

- a. Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items or Public Comment – while this is not intended to be a forum for dialogue and/or debate, if a citizen inquiry can be answered succinctly and briefly, it will be addressed or it may be delegated to the appropriate Township Official or staff member to respond at a later date. More complicated questions can be answered during Township business hours through web contact, phone calls, email (oshtemo@oshtemo.org), walk-in visits, or by appointment.
- b. After an agenda item is presented by staff and/or an applicant, public comment will be invited. At the close of public comment there will be Board discussion prior to call for a motion. While comments that include questions are important, depending on the nature of the question, whether it can be answered without further research, and the relevance to the agenda item at hand, the questions may not be discussed during the Board deliberation which follows.

Anyone wishing to make a comment will be asked to come to the podium to facilitate the audio/visual capabilities of the meeting room. Speakers will be invited to provide their name, but it is not required.

All public comment offered during public hearings shall be directed, and relevant, to the item of business on which the public hearing is being conducted. Comment during the Public Comment Non-Agenda Items may be directed to any issue.

All public comment shall be limited to four (4) minutes in duration unless special permission has been granted in advance by the Supervisor or Chairperson of the meeting.

Public comment shall not be repetitive, slanderous, abusive, threatening, boisterous, or contrary to the orderly conduct of business. The Supervisor or Chairperson of the meeting shall terminate any public comment which does not follow these guidelines.

(adopted 5/9/2000)
(revised 5/14/2013)
(revised 1/8/2018)

Questions and concerns are welcome outside of public meetings during Township Office hours through phone calls, stopping in at the front desk, by email, and by appointment. The customer service counter is open from Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m., and on Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Additionally, questions and concerns are accepted at all hours through the website contact form found at www.oshtemo.org, email, postal service, and voicemail. Staff and elected official contact information is provided below. If you do not have a specific person to contact, please direct your inquiry to oshtemo@oshtemo.org and it will be directed to the appropriate person.

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Public Works Director:

Anna Horner 216-5228 ahorner@oshtemo.org

Mission:

To advance the quality of life of all residents through a commitment to responsible growth, and value-driven municipal services that promote the relationships among economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and social equity.

Vision:

A sustainable and innovative community built through a legacy of planned, responsible growth and rural preservation.

Core Values:

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Fair treatment to all people.
- Each customer is welcomed, and their input is wanted.
 - Difficult questions are not marginalized.
- Allow residents to interact directly with Township staff and officials.
- Decisions are made based on the value to our Township and residents.

SUSTAINABILITY

- Meet the needs of the present without compromising future generations.
 - Consider the environment through practices that reduce impacts.
 - Value-conscious decision-making.
 - Committing to quality fire and police protection.

INNOVATION

- Providing the best value-conscious technology currently available.
- Leverage new technologies and ways of doing business to increase accessibility and improve services.

PROFESSIONALISM

- Hire staff with strong core competencies within their given profession.
- Commitment to continuous improvement to government operations.
- Dedicated to open communication to improve productivity and effectiveness.

INTEGRITY

- Decisions are made logically through the collection of evidence, facts, and public input.
 - When promises are made, we follow through.
 - We do not obfuscate – we say what we mean and do what we say.
 - Transparent governmental practices are of the highest priority.

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

- Ensure that taxpayer investments are spent wisely, effectively and efficiently.