

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
January 23, 2024
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. Residents were able to give public comments during the meeting. Supervisor Bell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Cheri Bell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Neil Sikora
Trustee Kristin Cole
Trustee Michael Chapman

Also present were Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, and IT Director Jon Gibson.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Public Officials Update

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Dale Deleeuw provided a County update. The application for the County Opioid Task Force closes on January 27, 2024. He also updated the Board regarding medical debt forgiveness.

Discussion: Township Trash Day

Clerk Farmer shared with the Board that the current model for Trash Day has been evaluated by Maintenance Director Greg Fountain since about May of 2023. He gathered names and addresses at each Trash Day so that the Township could evaluate how many residents are using the service, and where those residents live within the Township. Maintenance Director Fountain identified safety concerns for both residents and Township staff and provided a recommendation to have up to three maintenance workers on site for the Trash Day events. This recommendation resulted in identifying staffing solutions and costs to taxpayers. During this process investigation began to offer trash removal services away from Township property. One-time pick-up services from each residence was projected to cost the same as 10 Trash Days at the Township. The Township trash haul company offered a system of certificates to residents so that they could bring large amounts of trash to the Miller Rd transfer station at any time throughout the year, possibly opening up service to more residents and addressing the safety concerns for staff on Township property. This will come back to the Board at a later meeting.

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Bell asked if anyone present wished to remove an item from the consent agenda.

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 9, 2024
- b. Second Reading: Wellhead Protection Ordinance
- c. Second Reading: Text Amendments to Section 57.80 – Keeping of Livestock & Honeybees
- d. Second Reading: Rezoning Request for 9177 W. G Ave. – Land Section 5
- e. Scholarship for Township Governance Academy

Motion by Ford, second by Chapman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Amendment: KL Avenue Non-Motorized Path

Motion by Cole, second by Sikora to approve the budget amendment to allocate funds for the KL Ave non-motorized path in the amount of \$91,700 in accordance with the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading: Transportation and Mobility Ordinance

Motion by Cole, second by Chapman to accept the Transportation and Mobility Ordinance for first reading and set for second reading on February 6, 2024. Motion carried 6-1.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:08 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor