

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Special Meeting
January 24, 2017

The Oshtemo Township Board special meeting was held at the Oshtemo Community Center. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present: Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliot, Planning Director Julie Johnston, and two consultants from Fleis & Vandenbrink.

Rural Development Loan and Sewer Extensions

Discussion led by Matt Johnson of Fleis & Vandenbrink regarding the Oshtemo Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. The cost of all sanitary and water extensions is around \$45 million. When categorizing sewer projects into different timeframes, Phase 1 cost would be about \$25,320,000. Three ways to pay down the debt were presented to the Township. A 20 year issue at 4% interest would obligate the resident to pay a range from \$88-\$50 per month over twenty years. A 25 year issue at 4% interest would obligate the resident to pay a range from \$79-\$41 per month over twenty years. A Rural Development 40 year issue at 4% interest would obligate the resident to pay a range from \$67-\$24 per month over forty years. Consultants from Fleis & Vandenbrink will be available for questions at the next board meeting, February 14th. The Board discussed beginning the next work session at 5 PM for more discussion and to have additional opportunity for public comment.

Retreat began at 1:40 PM

Core Values

Planning Director Julie Johnston began the retreat by opening discussion of Core Values. The Board discussed compiling 5-7 core values to guide the Mission and Vision Statements for the Township.

PUBLIC SERVICE- customer service, social equity, respect, efficiency

SUSTAINABILITY- environmentally conscious, fiscal, value conscious, health and public safety

INNOVATION- technology, creative ideas

INTEGRITY- Open, transparent, accountable

PROFESSIONALISM- Commitment, empowerment

Mission and Vision Statement

The Board agreed that the Mission and Vision Statements should be published with a date and the names of the Board members. Draft Mission Statement: To advance the quality of life of all residents through a commitment to responsible growth, and value-driven municipal services that promote the relationship between economic vitality, environmental stewardship and social equity. Draft Vision Statement: A sustainable and innovative community built through a legacy of planned, responsible growth and rural preservation.

Goals and Objectives

The Board discussed Goals and Objectives. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 after the Board decided to continue discussion during another work session.