

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting
February 14, 2022
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. The public was able to join the meeting through both the Zoom application and by phone. Residents were able to give public comment during the meeting. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer- remote (Oshtemo Township)
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Kizzy Bradford- arrived at 7:15 PM

ABSENT:

Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Kristen Cole

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, Planning Director Iris Lubbert, and IT Coordinator Jon Gibson.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment.

Discussion on Post Office Reorganization

Kevin Trayer from the United Association of Postal Supervisors provided an update for the United States Postal Service reorganization effort. He cited concerns about longer routes, delayed mail service, and possible negative effects on the rural community. He requested a letter of support from the Township recognizing these negative effects.

Discussion on Purchasing Policy Amendments

Board consensus was to move forward with the amendments at the next Board meeting after requesting input from the accounting consultant.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked if anyone present wished to remove anything from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 24th, 2023
- b. Board Appointments (SoDA, CCTA)
- c. Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with County

- d. Video Camera Security System
- e. Fire Security Systems – Fire Stations Two & Three
- f. Pest Control
- g. Job Description – General Maintenance Amendment
- h. Election Pay
- i. Budget Amendments
- j. Update - Health Insurance Premium Rate Correction
- k. Street Lighting – Beech Street
- l. Nonmotorized Retaining Wall – Drake Road
- m. Handbook Amendment – Cell Phone
- n. 24 Hour Firefighter Pension on Statutory Hours Correction

Motion by Bell, second by Buszka to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Request to Enter into Closed Session to Discuss Written Opinion of Counsel

Motion by Bell, second by Buszka to adopt a resolution to enter closed session to discuss written opinion of counsel. Roll call. Resolution adopted 5-0, with Cole and Ford absent.

Motion by Bell, second by Bradford to exit closed session. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Motion by Bell, second by Buszka to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Consideration of Atlantic Avenue Property Purchase with DDA

Planning Director Iris Lubbert requested direction for the purchase of 6227 Stadium Drive, which has been discussed at multiple Board meetings for the past few months.

Motion by Bell, second by Bradford to adopt a resolution to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement with the Mary Jane Kinney Revocable Trust to purchase 6227 Stadium Drive on behalf of the Oshtemo Township Downtown Development Authority. Roll call. Resolution adopted 5-0, with Cole and Ford absent.

Consideration of Support for Consumers Energy Grant to Benefit Battery Infrastructure in Oshtemo – Parkview & Drake Road Station

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell explained that Consumers Energy is going to apply for a federal grant to benefit battery infrastructure and would like Township support. Board consensus was to bring back more information at the next Board meeting.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:07 PM.

Township Clerk

Township Supervisor