

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 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 Michael Chapman
Trustee Kristin Cole- Remote location in Oshtemo Township

Also present were Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, HR Director Sara Feister, Fire Chief Greg McComb, Maintenance Director Greg Fountain, and IT Director Jon Gibson.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Consent Agenda

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

1. February 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Board and Committee Appointment – Jeremiah Smith- Planning Commission
3. Second Reading: Transportation and Mobility Ordinance

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

Discussion and First Reading Mixed-Use (MU) District Ordinance

Attorney Porter provided a summary of the recommendation of the McKenna Consultant Paul Lippens to the Planning Commission and the motions that were made to bring the item before the Board.

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Motion by Farmer, second by Chapman to accept the text amendments of Article 30, Mixed-Use District, of the Township Zoning Ordinance, with the amendments recommended by Mr. Lippens, which are referenced in attachment No. 1, pg 18, Table 30.20.1 – Recommended Modification to MU Densities, and the recommendation to decrease the minimum lot size from

20 acres to 5 acres on pg 2 of the Planning Commission Minutes from February 8, 2024 for First Reading and set for Second Reading on March 12, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution Authorizing Consumers Energy to Amend the Light Service Agreement

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to adopt the resolution as written by Consumers Energy Company to make changes to the standard lighting contract for Oshtemo Township. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Budget Amendments

Fire Station Generators

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Design Engineering for Traffic Light Preemption System

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Recommendation to increase the amount received from Kalamazoo County by 11.2% as a contingency, raising the amount to \$39,124.50.

7th St and West Main Sanitary Sewer Project

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Media and Communications Consultant

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the recommended budget amendments as discussed. Motion carried 7-0.

Update: Contract for Compensation Study and Job Review

HR Director Sara Feister provided information to the Board regarding the compensation and job description review.

Consideration: Amendment to Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds

Motion by Sikora, second by Buszka to amend Township Resolution Entitles “Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds, General Obligation Limited Tax, Series 2023A and 2023B” adopted April 25, 2023. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:12 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor