

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting
February 22, 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 in person and through email during the meeting. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Kizzy Bradford
Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 2 interested people.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment on non-regular session items. No public comment.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Police Virtual Reality Training Discussion

The Board discussed the request from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department to cost-share a new virtual reality training opportunity. Board consensus was to continue the discussion at the next meeting, including a demonstration of the new training.

American Rescue Plan Act Discussion

The Board decided to schedule more time to explore all proposed options and to receive public input regarding the expenditure of ARPA dollars.

Other Business

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell shared with the Board that a property within the sewer project expansion has experienced a failed septic system. The Board needs to decide if they are prepared to move forward with individual sewer projects rather than the initial plan to complete all of them at once with the USDA program.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – February 8th, 2022
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Budget Amendments
- d. Fire Department Radios Update

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

Consideration of Fruit Belt Trail MNRTF Development Grants

Parks Director Karen High provided an update regarding development of the Fruit Belt Trail.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application for the development of the Fruit Belt Trail-East segment, and to match with Township and donated funds. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application for the development of the Fruit Belt Trail-West segment, and to match with Township and donated funds. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Written Opinion of Counsel

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a resolution to enter closed session at 7:50 pm to discuss written opinion of counsel. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Bradford to exit closed session at 8:21 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:24 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO

I, Dusty Farmer, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the Township of Oshtemo, certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of meeting minutes adopted at a regular meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Board held on March 8, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature on this ____ day of March , 2022.

Dusty Farmer, Clerk
Oshtemo Charter Township