

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 12, 2024  
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board 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

Also present were Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, HR Director Sara Feister, Maintenance Director Greg Fountain, IT Director Jon Gibson, approximately 10 interested people.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

**Public Officials Update**

County Commissioner Dale Deleeuw and a representative from State Representative Matt Hall's office spoke.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting February 20, 2024
- b. Budget Amendment Memos
  - i. Whitegate/W Mich/11th St Sidewalk Construction
  - ii. 9th Street Sidewalk Design
  - iii. Parkview Ave Non-motorized and Sanitary Construction
  - iv. Fruitbelt Trail Resurvey
  - v. Parks Kalamazoo Nature Center Services
  - vi. I.T. Meeting Room
  - vii. I.T. Ricoh Scanner/Printer
- c. Receipts and Disbursements

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to pull item biv and approve the rest of consent agenda.  
Motion carried 7-0.

### **Update to Township Trash Services**

Clerk Farmer summarized the history of Dump Day at Oshtemo Township that resulted in the decision to discontinue Dump Day on Township property and to begin providing vouchers to residents to take their trash to the transfer station at the corner of Nichols and Ravine. Art Mulder presented the trash service options to the Board, and provided more information about the trash transfer station and recycling center he owns in partnership with Ken Hoving. Residents will be able to pick up three months of vouchers from the Township office. Each voucher will allow up to 4 yards of trash per month to be taken to the Waste Not Recycling facility. The new program will run March through November. Information will be available on the Township website [www.oshtemo.org](http://www.oshtemo.org) and on social media.

### **Second Reading: Mixed -Use District Ordinance**

Paul Lippens from McKenna provided an overview of the Mixed-Use Development and the objectives the Township hopes to achieve with this ordinance. If approved, it will go into effect within 7 days of publication.

Motion by Ford, second by Chapman to accept the second reading and adopt the Mixed-Use District Ordinance, Article 30, of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Consideration of Planning Director**

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve the hire of Jodi Stefforia as the Planning Director effective 3/31/2024, the accompanying budget amendment for salary, taxes, retirement, and the job title revision back to Planning Director. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Fruit Belt Trail Survey**

Supervisor Bell provided follow-up to discussion from late 2023 regarding the resurvey of the property along the Fruit Belt Trail that resulted in a bill to the Township that was questioned by the Board. Through discussion with Prein & Newhof, they are willing to reduce the cost by half. The bill will be paid from the 2023 budget.

### **Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell  
Township Supervisor