

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Regular Board Meeting

April 22, 2025

5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. Residents were able to give public comment during the meeting. Supervisor Bell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Cheri Bell

Clerk Dusty Farmer- remote Oshtemo Township

Trustee Neil Sikora

Trustee Michael Chapman

Trustee Zak Ford

ABSENT:

Treasurer Clare Buszka

Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, IT Director Jon Gibson, and approximately 6 interested people.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Sikora, second by Ford to approve the agenda with the recommended changes from Supervisor Bell. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Officials and Community Partner Update

Road Commissioner Larry Stehouwer was available for questions or concerns.

Brownfield Tax Increment Financing Policy

Planning Director Jodi Stefforia reviewed the changes to the current criteria in the policy to promote discussion with the Board.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell asked if anyone present wished to remove items from the consent agenda and table to a future meeting. Trustee Ford asked to remove item e.

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Joint Meeting, March 25, 2025
- b. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 8, 2025
- c. 2024 Early Voting Invoice and Budget Amendment
- d. April 2025 Peer Recognition Certificates
- e. Finance Manager Job Description

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to approve the consent agenda items a, b, c, and d and table item e until May 13. Motion carried 5-0, with two absent.

Resolution: USDA Construction Contract

Public Works Director Anna Horner presented the resolution and change order.

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to adopt a resolution to conditionally award the construction contract for USDA Neighborhood Sanitary Sewer expansion to Redline Excavating Company, including the change order. Roll call. Resolution adopted 5-0, with Buszka and Cole absent.

Consideration: Streetlight Projects

Project Manager Zach Pearson provided an overview to the Board.

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Chapman to adopt a resolution authorizing Consumers Energy to make changes to the standard lighting contract. Roll call. Resolution adopted 5-0, with Buszka and Cole absent.

Discussion: Brownfield Policy continued

The Board discussed priorities in criterion and the Planning Director will bring the policy back at a future meeting.

Discussion: MI House Appropriations Request

Supervisor Bell shared the letter that would have to be signed to make appropriations requests to the State. The letter requires a statement from the Township stating that it will not impede immigration enforcement efforts through ordinance or policy. The Township has no authority regarding immigration, and it is unclear if this requirement is legal. The Senate does not have the same requirement. Attorney Porter will further research.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:22 PM.

Prepared by Dusty Farmer
 Township Clerk

Attested

Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor