

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting

April 26, 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

Treasurer Clare Buszka

Trustee Zak Ford

Trustee Kizzy Bradford

Trustee Cheri Bell

Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, Maintenance Director Rick Everett, and 31 interested people.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment on non-regular session items. 4 people spoke.

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**Fire Chief Retirement and Interim Chief Oath of Office**

State Senator Sean McCann and State Representative Christine Morse presented a tribute from the State of Michigan to retiring Fire Chief Mark Barnes. Chief Barnes gave his last remarks and turned over his badge to Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell. Clerk Farmer gave the oath of office to Interim Fire Chief Ron Farr.

**Consideration of Employee Benefit Ordinance- First Reading**

Attorney Porter introduced the Employee Benefit Ordinance for first reading.

Motion by Farmer, second by Bell to accept the Employee Benefit Ordinance for first reading and set second reading for May 10, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

**Other Business**

Clerk Farmer requested that the April 19, 2022, Joint Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the April 19, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

## **REGULAR SESSION ITEMS**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Minutes – April 12, 2022
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Update on Capital Purchase
- d. ZBA Alternate appointment

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

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to move items 9 and 10 before item 8. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act funds**

Sandy Bliesener from OCBA facilitated the discussion regarding the ARPA funds.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell  
Township Supervisor