

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
June 10, 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
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Neil Sikora
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Kristin Cole

ABSENT:

Trustee Michael Chapman

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, IT Director Jon Gibson, Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 3 interested people.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Sikora, second by Ford to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0, with one absent.

Public Officials and Community Partner Updates

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Dale DeLeeuw provided updates and was available for questions.

Work Session: 2024 Audit Presentation

Ben Walker of Seber Tans presented the draft audit for fiscal year 2024.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Kalamazoo County Road Commission Larry Stehouwer was present and available for questions.

Supervisor Bell asked if anyone present wished to remove items from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

- a. May 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. Receipts and Disbursements
- c. Appointment: Karrie Brunner to the Oshtemo DDA

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0, with one absent.

Budget Amendments

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Motion by Cole, second by Sikora to approve the budget amendment for \$66,500 for grant match to purchase turn-out gear. Motion carried 6-0, with one absent.

Resolution: Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month

Trustee Cole read the resolution for the record.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to adopt a resolution declaring June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0, with Chapman absent.

Consideration: Fire Department Policy No. 337

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to adopt Policy No. 337. Motion carried 6-0, with one absent.

Consideration: HARC Policy

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt to the financing policy and accept the Public Sanitary Sewer Hardship Financing or Deferment Hardship text amendments of Ordinance No. 678 for first reading and set second reading for June 24, 2025. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-0, with Chapman absent.

Consideration: 2024 Financial Audit

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to accept the 2024 Financial Audit as presented. Motion carried 6-0, with one absent.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

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

Prepared by Dusty Farmer
 Township Clerk

Attested

Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor