

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
July 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 in Oshtemo
Treasurer Clare Buszka- arrived at 5:33 pm
Trustee Neil Sikora
Trustee Kristin Cole
Trustee Michael Chapman
Trustee Zak Ford

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, Operations Coordinator David Kobb, and 6 interested people.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Officials and Community Partner Update

County Commissioner Dale DeLeeuw provided an update from Kalamazoo County.

Work Session: AGVs continued

Legal
Public Works

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

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

Consent Agenda

a. July 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Presentation: Sports Facility

Jane Gosch provided information about the new facility that will be located on City property within Oshtemo Township. The sports facility will benefit the community socially and economically. Discover Kalamazoo appointed Supervisor Cheri Bell as one of the initial Board members that will oversee the facility.

Budget Amendments

Motion by Sikora, second by Cole to approve the IT budget amendments to reallocate funds in the amount of \$5000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Sikora, second by Buszka to approve the budget amendment for mandatory sanitary sewer connections in the amount of \$75,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Sikora, second by Ford to approve the budget amendment of \$15,000 to acquire land for the development of the Fruit Belt Rail Trail. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: Construction Contract Award for Chime St Sanitary Sewer Extension

Motion by Cole, second by Ford to award the Chime St Sanitary Sewer Extension and Road Improvements project to Harris ConAg in the amount of \$754,277. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading: Ordinance 682 Fire Code and Local Fire Safety Regulations

Motion by Cole, second by Ford to accept for first reading Ordinance 682 Fire Code and Local Fire Safety Regulations, and set for second reading August 12, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading: Ordinance 683 Text Amendments to False Alarms

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to accept for first reading the text amendments to Ordinance 683 as discussed, and set for second reading for August 12, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: Resolution to Perform Mobile Food Truck Inspections and Establishing Fees

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to adopt a resolution for the Fire Department to perform mobile food truck inspections and establishing inspection fees. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion: Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Grant

Motion by Chapman, second by Ford to accept the opportunity with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Grant. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: Closed Session re Solarek v Kellison Woods Condo Assoc. et al

Motion to by Ford, second by Chapman to adopt a resolution to enter closed session to discussion Solarek v Kellison Woods **2019-0338-CH, 2023-8888888338**. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to exit closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:57 PM.

Prepared by Dusty Farmer
 Township Clerk

Attested

Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor