

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Work Session
August 8, 2017

The Oshtemo Township Board Special Meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliot, Lt. Troy Faulk, and Planning Director Julie Johnston.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Update from Kalamazoo County

Lt. Faulk updated the Board regarding Deputy who was injured while on duty. He also presented the Board with the July 2017 Oshtemo Police Report.

Update on BTR 2.0

Planning Director Johnston advised the Board that Bob Miller of Western Michigan University will be at the Township Joint Meeting in September to provide an update to all Boards and Commissions. She shared that the bees that were on the property have all been relocated to a new home.

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Sale of Properties

Attorney Porter presented a Resolution to Enter Closed Session at approximately 6:23 p.m.

Motion by Culp, second by Ford to adopt a resolution to enter closed session to meet and consult with Attorney Porter for purposes of discussing a real estate sale, and to do so in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect upon the Township's position. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0

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

Motion by Everett, second by Ford to accept the DDA proposal as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to authorize the Supervisor to continue property negotiations as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Supervisor Heiny Cogswell adjourned the Work Session of the Oshtemo Township Board at approximately 7:25PM.

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.

The Oshtemo Township Board regular meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ken Hudok
Treasurer Nancy Culp

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Lt. Troy Faulk, Planning Director Julie Johnston and 14 interested individuals.

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes –Meeting minutes July 11, 2017 Regular and July 27, 2017 Special Meeting
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report

Motion by Ford, second by Culp to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Conditional Rezoning Request for 37 acres of Land in Section 14 from Advia Credit Union – First Reading

Planning Director Johnston presented a conditional rezoning request by Advia Credit Union for two parcels totaling 37 acres located on West Main Street, mid-block between 9th and 10th Streets. Parcel numbers: 3905-14-255-010 and 3905-14-255-050.

Motion by Heiny Cogswell, second by Farmer to refer the request for conditional rezoning back to the Planning Commission to allow the applicant the opportunity to offer additional conditions that take the neighboring residential area into consideration regarding the proposed commercial use. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing- Request for Liquor License, Micro-Brewery, Small Distillers, and Small Winery Liquor, for Latitude 42 Brewing Company, 6101 West Main Street

Attorney Porter presented a request from Latitude 42 at 6101 West main Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. The license is to operate in conjunction with the restaurant currently under construction at 6101 West Main St.

Motion by Hudok, second by Ford to approve the liquor license request for Latitude 42. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0

Consideration of DDA Commercial Access Drive Name

Planning Director Johnston presented the request from the Downtown Development to name the commercial access drive located south of the Oshtemo Community Center.

Motion by Ford, second by Culp to name the access drive Millard's Way. Motion carried 7-0.

Supervisor Heiny Cogswell suggested naming rooms in both the Community Center and Drake Farmstead, and working with the Oshtemo Historical Society to identify those individuals.

Consideration of 2017 Sewer Connection Noticing

Public Works Director Elliott requested the Board to review and discuss the Notice of Availability and Mandatory Connection draft letter to be sent those property owners that are within 200 ft. of available sewer connections. This letter will serve as notice that unconnected properties must connect within 24 months. The notice will include a tabulation of the current connection fees for the subject property.

Motion by Heiny Cogswell, second by Everett to direct the Public Works Department to send out the notice letter, **and provide feedback to the Board. Motion carried 7-0.**

Discussion of Request to the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County and the State to Lower the Speed Limit on Atlantic Avenue

Lt. Faulk reported that the issue of speed on Atlantic Avenue came to his attention after a recent accident. Since there is no posted speed limit, the default speed limit is 55 MPH. The surrounding roads are 45 MPH. He requested that the Board look into the actual recorded speed limit for Atlantic Avenue, and if it is 55 MPH, request a reduced speed through the RCKC and the State of Michigan.

Motion by Hudok, second by Ford to allow the Supervisor to request a speed reduction on Atlantic Avenue if the speed limit is 55 MPH.

Other Township Business

Trustee Hudok suggested that we limit an overload of information in the sewer packet and include a graphic.

Citizen Comment

No public comment

Board Member Comments

Trustee Everett reminded the Board about Music in the Park on August 13, 2017, Movies in the Park on August 17, 2017, and Oshtemo Fun Day on August 19, 2017.

Supervisor Heiny Cogswell advised that the Budget Work Session on August 21 will be rescheduled.

Clerk Farmer shared that the Mission, Vision, and Core Values developed by the Board are on a specific tab on the website.

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

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk