

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
August 28, 2012

The Oshtemo Township Board public comment session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott Ernstes
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, and 3 interested people.

Updates –

Multi-Housing Crime Prevention Meeting – Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised a group including property managers and Police Committee members would be meeting on August 29th with Deputy Nate Ertle from the Kent County Sheriff's Department regarding a program they have addressing crime in multi-housing developments.

ITC Transmission Lines Project – Attorney Porter advised the Township has filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to intervene as an affected party in the ITC application. He noted a hearing on September 12th will determine the time line for the process.

The public comment session was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott Ernstes
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, and 5 interested people.

Motion by Culp, second by Larson to approve the August 14th regular meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General, Building, Fire, and Sewer & Water Funds of \$19,545.57 and disbursements of \$142,542.09 were reported. Motion by Culp, second by Ernstes to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kitty Gelling, representing Oshtemo Rotary thanked the Board for their support of the 2013 calendar project featuring the Fire Department and provided a copy for review.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS KABA

Attorney Porter presented General and Zoning Ordinance text amendments to acknowledge the Township's authorized building official as the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority (KABA). He advised an amendment to the Ordinance designating the State Construction Code as the Township's Building Code would also be necessary.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to accept the General and Zoning Ordinance text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for September 11th. Carried.

Motion by Culp, second by Ernstes to accept the General Ordinance amendment regarding the State Construction Code for First Reading and set Second Reading for September 11th. Carried.

RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised lengthy research had been conducted and discussion held regarding changes in the retiree medical benefit plan with the Human Resource Committee recommending a defined contribution plan rather than the current defined benefit plan.

Trustee Ernstes commented the Township needs to eliminate the legacy costs of a defined benefit plan, the defined contribution plan will place the management of benefits with the employees.

Motion by Ernstes, second by Everett to establish the retiree medical benefit plan as a defined contribution plan as proposed. Carried.

TOWNSHIP HALL/M-43 NON-MOTORIZED PATH MAINTENANCE

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised two quotes were received for asphalt sealing of the Township Hall parking lot and M-43 non-motorized path:

Tustin Asphalt Sealing \$5295.00 for the parking lot
\$7225.00 for the path

Bronco Sealcoating \$9545.00 for the parking lot
\$4979.10 for the path

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to accept the quote from Tustin Asphalt Sealing for the Township Hall parking lot and Bronco Sealcoating for the path. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Borgfjord thanked the Kalamazoo Public Library staff who assisted with the "Movies in the Park" events in the Township Park. She also thanked the members of the Consumers Sunburst Committee and many volunteers involved in the event.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately at 7:25 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COSGWELL
Supervisor