

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 26, 2023  
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. Residents were able to give public comments 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- remote  
Trustee Zak Ford  
Trustee Neil Sikora  
Trustee Kizzy Bradford- arrived at

**ABSENT:**

Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Interim Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Attorney James Porter, Public Works Project Manager Zach Pearson, IT Director Jon Gibson, Fire Chief Greg McComb, Deputy Fire Chief Eric Burghardt, Planning Director Iris Lubbert, and Maintenance Director Greg Fountain.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

**Discussion on 2024 Annual Budget**

Fire Department: Funds 206 (Operations), 211 (Equipment), 213 (Capital)

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting September 12, 2023
- b. Board & Committee Appointments (KATS Policy, HARC)
- c. Second Reading: Small Cell Wireless Communication Facilities Deployment 5g Ordinance
- d. Second Reading: Wireless Telecommunication Facilities 5g Ordinance
- e. KL Avenue Professional Services Contract Revision

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0 with two absent.

## **Presentation of Township-Wide Survey by Cobalt Community Research**

### **First Reading: Solar Energy Systems Ordinance**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Buszka, second by Sikora to accept the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance with changes as discussed for First Reading and set for Second Reading on October 10, 2023. Motion carried 6-0 with one absent.

### **First Reading: Height Standards for Single-Family & Two-Family Dwellings: Sections 2.20 Definitions, 42.30 Development Standards and 50.30 Residential Dwelling Standards**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to accept the height standards for single-family and two-family dwellings: Sections 20 definitions, 42.30 Development Standards, and 50.30 Residential Dwelling Standards for first reading and set second reading on October 10, 2023. Motion carried 6-0 with one absent.

### **Consideration of Human Resources Information System**

This item will be returned on October 10, 2023.

### **Consideration of 9th Street Non-Motorized Right-of-Way Agent Authorization**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve a budget amendment for \$130,000 for easement acquisitions along S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. to construct a non-motorized facility between Stadium Dr. and Quail Run Dr. The \$130,000 capital outlay for non-motorized facilities will come from the American Rescue Plan Fund.

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to authorize Metro Consulting Associates to proceed with obtaining professional appraisals for three easements and to proceed with market-based good faith offers for the remaining easement acquisitions necessary to accommodate the 9<sup>th</sup> St. local sidewalk project. Motion carried 6-0 with one absent.

### **Budget Amendments**

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

### **Consideration of L-4029 Township Property Tax Rates**

Motion by Farmer, second by Buszka to raise the Road Millage to 1.5 due to the elimination of the Streetlights SAD and to maintain the current General Millage at 1.5. Motion carried 5-1 with one absent.

**Discussion of Police SAD 09 and 04**

The Board discussed lowering the Police SAD.

**Discussion of Fire SAD No. 1 and SAD No. 2**

Board consensus was to keep the District No.1 at 3.75 and raise the District No. 2 to 5.75.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

**Board Member Comments**

During Board Member Comments Trustee Kizzy Bradford informed the Board that she will be moving out of Oshtemo Township and resigning from the Board.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:45 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell  
Township Supervisor