

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Meeting (Virtual)
September 28, 2021
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public Meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform. Residents were able to join the meeting through both the Zoom application and by phone. Residents were able to give public comment through email, the Zoom platform, and by phone during the meeting. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell- Oshtemo Township
Clerk Dusty Farmer- Oshtemo Township
Treasurer Clare Buszka- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Zak Ford- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Cheri Bell- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Kristin Cole- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Kizzy Bradford- Oshtemo Township (joined approximately 6:15 PM)

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 6 interested people.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment on non-regular session items. One person spoke.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Update from Kalamazoo County & Discussion on Police Protection Increase

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller provided an update to the Board regarding police protection in the Township and County.

Discussion on 2022 Employee Holidays

Human Resources Coordinator Sara Feister presented the option to add Juneteenth as a recognized paid holiday. Board consensus was to add the holiday and amend the Employee Handbook.

Discussion on Township Logo
REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – September 14th, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Ordinance 176 Anti-Noise Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading
- d. Ordinance 585 Subdivision, Site Condominium and Land Division Amendment – Second Reading

- e. Ordinance 530 State Construction Code Amendment – Second Reading
- f. Police Protection MOU with KCSO to Add Sergeant Position
- g. Fire Department Replacement Equipment Purchase

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked if anyone present would like to remove any items from the consent agenda.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to approve the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

**Consideration of Development of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund
20- 0070: Fruitbelt Trail Agreement**

Parks Director Karen High presented the agreement for consideration. The agreement is required to be able to receive grant funds.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Development of Project Agreement for Project TF 20-0070: Fruitbelt Trail. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Consideration of Section 54.60 Outdoor Lighting Standards Amendment – First Reading

Planning Director Iris Lubbert presented the amendment for outdoor lighting standards.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to accept the 54.60 Outdoor Lighting Standards Amendment for first reading and set second reading for October 12. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on 2022 Township Budget & Capital Improvement Plan (Continued)

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the drafts for the 2022 Township Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. She requested that any suggested changes be sent to her before the meeting on October 12 so that it can be ready to be sent out for public comment.

Discussion & Consideration of Loan Agreement with Oshtemo DDA

Planning Director Iris Lubbert and Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the request from the Downtown Development Authority to have the Township loan \$600,000 over 3 years for the purpose of constructing the planned sidewalk on the south side of Stadium Drive.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to authorize the loan of \$600,000 and execution of the promissory note and security agreement. Roll call. Motion carried 6-1, with Buszka voting NO.

Discussion of Township Logo

Parks Director Karen High presented the most recent renditions of the Township Logo that were created to more closely incorporate the current logo. The Board compared and deliberated over the 4 options.

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to adopt the refreshed logo with the current starburst but updated font. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:42 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor