

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Regular Board Meeting

October 8, 2024

5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board 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

Trustee Zak Ford

Trustee Neil Sikora

Trustee Michael Chapman

Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Township Attorney Public Works Director Anna Horner, IT Director Jon Gibson, Township Attorney James Porter, Fire Chief Greg McComb, and approximately 20 interested individuals.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

**Public Officials Updates**

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Dale Deleeuw provided an update to the Board.

**Consent Agenda**

a. Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2024

b. Receipts and Disbursements

Motion by Farmer, second by Chapman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department Monthly Update and Contract Discussion**

Undersheriff Michelle Greenlee and Captain Logan Bishop were available for questions.

The Board discussed the advantages of adding two community policing officers and a Detective-Sgt to the contract with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

Sgt. JuVon Johnson was available for questions regarding the most recent monthly stats report.

**Quarterly Budget Amendments**

Motion by Chapman, second by Sikora to approve the public education budget amendment.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the budget amendment for the Fruit Belt Trail engineering work. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the additional \$30,000 for the Drake path repayment. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget amendments. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Discussion of Compensation Policy**

Motion by Cole, second by Sikora to approve the proposed compensation policy. Motion carried 7-0.

### **2025 Draft Budget**

Board members had the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions about the proposed 2025 budget.

### **Fire Presentation and Discussion – Capital Improvement Plan**

Fire Chief Greg McComb presented the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan for the Fire Department.

### **2025 Draft Budget**

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to set the 2025 Annual Budget Public Hearing for November 12, 2024 with the amendments as discussed. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. Approximately nine people spoke.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:25 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell  
Township Supervisor