

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting
October 25, 2022
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. The public was able to join the meeting through both the Zoom application and by phone. Residents were able to give public comment during the meeting. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Kizzy Bradford
Trustee Cheri Bell

ABSENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell-remote
Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, Fire Chief Greg McComb, and IT Coordinator Jon Gibson.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Township Board Stakeholder Discussion on Oshtemo Housing Study

Emily Petz from the W.E. Upjohn Institute presented the results from the housing survey that was distributed throughout Kalamazoo County. She answered questions from the Board regarding information specific to Oshtemo.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes: October 11, 2022 and October 18, 2022
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. KVIAA Renewal for Ambulance Services
- d. Job Descriptions: Park Ranger – Rentals & Construction Site Inspector
- e. Budget Amendments

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Discussion on Sanitary Sewer Expansion

Public Works Director Anna Horner continued the discussion regarding the sanitary sewer expansion with the Board, focusing on the philosophy behind sewer capital project funding.

Consideration of Fire Engine Purchase

Fire Chief Greg McComb presented the request to begin the purchasing process for a new Rosenbauer Fire Engine in 2022 rather than 2023 because the current 2008 Pierce Class A Pumper is at the beginning stages of failing certification.

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Farmer, second by Bradford to authorize the expenditure of the \$745,034 and amend the budget for the 211 fund to include \$200,000 from the ARPA fund. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Consideration of 2023 Southwest Michigan Building Authority Budget

Clerk Farmer introduced the budget to the Board. There were no questions.

Clerk Farmer opened comment. No public comment.

Motion Ford, second by Buszka to accept the 2023 SMBA Budget. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Consideration of Liquor License Application-Condado Tacos

Attorney Porter presented the request to the Board. This license would be brought into the Township.

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Bradford to approve liquor license application. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor