

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
November 10, 2025
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. Residents were able to give public comment 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 Neil Sikora
Trustee Kristin Cole
Trustee Michael Chapman
Trustee Zak Ford

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, Operations Coordinator David Kobb, and approximately 50 interested people.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Work Session: 2026 Employee Benefit Package

Human Resources Director Sara Feister presented to the Board.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell asked if anyone present wished to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

- a. October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. Receipts and Disbursements
- c. Fire Department Budget Amendment

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

Consideration: Hardship Advisory Council

Motion by Sikora, second by Ford to accept the HARC recommendation and authorize Public Works staff to coordinate all applicable work necessary to complete the connection. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: Public Comment Digital Presentation Policy

Motion by Chapman, second by Cole to table the policy to a future Board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: Second Reading Non-Motorized Facilities/Sidewalks Ordinance

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Motion by Cole, second by Chapman to approve for second reading and adoption of the text amendments to the non-motorized facilities/sidewalk ordinance. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: 2026 Employee Benefit Package

Human Resources Director Sara Feister was available for questions.

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to approve the 2026 employee benefits package. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration: First Reading of Moratorium re Battery Energy Storage Systems

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Motion by Chapman, second by Cole to adopt for first reading and set second reading for November 25, 2025. Motion carried 5-2.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 PM.

Prepared by Dusty Farmer
 Township Clerk

Attested

Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor