

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Minutes
Special Meeting
January 15, 2013

The Oshtemo Township Board held a special meeting at the Oshtemo Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Nancy Carr
Trustee Dusty Farmer
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present were Planning Director Greg Milliken, Fire Chief Mark Barnes and 6 interested people.

PINE ACRES SITE CONDOMINIUM PHASE II – STEP III FINAL APPROVAL

A request was before the Board for Step III Final Approval of Pine Acres Phase 2 site condominium development. Planning Director Milliken advised approval of the public road has been granted by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission with an escrow accepted for the final top coat of asphalt and an amendment to the existing drainage agreement for storm water, Kalamazoo County Health & Human Services Department has approved the sites having septic systems subject to their conditions being added to the Master Deed, and the City of Kalamazoo has approved the expanded municipal water installation. He noted a deviation was granted by the Planning Commission for a six foot wide, wood chipped walking path in lieu of sidewalks; an escrow should be a condition of approval as the installation will be delayed due to weather; approval should also be subject to the complete record plan along with electronic copies and a recorded copy of finalized documents submitted to the Township.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Everett to grant Step III Final Approval to Pine Acres Site Condominium Phase II, subject to an escrow paid to the Township for construction of the walking path, and the complete record plan along with electronic copies and a recorded copy of finalized documents submitted to the Township. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE

Fire Chief Barnes advised for many years the radio system for the Fire Department has been connected by a telephone line which has quadrupled in cost since 2006; the currently monthly charge is \$1959.85. He further advised consulting with the radio service provider, computer support consultant and internet provider, a system is available to provide the radio communication needed via data transmission lines which would reduce the monthly expense to \$298.00. The cost for purchase and installation of the TurboVU program would not exceed \$9,000. He noted this would result in a payback in 6 months.

In response to Board members questions, Chief Barnes advised the system is secure, dispatch could be managed from more than just one location as it can be installed on multiple computers, thus always having a back-up, the system can also be programmed into some types of cell phones; an internal policy will be developed for that use.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Farmer to approve the purchase in the amount not to exceed \$9,000 and amend the Fire Department budget accordingly. Carried.

UPDATE – AD HOC CITIZEN POLICE PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell reviewed for the Board and those present the processes used and data collected by the ad-hoc committee established in 2012 to study police protection for the Township. The second in this series of presentations will be at the Board work session on February 12th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
SUPERVISOR