

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
TOWNSHIP BOARD  
JOINT BOARDS MEETING  
February 17, 2015**

A joint meeting of the various boards of the Township was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD	PLANNING COMMISSION	ZBA
Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell	Terry Schley	Cheri Bell
Clerk Deb Everett	Wiley Boulding	Neil Sikora
Treasurer Nancy Culp	Fred Antosz	Bob Anderson
Trustee Nancy Carr	Pam Jackson	
Trustee Dusty Farmer	Millard Loy	
Trustee Lee Larson		
Trustee Grant Taylor	FRIENDS OF THE PARKS	SoDA
	Wes Freeland	Jackie Kimble
DDA		Joe Gesmundo
Terry Schley	OSHTEMO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Dennis Patzer
	Millard Loy	

Also present were Planning Director Greg Milliken, Township Attorney James Porter, and Township Engineer Marc Elliott, and 3 interested people.

**Discussion – Capital Improvement Plan**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell provided an overview of the Township's Capital Improvement Plan, reviewing the General Fund, Fire Fund, Parks Fund, Sewer and Water Funds, noting it is a budget tool to set goals; more details will be outlined as work begins on the 2016 budget this summer. Engineer Elliott reviewed the Sanitary Sewer Strategic Plan Study conducted in 2011, issues for further consideration include mandatory connections, requirements for new developments, neighborhood retro fits, and coordination with road projects. There were comments that updated data, more comparative costs for septic system rehab/redo, information on water quality, and current and forecasted standards are needed for more in depth discussion.

**Updates from Boards**

**Township Board** – the County is considering adopting a Groundwater Use Zone ordinance regarding the KL Landfill, need for more KABA space is being studied, Sheriff has met with two neighborhood groups recently to hear their concerns, results from a study regarding a US 131 business loop interchange were received this date, an agreement has been reached with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to apply for an MDOT grant for non-motorized facilities on South Drake Road.

**Planning Commission** – the 9thStreet/West Main sub area plan was completed in 2014, the board will be looking at how landscaping standards have affected various developments after being in place for several years. Planning Director Milliken advised the annual Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals report will be available within the coming week.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – held more meetings than previous year, reviewed site plans, sign deviation requests.

**Downtown Development Authority** – Citgo station was removed, partnering with the Township on a rear access for properties on east side of 9th/Stadium intersection, working with consultant for streetscape design, investigating possible small business grant program.

**Friends of the Parks** – webpage has been updated, looking to begin fund raising for Grange Hall and Drake Homestead improvements.

**Oshtemo Historical Society** – will be working with market study and master plan consultants in the coming months.

**South Drake Road Corridor Improvement Authority** – reached agreement with Kalamazoo County on Tax Increment Financing Policy, will be working on 2016 budget and priorities this year.

**Public Comment**

Heidi Bryant, President of Better Environmental Services & Technology, commented mechanics are in place to insure septic systems are working, there are requirements for inspection when property is sold, drain fields and drywells are inspected and drinking water tested, there is a need for public education and she would be glad to be a resource.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**DEBORAH L. EVERETT**  
Township Clerk

**Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL**  
Supervisor