

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
April 26, 2016

The Oshtemo Township Board public comment session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Nancy Carr
Trustee Dusty Farmer
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Grant Taylor

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, GIS Specialist Ben Clark, Lt. Troy Faulk and 5 interested people.

Discussion – Sole Vendor for Trash and Recycling – Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised a resident request had been received regarding a sole vendor for trash and recycling pick up. She noted Kalamazoo Township had recently approved a contract and provided information from Kalamazoo Township and Republic Services regarding their agreement. Ken Dickie, resident of the Oak Park neighborhood advised they are interested in pursuing such an arrangement to limit the number of trucks through the neighborhood to promote safety and longevity of the roads. Discussion included more information is needed and how to assess the interest of residents; this could be done by scheduling a meeting for public input, invite comments through the newsletter or web site. Putting the question of having a sole vendor in the next community survey was also discussed.

Discussion – Consent Agenda Item E – GIS Component Purchase – GIS Specialist Ben Clark provided information on the request to purchase additional software related to producing various maps.

The Board work session adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, GIS Specialist Ben Clark, Lt. Troy Faulk and approximately 26 interested people.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Lefler, 8644 Hathaway commented he has heard about issues with KABA and whether the Township will be going forward with them, he inquired regarding the current fund balance of the Building Fund, and commented he feels surplus revenue should be returned to the end users. He also commented that the Township and/or KABA should reduce fees to a reasonable cost for services provided. He also urged the Board to prioritize spending and fix the roads.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Minutes of April 12th regular meeting
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c) IT Committee Appointments
- d) Employee Handbook Amendment to Section 6.21
- e) GIS Spatial Analyst Component Purchase Request

Trustee Carr requested Item a be removed.

Motion by Taylor, second by Culp to approve the consent agenda items b through e. Carried 7-0.

Item a – Trustee Carr asked for clarification on the minutes related to the Board’s discussion of KABA at the April 12th work session.

Motion by Taylor, second by Carr to approve the April 12th minutes as presented. Carried 7-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT OFFICER PROMOTIONS

Fire Chief Barnes advised a promotion process had recently been completed with three paid on call members being promoted to Lieutenant; Eric Burghardt, Bob Flahive, and Joseph Keck. He recognized and credited Deputy Rick Griffin who led the process. Clerk Everett administered the oath of office to Lt. Burghardt and Lt. Keck. Fire Chief Barnes advised Lt. Bob Flahive had been sworn in last week.

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

A recommendation to amend the Liquor License Ordinance since procedures of the Liquor License Control Commission have changed regarding approvals of transferred liquor licenses was before the Board for Second Reading. A public hearing would no longer be required for a transfer where there has been an ongoing business serving alcohol in compliance with Township Ordinance; a new license application would still require a public hearing.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to adopt the text amendments. Carried 7-0.

REZONING REQUEST – 8500 WEST MAIN – RR-RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO C-LOCAL BUSINESS SECOND READING

A recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval of a rezoning request, of a portion of 2 parcels at 8500 West Main Street from RR-Rural Residential to C-Local Business to allow expansion of Leaders Marine was before the Board for Second Reading. The parcels total approximately 30 acres; the rezoning request is for approximately 7.76 acres, the Planning Commission determined the increase of Local Business zoning within the existing commercial node met the intent of the Master Land Use Plan, other commercial businesses exist to the east, west and south, with parcels zoned RR Rural Residential and AG Agricultural to the north, public water is available to the site, there should be minimal impact to traffic capacity, the application provides a 330 foot buffer for residential properties to the west, exclusive of the 85 foot buffer required for building within the C-Local Business zoning.

Motion by Culp, second by Ford to approve the rezoning. Carried 7-0.

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS SECTIONS 54 & 82 – SECOND READING

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 54.200 Historical Overlay Zone and Section 82.000 Site Plan Review was before the Board for Second Reading. The proposed amendment to Section 54.200 would add language to provide for uses significant to the historical purpose or characteristics of the property. The proposed amendment to Section 82.000 would more clearly define the site plan review process and be more specific with regards to the types of development that require site plan review and the processes needed.

Motion by Farmer, second by Taylor to adopt the text amendments. Carried 7-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell invited residents to submit applications to serve on a board or committee.

Trustee Taylor commended the Fire Department for their work.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor