

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**  
**Township Board Minutes**  
**September 27, 2016**

The Oshtemo Township Board held a budget workshop at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 was Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Griffin, Parks Director Karen High, Maintenance Director Rick Everett, Lt. Troy Faulk, and 1 interested person.

**Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department** – Lt. Troy Faulk provided information on recent activities in the Township.

**2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The latest draft of the 2017 budget was reviewed including Parks, Fire Operating and Equipment & Facilities, Police including Ordinance Enforcement, Sewer and Water; the Capital Improvement Plan was also reviewed.

Discussions included proposed renovations including barrier free access to the Grange Hall, need for more storage for maintenance vehicles and equipment; it was noted there has been additional police protection added with the Lieutenant position in the fall of 2015 and Community Policing Officer added spring of 2016, the Township is working to apply for USDA Rural Development grants and/or loans to assist in the cost of sanitary sewer infrastructure, and the budget reflects an increase in road maintenance.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the final format of the proposed budget and capital improvement plan will be presented on the October 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting agenda aiming to set the public hearing date for November 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

**Deborah L. Everett**  
**TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**Attested: Elizabeth Heiny-Cogswell**  
**TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR**