

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
May 10, 2016

The Oshtemo Township Board work 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, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Planning Director Julie Johnston, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Lt. Troy Faulk, and 5 interested people.

Kalamazoo County Update – Commissioner Julie Rogers provided updates on recent County activities.

Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department Update – Lt. Troy Faulk provided a report on April activity in the Township.

Central County Transportation Authority Update – Sean McBride, Executive Director, provided information regarding pending changes in bus service to the Township.

Road Paser Evaluation Update – Public Works Director Elliott advised the Road Commission will be conducting evaluation of road conditions in late summer or early fall.

Sanitary Sewer Bond Financing Research Update – Public Works Director Elliott advised research continues on funding mechanisms.

Sidewalk Maintenance Policy – Discussion of policy for maintenance for sidewalks/non-motorized paths. South Drake Corridor Improvement Authority (SoDA) members Theresa Spurr and Corey Ashley requested the Board consider cost sharing for maintenance and snow removal. It was noted there is a difference between a five or six foot sidewalk and ten foot path.

The Board work session adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Minutes of April 26th regular meeting
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to approve the consent agenda. Carried 7-0.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST

Rachael Grover, Resource Coordinator, Kalamazoo County Department of Planning and Community Development presented a brownfield plan for the former Pines West building at 2425 South 11th Street, now owned by Kalamazoo West Professional Center, LLC. The plan will allow tax capture to assist with redevelopment costs. She advised 32 current jobs will be retained and 10 to 20 more added in the next three years; due to the age and inadequacies of the building it has been declared functionally obsolete by the Township Assessor and therefore qualifies as a brownfield.

Motion by Culp, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution of support for the brownfield redevelopment plan for 2425 South 11th Street. Roll call showed Everett-yes, Farmer-yes, Ford-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes, Taylor-yes, Carr-yes, Culp-yes.

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS SECTIONS 62, 66, 68

Planning Director Johnston presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend three sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 62.000 Nonconforming Uses to address parcels, lots or building sites that were lawfully recorded but no longer meet Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Section 66.201 Schedule of Area, Frontage and/or Width Requirements to require higher density development be approved under the Open Space Community Ordinance to support the Master Land Use Plan and original intent when RR-Rural Residential District was adopted.

Section 68.300 Off Street Parking of Motor Vehicles to address the number of stacking spaces a drive in window should provide.

Motion by Culp, second by Taylor to accept the text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for June 14th. Carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board set June 1st at 5:15 p.m. for a work session to discuss funding for the 2017 budget.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the Supervisors of the four KABA member jurisdictions will be meeting; she will be negotiating per the Board's direction to separate from KABA.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell provided information on the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County new communication tools.

Clerk Everett advised the voter turnout for the May 3rd election was 8%.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor