

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
October 24, 2006

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor John VanDyke
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Neil Sikora

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, Fire Chief Ken Howe, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Scott Paddock and 2 interested people.

Discussion – Parking Enforcement Program – Ordinance Enforcement Officer Paddock presented a recommendation for increasing fees. Attorney Porter advised after speaking with the Chief Judge in Kalamazoo he would recommend fees be established in line with the County; he will update the ordinance text with those amounts for Board consideration. In response to Board member questions, Mr. Paddock advised he follows up on information from the Parking Enforcement Officers regarding missing or unreadable signs. Chief Howe discussed the procedures used by the firefighters who act as parking officers regarding handicap parking spaces and fire lane obstructions, noting the program keeps additional fire personnel available to respond to calls. Attorney Porter advised he had also reviewed the procedures and had provided recommendations to Chief Howe.

North 6th Street Project – Supervisor VanDyke advised residents Mel and Luanne Valkner, 2400 North 6th Street have provided documentation of damage to their vehicles caused by the construction of the North 6th Street sewer/water/road project. Attorney Porter commented he had been in contact with the contractor for project and felt they had breached the contract in not keeping the road in travel condition.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Sikora to pay the final project invoice to Peters Construction, less \$1,650.00 which would be paid to the Valkners. Carried.

Supervisor VanDyke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also present was James Porter, Township Attorney, Marc Elliott, Township Engineer, and 4 interested people.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to approve the October 10th regular and October 17th special meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General and Fire Funds of \$316,994.04 and disbursements of \$154,842.27 were reported. Motion by Sikora, second by Borgfjord to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – SECOND READING

Proposed amendments to the Township's Noise Ordinance regarding barking dogs, hours allowed for construction to occur including emergency construction, hours for race tracks to operate and generators for emergency power were before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Culp, second by Sikora to adopt the proposed amendments. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Sikora presented recommendations from the Board Appointment committee for terms expiring December 31st.

Planning Commission –

Robert Anderson, 10948 West L Avenue to complete Jim Grace's term effective November 20 through December 31st, and appoint to first term to expire 12/31/09.

Carl Benson, 9679 Almena Drive, appoint to first term to expire 12/31/09.

Zoning Board of Appeals –

Duane McClung, 1550 North 7th Street, reappoint to second term to expire 12/31/09.

Grace Borgfjord, 9802 Sunnywood and Cheri Bell, 3711 North 2nd Street appoint to first term as alternates to expire 12/31/09.

Board of Review –

Phyllis Cleveland, 1685 Linden Trail, appoint to first term as alternate to expire 12/31/09.

Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals –

George Marion, 8851 West G Ave, Jerry Stirton, 1082 Wickford, Rick Herter, 9365 West KL Ave and Richard Skalski, 308 Summerset, appoint to first term to expire 12/31/09.

Downtown Development Authority –

Glen Steeg, 6011 Stadium Drive, appoint to complete Mike Seelye's term, expires 12/31/08.

Jay Brown, 3667 South 9th Street, Mike Lutke, 3357 South 9th Street, Leo Zanoni, 8562 West R Ave, reappoint to second term to expire 12/31/09.

PARK EQUIPMENT

Trustee Sikora presented a recommendation from the Park committee for purchase of additional playground equipment at the Township Park on West Main and at Flesher Field on South 9th Street. He advised the total expenditure would be in the amount of \$20,824.00. He advised the equipment could be installed in approximately one month.

Motion by Sikora, second by Bushouse to approve the expenditure. Carried.

KL LANDFILL

Attorney Porter recommended the Board enter into closed session to discuss issues relating to the KL Landfill consent decree.

Motion by Everett, second by Sikora to adopt a resolution go into closed session for discussion. Roll call showed Borgfjord-yes, Bushouse-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Sikora-yes, VanDyke-yes.

The Board adjourned to closed session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at approximately 7:50 p.m. Motion by Sikora, second by Borgfjord to resume open session. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Bushouse advised the final payment for the Township Office addition has been submitted with retainage for unfinished items.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: John VanDyke
Supervisor