

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
November 9, 2010

Township Board work session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, and 2 interested people.

KCSD Activity Report

Sgt. Todd Meyers was present and provided information on recent activity in the Township.

Discussion – Township Rental Facilities

A recommendation from the Park Committee to open up the Oshtemo Community Center and Grange Hall for rental to non-residents, allowing limited commercial use such as home parties, (i.e., Tupperware, Mary Kay, etc.) and a change in the rental fee structure was reviewed. Also discussed was the need to advertise the availability of the facilities and develop a method of monitoring between rentals.

Motion by Culp, second by Bushouse to approve the revised rules and rental rates effective January 1, 2011, increase advertising, develop a method to monitor between rentals, and review the new rates and policies in six months. Carried.

Other Business

Attorney Porter advised when parking tickets are defaulted to 8th District Court, if paid there, the Township receives 30% of the fine; he proposed the Township offer a “discount” on the tickets if paid within 10 days at the Township; the fine for a parking in a handicap space would be \$100.00 instead of \$150.00. Consensus was to proceed with the policy.

County Commissioner Elect Brandt Iden was present and commented he looked forward to working with the Board and representing the Township.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell commented a list of committee meeting dates for 2011 will be sent to the various chairs for review so the dates can be approved at the December 14th regular board meeting.

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

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

PRESENT:

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Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott McCormick

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliot, and 7 interested people.

Motion by Culp, second by Borgfjord to approve the October 26th regular and November 4th special meeting minutes. Carried.

Income to the General, Building, Fire, Sewer & Water Funds of \$12,415.18 and disbursements of \$266,311.11 were reported. Motion by Borgfjord, second by Culp, to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERHEAD DOOR OPENER REPLACEMENTS

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented a request from Fire Chief Mark Barnes to replace four overhead door openers due to experiencing failures in the doors at House No.3 and unexplained movement at House No. 1, believed to be from errant radio frequencies. A bid from Overhead Door in the amount of \$5,124.00 was received; Chief Barnes requested an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000.00 for this project.

Motion by Culp, second by Borgfjord to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000.00. Carried.

WEST MAIN SIDEWALK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – REVISION

Attorney Porter presented a resolution to reduce the special assessment roll for the West Main sidewalk project due to construction costs coming in under budget at \$11.64 per front foot instead of \$13.00; property owners in the district will be notified.

Motion by Everett, second by Culp to adopt a resolution reducing the special assessment roll for West Main Sidewalk Special Assessment District 2010-1. Roll call showed Borgfjord-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Bushouse-yes, McCormick-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

POVERTY EXEMPTION STANDARDS FOR 2011

Poverty exemption guidelines for property assessment appeals for 2010 as approved by the Michigan State Tax Commission were before the Board for consideration.

Motion by Culp, second by Borgfjord to adopt a resolution establishing the poverty exemption guidelines for 2011. Roll call showed McCormick-yes, Bushouse-yes, Everett-yes, Culp-yes, Borgfjord-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

STREET NAME CHANGE – CRAYTON AVENUE

A recommendation from the Fire Chief and Planning Department to change the name of Crayton Avenue to Darlington Trail due to the street being difficult to find was before the Board; there are four lots on the street, two completed, one under construction which is working with a Darlington address, and the other is vacant, property owners have been notified of the possible change and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission will place new signs where necessary upon request from the Township and approval from the KCRC Board.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Culp to approve the street name change as described. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

At the request of Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell there was Board consensus to cancel the November 23rd regular meeting.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the audience that the Board at the earlier work session approved a change in rules and rental rates for the Oshtemo Community Center and Grange Hall.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Everett advised Township wide voter turnout for the November 2nd election was 44%, with Precinct 3 having the highest turnout at 63%.

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

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor