

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
August 11, 2015

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 Nancy Carr
Trustee Dusty Farmer
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Grant Taylor

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Rick Suwarsky, Planning Director Greg Milliken, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Maintenance Director Rick Everett, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and 5 interested people.

Update – Kalamazoo County – County Commissioner Dale Shugars provided updates on activities of the County Board.

Accomplishments, Goals & Visions – Ordinance Enforcement Officer Rick Suwarsky, Planning Director Greg Milliken, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, Maintenance Director Rick Everett, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Treasurer Culp and Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell each provided their Accomplishments, Goals & Visions reports for 2014, 2015 & 2016.

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.

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, and approximately 40 interested people.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Minutes of July 14th regular meeting
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c) Update – Flesher Field furnishings purchase
- d) Committee Appointment Recommendation

Motion by Taylor, second by Farmer to approve the consent agenda as amended. Carried 7-0.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

Treasurer Nancy Culp – 30 years
Firefighter Amanda Kurtz – 5 years
Firefighter Nick Paddock – 15 years
Assistant Chief Jim Wiley – 35 years
Lt. Scott Paddock – 40 years

PUBLIC HEARING – CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE – NISKERS CHAR-GRILLE, INC.

Attorney Porter advised application had been made to the State for transfer of a liquor license into the Township by Niskers Char-Grille, Inc. He advised all required information had been received and is in order.

Lou Nisker, owner, confirmed alcohol sales will be approximately 25% and subordinate to the sale of food, as required by Township Ordinance.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the liquor license transfer for Niskers Char-Grille, Inc. Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Planning Director Greg Milliken presented the draft CIP reviewing the revenue portion, outlining the various funds in the Township budget. He advised the next discussion would include the proposed projects in the Plan and a request for adoption by the Board at a future date.

It was noted the draft plan is available on the Township website and at the Township Office for public review.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Everett reminded all of Oshtemo Fun Day on Saturday, August 15th at Flesher Field, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Farmer commented she and Trustee Taylor attended the Young Elected Officials conference; she looks forward to applying knowledge gained in working with Township issues.

Attorney Porter thanked Trustee Carr for her assistance in working with the Realtors Association to reach out to WMU regarding the development of BTR Park 2.0.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell expressed appreciation for the Fire Department, KCSD and all who responded to two recent tragic accidents on Almena Drive.

She also reminded all the Flesher Field improvements dedication will be part of Oshtemo Fun Day with a ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Taylor, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution to adjourn to closed session to discuss opinion of legal counsel regarding METC condemnation litigation.

Roll call showed Taylor-yes, Carr-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes, Farmer-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes, Ford-yes.

The Board adjourned to closed session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Taylor, second by Culp to return to open session at approximately 8:10 p.m. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Everett, second by Taylor to authorize the Supervisor to execute the settlement agreement with METC regarding condemnation of Township property. Carried 7-0.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor