

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Joint Meeting  
September 19, 2017  
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Joint Meeting was held at the Township Hall. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Libby Heiny Cogswell  
Clerk Dusty Farmer  
Treasurer Nancy Culp  
Trustee Deb Everett  
Trustee Zak Ford  
Trustee Ken Hudok  
Trustee Dave Bushouse

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Planning Director Julie Johnston, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Grant Taylor (DDA), Cheri Bell (PC), Neil Sikora (ZBA), Denny Patzer (Friends of the Parks), Ollie Chambers (PC), Bruce Vanderwheele (PC), Bob Anderson (ZBA), Mike Smith (ZBA), Fred Antosz (PC), and Joe Gesmundo (SoDa).

**Public Comment**

Neil Sikora advised that he has signature petitions for the proposed constitutional amendment to start an independent redistricting commission. He will be available after the meeting for those who would want to sign.

**WMU BTR 2.0 Update**

Associate Professor Bob Miller updated the Township to the progress of the Business Technology and Research Park Phase 2. Summary of information can be found at [www.oshtemo.org](http://www.oshtemo.org), or at the Township customer service desk.

**Oshtemo Township Community Survey Results**

William SaintAmour of Cobalt Community Research presented the 2017 survey results to the joint boards. Cobalt Community Research is a 501c3 not-for-profit research coalition. Their mission is to provide research and education to meet the needs of schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations. The survey was administered to a random sample of 1,500 residents drawn from voter records. Two mailings were conducted in May and June of 2017. The Township received a statistically valid response from 367 residents, providing a conventional margin of error of +/- 5.1%. In addition to the random responses, there were 157 volunteer responses, for a total response of 524. Survey results can be found at [www.oshtemo.org](http://www.oshtemo.org), or at the Township customer service desk.

**Board Updates**

There were no board updates.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the joint meeting at approximately 6:59 p.m.