

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Special Meeting
September 19, 2017
7:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Special Meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM.

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, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Planning Director Julie Johnston, and approximately 13 interested individuals.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

Consideration of Advia Credit Union Conditional Rezoning – First Reading

Planning Director Julie Johnston presented the First reading of the conditional rezoning request by Advia Credit Union for two parcels totaling 37 acres located on West Main Street, mid-block between 9th and 10th Streets. Parcel numbers: 3905-14-255-010 and 3905-14-255-050. This matter is returning to the Board after having been redirected back to the Planning Commission to allow opportunity for further review by Advia. The Planning Commission recommended approval on September 14, 2017.

Advia has proposed two revisions: the first is that additional buildings outside the current area zoned for commercial in the West Main Overlay District shall be office buildings, and the second is that buildings and structures on the parcel will have a minimum setback of 170 feet where the parcel abuts property with an R-1 or R-2 zoning classification.

President and CEO Cheryl DeBoer spoke on behalf of Advia and remained available for questions.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. Three people commented or asked questions.

Attorney Porter reminded the Board that the owner of the land can voluntarily offer conditions for rezoning, and the Board cannot impose conditions or restrictions.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell proceeded to Board deliberation.

Motion by Hudok, second by Ford to approve the conditional rezoning request by Advia Credit Union with the nine conditions offered by the applicant for first reading and set second reading for October 10. Motion carried 4-2, with Farmer and Heiny-Cogswell voting No.

Discussion on Master Plan Distribution

Planning Director Johnston advised that every 5 years the Planning and Enabling Act requires municipalities to evaluate their Master Plan. She informed that the Planning Commission is still working on the Master Plan, but approval is expected at the second October meeting, after the plan has been distributed to neighboring municipalities. The plan should come to the Township Board in January 2018.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Supervisor Heiny Cogswell adjourned the regular meeting of the Oshtemo Township Board at approximately 8:12 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk