

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Work Session
February 25, 2020
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Work Session 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 Grant Taylor
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Assistant to Supervisor Josh Owens, and approximately 40 interested people.

Discussion on Tax Exempt Ordinance for MSHDA Housing

Attorney Porter presented the information from the memo he sent the Board dated 2-20-2020. He proposed to amend the Oshtemo Charter Township Tax Exemption Ordinance (No. 344) by the addition of Section X. Exception Provisions. This amendment would allow already constructed housing developments serving low- and moderate-income individuals to rehabilitate, redevelop and/or transfer those facilities by obtaining financing through the State Housing authority under 1996 PA 346.

Lighting District Amendment – Additional Light Installation at Frie Ave and S. 6th

The Board discussed a resident request to add a streetlight to the corner of Frie Ave and S. 6th St. Consensus was to notify the residents that would be added to the Streetlight SAD.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. Approximately 11 people spoke.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the work session at approximately 7:10 PM.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
February 25, 2020
7:15 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Work Session was held at the Township Hall. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:22 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Grant Taylor
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Assistant to Supervisor Josh Owens, and approximately 30 interested people.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – February 11, 2020
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report

Motion by Ford, second by Heiny-Cogswell to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation on County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Fire Chief Mark Barnes introduced Kalamazoo County Office of Emergency Management Planner Andrew M. Alsapach who gave an update regarding the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan (KCHMP).

Discussion of Oshtemo Sanitary Sewer Assistance Program

Attorney Porter presented the draft the Oshtemo Charter Township Public Sanitary Sewer Abatement/Deferment Ordinance. Board consensus was to submit the draft ordinance to the Township financial advisors to better understand the liability to the Township if more people qualified than anticipated. The Board was also interested in seeing an option to offer deferment only.

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. Approximately 6 people spoke.

Request to Enter Closed Session

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution to enter closed session at PM to discuss written legal memoranda of staff counsel regarding Kellison Woods Development Co., LLC v. Bradley S. Solarek and Karen L. (Kurncz) Solarek, Ninth Circuit Court Case No. 15-0446- CH; also Court of Appeals Case No. 350067; and also Bradley S. Solarek and Karen L. Solarek and Forever Undeveloped, LLC v. Kellison Woods Condominium Association, Michael Doerr, Karin Doerr, et al. Ninth Circuit Court Case No. 2019-0338-CZ; and further to discuss in closed session with staff counsel and litigation counsel the pending suit Bradley S. Solarek and Karen S. Solarek v. Oshtemo Charter Township, Libby Heiny-Cogswell, et al, Ninth Circuit Court Case No. 2019-0473-CZ. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to exit closed session at 9:16 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt a resolution of re-enactment of certain actions of the Board of Trustees meeting of June 4, 2019. Roll Call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to adopt a resolution of re-enactment of certain actions of the Board of Trustees meeting of July 9, 2019. Roll Call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Everett to adopt a resolution of re-enactment of certain actions of the Board of Trustees meeting of July 23, 2019. Roll Call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Consideration on Tax Exempt Ordinance for MSHDA Housing

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Taylor to accept for first reading and set for second reading the Tax Exempt Ordinance for MSHDA Housing. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Township Business

Clerk Farmer shared an email from a resident requesting that all future work sessions be recorded and that the Board sit at the dais during those work sessions. Board consensus is to keep the work sessions at the back of the meeting room, but enhance the microphones for better audio, and to regularly record the work sessions.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. Approximately 4 people spoke.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:08 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor