

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
Special Meeting  
April 9, 2018  
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 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

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

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter and Public Works Director Marc Elliott.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Transportation**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened discussion by explaining that an Act 51 Agency is able to access state and federal grant dollars for road and non-motorized projects, which is a high priority for the Township. Discussion regarding the pros and cons of becoming an Act 51 Agency ensued.

Board consensus was to continue the discussion while also pressuring the County Commission and Road Commission to follow the County Complete Streets policy. The Board would also like to have a comparison between cities and villages an understanding of city or village obligations and opportunities for services, estimate of tax revenue and expenses. In addition, there are many other Townships that have dealt with similar issues, and are much larger than Oshtemo, and we should look at their policies. Gaines and Holland Townships are good examples.

**Resolution to Enter Closed Session**

Rick Pearson, Tim Ferrand, Tim Hudson from the Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission were present. Attorney Porter presented a resolution to enter closed session for purposes of discussing the legal opinion of counsel regarding water and wastewater issues, and to do so in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect upon the Township's position and could disclose matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Culp, second by Everett to enter closed session for purposes of discussing the legal opinion of counsel regarding water and wastewater issues. Resolution is adopted 6-0, with Ford absent.

Motion by Farmer, second by Culp to exit closed session. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the Special Meeting at approximately 9:05 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk