

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Meeting (Virtual)
April 27, 2021
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public Meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform. Residents were able to join the meeting through both the Zoom application and by phone. Residents were able to give public comment through email, the Zoom platform, and by phone during the meeting. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell- Arvada, Colorado
Clerk Dusty Farmer- Oshtemo Township
Treasurer Clare Buszka- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Kristen Cole- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Zak Ford- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Cheri Bell- Oshtemo Township
Trustee Kizzy Bradford- Oshtemo Township

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and approximately 3 interested people.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment on non-regular session items. No public comment.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Discussion on Sewer Hardship Financing or Deferment Ordinance and Update on HARC Committee Inaugural Meetings

Attorney Jim Porter presented the proposed changes from the HARC, which include the elimination of the state program that no longer exists, and the change in income limitations to allow a higher income for financing and a lower income for deferment.

One request from a Board member was to use alternate naming to maintaining privacy for applicants for the purpose of the Board packet. The Board also discussed if the income limitations should be raised. Staff informed the Board that the ordinance does allow for extenuating circumstances for those who have a higher income. A Board member also requested that applicants that go through the program be surveyed about their experience.

Other Business

An update of the hotel housing update was provided to the Board.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – April 13, 2021 and April 20, 2021

- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Fire Department Lexipol Policies (Continued)
- d. HARC Recommendations

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to approve the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Friends of the Parks Request to be Recognized as a Local Civic Organization for Purposes of Charitable Gaming License

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by , second by to adopt a resolution to Recognize Friends of the Parks as a Local Civic Organization for Purposes of Charitable Gaming License. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Consideration of Amendment to Ord. 620 - Public Sanitary Sewer Hardship Financing or Deferral Ordinance – First Reading

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Cole accept the amendment for first reading and set second reading for May 11, 2021. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on Road Long Term Plan & Needs (Continued)

Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner presented information for the Board to consider so that road maintenance can be funded long term. The presentation will be shared on the Township website.

Consideration of Property Acquisition

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Bell, second by Ford to approve the presented property acquisition from Kalamazoo County for the amount of back taxes in the amount of \$3,063.34. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Township Business & Question Updates

Clerk Farmer reminded the public that an election will be held on May 4, 2021.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:23 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor