

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
May 26, 2020
7:15 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Regular 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 7:15 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, Planning Director Iris Lubbert and approximately 9 interested people.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – May 12, 2020 and May 19, 2020
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Landscaping Ordinance Amendments – Second Reading
- d. Rezoning (South 11th St.) – Second Reading
- e. Keeping of Livestock and Honey Bees Ordinance – Second Reading

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

Consideration of Sewer Hardship Financing or Deferment Ordinance

- a. Hardship Advisory Review Committee (HARC) Member Appointments

Board consensus was to establish a Hardship Advisory Review Committee (HARC) with 5 members consisting of past Board of Review Members, residents, and Township Board members, with the requirement that a Board member be present at each meeting, training specific to hardship determinations, and 3-year staggered terms.

- b. Budget Amendment to Establish hardship Revolving Fund

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

Motion by Ford, second by Hudok to approve the budget amendment for \$300,000 to establish the sewer hardship fund from sewer fund carryover. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of First Quarter Budget Amendments

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

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the first quarter budget amendments as presented. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Return to Work COVID-19 Plan

Josh Owens presented the draft of the COVID-19 plan. Suggested changes will be made and brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

Other Township Business

Motion by Taylor, second by Ford to adopt a resolution to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Consumers Energy and the Township to install a streetlight at the corner of Frie Ave and 6th St. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Comment

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

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor