

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting (Virtual)

June 22, 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- LaGrange, Indiana

Clerk Dusty Farmer- Oshtemo Township

Treasurer Clare Buszka- Oshtemo Township

Trustee Zak Ford- Oshtemo Township

Trustee Cheri Bell- Oshtemo Township

Trustee Kizzy Bradford- City of Kalamazoo

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 10 interested people.

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

WORK SESSION ITEMS

2020 Financial Audit

Ben Walker of Seber Tans presented the result of the 2020 Financial Audit for Oshtemo Township. The final audit will be available on the Township website.

Continuation of Accomplishments, Vision, and Goals

Maintenance Director Rick Everett presented the Maintenance AGVs.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – June 7th & June 8th Regular Meetings, and June 11th Special Meeting
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Employee Handbook Amendment – On the Job Accidents/Injury
- d. Ordinance 234: Cemetery Regulations – Second Reading
- e. Job Description – Law Clerk
- f. Budget Amendment – Public Works

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked if anyone present wished to remove anything from the consent agenda.

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

Consideration of Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment

Waste Not Recycling is requesting a new transfer station and processing plant to be located at the corner of Nichols Road and Ravine Road. To accommodate the new recycling and processing plant the County's Solid Waste Management Plan must be amended. All units of government within Kalamazoo County must vote on an amendment to the current Solid Waste Management Plan. The proposed amendment will be beneficial for the County and will not have negative ramifications for the residents of Oshtemo Township.

Motion by Bell, second by Ford to adopt a resolution approving Amendment 1- Waste Not C&D Recycling Center - Kalamazoo Solid Waste Management Plan. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Performance Evaluation

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to adopt a resolution to enter closed session at approximately 7:52 to discuss performance evaluation. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to leave closed session at 8:14 PM. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to proceed as discussed in closed session. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Business

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked the Board if they want to discuss returning to in person meetings. Board consensus was to continue virtual meetings for now.

The Board discussed the infestation of gypsy moths in the area. Clerk Farmer will reach out to the MSU Extension and others to compile information to share with the public to help the situation.

The Board discussed a resolution in support of ending the Federal filibuster and passing the HR 1 For the People Act.

Public Comment

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

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:37 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor