

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting (Virtual)

November 9, 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- Colorado

Clerk Dusty Farmer- Parma Township

Treasurer Clare Buszka- Oshtemo Township

Trustee Zak Ford- Mesa, AZ

Trustee Cheri Bell- Oshtemo Township

Trustee Kizzy Bradford- Oshtemo Township

Trustee Kristin Cole- Oshtemo Township

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 1 interested person.

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

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Discussion on Fruit Belt Trail Phasing Options

Parks Director Karen High presented information regarding the Fruit Belt Trail, including the grant opportunities and phases of development.

Discussion on Gathering Community Input on ARPA Funding Use

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened discussion with the Board regarding American Rescue Plan Act funds. Discussion included how to engage the public for input on how to expend funds, and a timeline of when the Board might make those budget decisions.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – October 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. 2022 Accounting, Auditing, Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Legal, & Sexton Consultants and Services
- d. Budget Amendment
- e. Board Rules

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to approve the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0 with Buszka absent.

Public Hearing– Fire Protection Special Assessment District

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

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a Resolution for a Fire Protection Special Assessment levy against the taxable lands and premises within the Fire Protection Special Assessment District of the Township in the amount of 3.75 mills raising the sum of \$3,242,400. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Hearing– Street Light Special Assessment District

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

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to adopt a Resolution for a General Lighting District Special Assessment levy in the Township in the amount of .3 mills raising the sum of \$177,551. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Hearing– Police Protection Special Assessment Districts 2004-1 and 2009-1

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

Motion by Cole, second by Bradford to adopt a Resolution for the Police Protection budget for the 2022 fiscal year of the Township in the amount of \$1,599,762 and to further approve a renewal of the Police Protection Special Assessment levies of 3.8 mills (Police Protection Special Assessment District No. 2004-1) and .9 mills (Police Protection Special Assessment District No. 2009-1). Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Hearing-- Road Maintenance and Improvement Millage

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

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a Resolution for the Road Maintenance and Improvement levy against the assessed valuation of all the lands, premises, and personal property within the Township be set at 1.08 mills, raising the sum of \$1,016,274. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Public Hearing– 2022 General & Special Revenue Funds Budget/General Tax Levy.96/Detailed Format

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented proposed changes to the budget due to the progression of the sewer projects in the Township.

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

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt a Resolution for a general and special revenue funds, tax levy in the amount of .96 mills against the taxable real and personal properties within the Township, and the detailed blue line budget. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Consideration of 2022 Township Officers' and Trustees Compensation

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

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution for a continuance (no change) of salaries of the Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, and Township Treasurer, and for the salary of Township Trustees at three thousand (\$3,000.00) annually, plus one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00) per Township Board meeting, and \$ 50.00 per committee meeting, effective January 1, 2022. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-1, with Bell voting NO.

Consideration of Routine Expenditures and Purchases

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

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a Resolution for the payment of reoccurring routine (i.e., regularly incurred) Township expenses. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Board/Committee Appointments

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

Motion by Bell, second by Ford to appoint committee members as presented for the Fire Chief Hiring Committee and the Capital Improvements Committee, and to recognize Richard Hertzell's longstanding commitment to the Township. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Update on Election Results

Clerk Farmer provided a summary of the November 2, 2021 election.

Public Comment

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

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:42 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor