

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Board Meeting (Virtual)
January 18, 2021
6:00 PM

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Kizzy Bradford
Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 6 interested people.

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

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Discussion on Climate Change Proclamation Request

The Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition presented climate change information regarding the global climate crisis, and information about how the climate crisis affects us regionally and locally. The Board and the Coalition discussed adopting a resolution declaring a climate emergency, funding requests, and the possibility of having Kalamazoo County coordination for the region.

Review & Discussion of Road Commission Nonmotorized Umbrella Agreement

Public Works Director Anna Horner provided information to the Board explaining the RCKC Nonmotorized Umbrella Agreement.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to authorize the Supervisor to investigate and negotiate the umbrella agreement with the Road Commission, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – December 14th, 2021

- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. 2022 Township Board Meeting Schedule
- d. Hazmat Mutual Aid Agreement (Renewal)

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Road Commission 2022 PAR Funds Commitment

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

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to authorize the Supervisor to notify the RCKC that Oshtemo will utilize all 2022 PAR funds made available. Motion carried 7-0

2022 Budget Amendments

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

Motion by Ford, second by Bradford to approve the 2022 budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Opinion of Counsel

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to adopt a resolution to enter closed session to discuss written opinion of counsel. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Motion by Ford, second by Bradford to exit closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Update on Big Rock Drive Area Water Main Distribution Extension Project

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

Public Comment

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

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:19 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor