

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
March 26, 2024
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. Residents were able to give public comments during the meeting. Supervisor Bell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Cheri Bell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Neil Sikora
Trustee Michael Chapman
Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, IT Director Jon Gibson, and approximately 4 interested people.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Public Officials Update

Kerry DenBraber from the Michigan Department of Transportation provided updates to the Board regarding the US 131 bridge over KL Ave., the US 131 Business Route construction, M43/West Main from 10th St to Drake Rd., and lane widening from I-94 west bound to US 131 Parkview bridge (and possibly as far as the Stadium Dr. bridge). MDOT will keep the Township updated as project dates are closer, and they will provide information for communications with the public.

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Bell asked if anyone wished to remove any item from the consent agenda.

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 12, 2024
- b. Planning Department Transcriptionist Job Description
- c. MERS New Hire Waiting Period Amendment
- d. Budget Amendments
 - i. Public Education
 - ii. Maintenance Equipment

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

First Reading: Text Amendments Floodplain Management Ord 510, Section 273.003

Motion by Ford, second by Chapman to approve the proposed text amendments to Ord 510, Section 273.003 for first reading, and set second reading for April 9, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to adopt the Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

Discussion: Lawsuit Update and Sanitary Sewer Funding

Attorney Porter provided an update to the Board regarding the lawsuit for the USDA Bond petitions, and he expects oral arguments to be scheduled soon.

Public Works Director Anna Horner provided the Board with information about types of funding for sewer projects other than USDA Bonds. With the delay from litigation, the sewer installation has become much more expensive and will require additional methods of funding. The Board will need to discuss and decide how to move forward to accomplish all identified sewer projects. The Board requested further information regarding the requirements for each option.

Request to Enter Closed Session

Attorney Porter offered a Resolution to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Written Opinion of Counsel regarding the West KL Landfill Annual Cost Accounting.

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to adopt the resolution to enter closed session at 7:01pm to discuss written opinion of counsel regarding the West KL Landfill Annual Cost Accounting. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

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

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor