

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 9, 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 11 interested people.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

**Public Officials Update**

Sean McBride, Executive Director of Metro Transit provided a comprehensive update of Metro services, including Metro Link, which is a brand-new service that will begin April 15. Three zones (including one in Oshtemo) have been established within the boundaries of the fixed route bus service (Central County Transit Authority) that will provide last mile service and service within the area where a bus is unavailable. Users will have the opportunity to try the new service free of charge for their first 10 visits until May 15. After that time, Link service will cost \$1.50 per ride and will include a transfer to or from a bus if applicable.

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Dale Deleeuw announced that the County Commission awarded more than \$4 million from the housing millage in Kalamazoo County. This included not only funding for building housing, but also for educational programs so that people can learn how to do the work to care for their homes.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 26, 2024
- b. Minutes of Joint Meeting March 19, 2024
- c. Receipts and Disbursements

- d. Second Reading: Text Amendments to Floodplain management Ordinance, Section 273.003: Designation of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments

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

**Consideration of Issuance of IFT Exemption for One Way Products Inc.**

Attorney Jim Porter provided the background information for the request from One Way Products, Inc., located at 6000 West KL Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Isaac Hinkle, owner of One Way Products, Inc. was available for questions.

Motion by Cole, second by Ford to adopt a resolution for issuance of the industrial facilities tax exemption certification for One Way Products, Inc. Roll call. Resolution adopted 6-1, with Chapman voting No.

**Consideration of Creation of IDD for Faraday Properties LLC**

Attorney Porter informed the Board that this is a second request to establish the Industrial Development District, which is the precursor to a request for an Industrial Facilities Tax-Exempt Certificate. Kyle Sisco, owner, was available for questions.

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to adopt a resolution creating the Industrial Development District for unit three of the Western Michigan University Business Technology Research Park 2.0. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

**Resolution to Adopt the 2023 Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Attorney Porter provided background information to the Board.

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Sikora, second by Ford to adopt the 2023 Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

**Consideration of Policy Amendment: Sale of Township Real or Personal Property**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Sikora to accept the amendments to the Policy for the Sale or Disposal of Township Real or Personal Property. Motion carried 5-2.

**First Reading: Zoning Text Amendments to Article 50: Schedule of Regulations, Section 50.60C: Setback Provisions: Business and Industrials Districts**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Sikora, second by Buszka to approve for first reading and set for second reading on April 23 the Zoning Text Amendments to Article 50: Schedule of Regulations, Section 50.60C: Setback Provisions: Business & Industrial Districts. Motion carried 7-0.

**First Reading: Zoning Text Amendments to Article 55, Signs and Billboards**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Farmer, second by Cole to approve for first reading and set for second reading on April 23 the Zoning Text Amendments to Article 55: Signs and Billboards. Motion carried 7-0.

**Consideration of Tentative Preliminary Plan – Westridge Site Condominium**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve the preliminary plan of the Westridge Site Condominium. Motion carried 7-0.

**Consideration of Sale of Property for MDOT US-131 BL Project**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve the sale of parcel 05-01-180-005 to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3999.08 for the purpose of completing highway improvements. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion of Employee Handbook Amendments: Section 4.1 and 5.3**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve the amendments to Section 4.1 of the Employee Handbook. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell  
Township Supervisor