

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting

April 12, 2022

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. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

In the absence of Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell, Clerk Farmer nominated herself to chair the meeting.

Motion by Farmer, second by Buszka to appoint Clerk Farmer as chair. Motion passed 5-0, with 2 absent.

**PRESENT:**

Clerk Dusty Farmer

Treasurer Clare Buszka

Trustee Kizzy Bradford

Trustee Cheri Bell

Trustee Kristin Cole

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell

Trustee Zak Ford

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner and 5 interested people.

Clerk Farmer opened public comment on non-regular session items. One person spoke.

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**Request to enter closed session to discuss litigation in Solarek, et al v. Kellison Woods, et al,  
Case No. 2019-0338**

Motion by Bell, second by Cole to adopt a resolution to enter closed session at 6:06 PM to discuss litigation. Roll call. Resolution adopted 5-0, with Heiny-Cogswell and Ford absent.

Motion by Bell, second by Farmer to exit closed session at 6:30 PM. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

Motion by Bell, second Buszka to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

### **Other Updates and Business**

Public Works Director Anna Horner walked the Board through the update regarding non-motorized projects.

Clerk Farmer asked the Board if there was anything else from the consent agenda to be discussed. The Board discussed item f, noting that the last budget amendment request is a duplicate of a previous request and it would not be included in the motion for approval.

The Board also discussed the compensation policy and how it relates to the budget amendment request for additional staff salaries for inflation. Board consensus was to review the compensation policy with regards to budgeting, and to request that the Supervisor's office research the cost of a comprehensive third-party wage study.

### **REGULAR SESSION ITEMS**

Clerk Farmer asked if anyone present wished to remove an item from the consent agenda.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Minutes – March 22, 2022
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Interim Fire Chief Appointment
- d. ARPA meeting facilitation
- e. Update on Non-motorized projects
- f. Budget amendments

Motion by Bell, second by Bradford to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

### **Consideration of MDOT Annual Agreement with Local Jurisdiction**

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Cole, second by Farmer to adopt a resolution approving the MDOT Annual Agreement. Roll call. Resolution adopted 5-0, with Heiny-Cogswell and Ford absent.

### **Consideration of Park Rental Policy and Fee Amendments**

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Farmer, second by Cole to approve the Park Rental Policy and Fee Amendments. Motion carried 5-0, with 2 absent.

### **Public Comment**

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. Two people spoke.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell  
Township Supervisor