

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2023
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Public 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 Kristin Cole
Trustee Kizzy Bradford
Trustee Neil Sikora- after he was sworn in

Also present were Public Works Director Anna Horner, Human Resources Director Sara Feister, Attorney James Porter, and 5 interested people.

Annual Audit Presentation

Ben Walker of Seber Tans presented the draft of the 2022 Financial Audit.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to accept the 2022 Financial Audit for Oshtemo Township. Motion carried 5-0, with one absent.

Elected Officials' AGVs

Clerk
Treasurer
Supervisor

Other Updates & Business

Supervisor Bell opened a discussion regarding the creation and implementation of a Township communication plan. American Rescue Plan Act dollars were budgeted this year to get the communication program off the ground.

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. Two people spoke.

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 13, 2023
- b. Budget Amendments
- c. Receipts and Disbursements

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0, with one absent.

Employee Milestone Anniversary Recognitions

Human Resources Director Sara Feister presented certificates of recognition to Assistant Assessor Yale Smith, Full Time Firefighter Jared Rice, and Paid on Call Firefighter Joe Keck.

Consideration of Trustee Appointment

Process- Candidates will have 4 minutes to speak in front of the Board. Board members will vote by ranking the two candidates. If a candidate does not have at least 4 votes, the second choices will be counted.

Action to Appoint- The Board voted. Neil Sikora received 4 votes and was appointed to the Trustee position.

Motion by Farmer, second by Bradford to appoint Neil Sikora as Oshtemo Township Board Trustee. Motion carried 6-0, with one vacancy.

First Reading: Ordinance to Establish Emergency Service Fees

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to accept the proposed Ordinance changes to establish fees for certain Township Emergency Services, provide methods for collection of fees, exemptions and repeal all or parts of Ordinances in conflict for first reading and set second reading for July 11, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

First Reading: Airport Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Ford, second by Cole to accept the Airport Zoning Ordinance to add Article 58 to the Township Zoning Ordinance for first reading and set second reading for July 11, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

Request to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition and Written Opinion of Counsel Re: Sewer Litigation

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a resolution to enter closed session to discuss property acquisition and written opinion of counsel regarding sewer litigation. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

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

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:03 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor