

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting (Virtual)

July 13, 2021

6:00 PM

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

PRESENT:

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

Also present were Township Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner, and approximately 4 interested people.

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

WORK SESSION ITEMS

Update from Kalamazoo County

Sgt. Johnson shared statistics from both the June Police Report and the year to date information for police activity in Oshtemo.

Discussion on Retreat Follow Up

The Board discussed ways to move forward with the ideas learned during the equity training at the Board retreat on June 11, 2021. Discussion revolved around how to identify underrepresented populations and also bring those people to the table to improve the quality of life in the Township.

Discussion on Principles of Governance (MTA)

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to accept the principles of governance and pledge to follow those principles. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – June 11, 2021 Correction and June 22, 2021
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments
- d. 2021 Streetlight Conversions

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked if anyone present wished to remove anything from the consent agenda. Trustee Ford request to remove item C.

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to approve the consent agenda without item C. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0, with one absence.

Consideration of Zoning Section 57.90 Sidewalks Text Amendment – First Reading

Planning Director Iris Lubbert presented the recommended text amendments from the Planning Commission for zoning section 57.90.

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

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to approve the amendments for first reading and set second reading for July 27, 2021. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of 2021 Sidewalk Projects Award of Contract

Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner presented the staff report for the 4 proposed sidewalk projects. The recommendation is to go with the lowest bidder for the projects.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. Two people spoke.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Cole to approve the award of the 2021 sidewalk projects as recommended. Roll call. Motion carried 6-1.

Consideration of Professional Services for KL Ave Nonmotorized Path

Deputy Public Works Director Anna Horner presented the staff report for the professional services for the KL Ave nonmotorized path.

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

Motion by Farmer, second by Bell to approve the professional services for the KL Ave nonmotorized path. Roll call. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Filibuster Repeal & HR1 Support Resolution

Attorney Porter presented the prepared resolution as requested by the Township Board at a previous meeting.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Motion by Ford, second Farmer by to adopt a resolution in support of the filibuster repeal in the Senate and support of HR1 For the People Act of 2021. Roll call. Resolution failed 2-3 with Cole and Bradford absent, and Heiny-Cogswell, Bell, and Buszka voting No.

Other Business

Item C from the consent agenda:

2nd qtr Budget Amendments-

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

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to approve the 2nd qtr budget amendments. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0, with one absent.

Public Comment

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. Two people spoke.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:42 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor