

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Board Meeting
August 1, 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- arrived approximately 7:30
Trustee Neil Sikora

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

Discussion of 2024 Budget

Supervisor Bell opened the discussion by reviewing revenue through special assessments. The Board discussed preparation for the August 15 budget meeting.

Discussion of Purchasing Policy Draft

Clerk Farmer presented the changes to the Purchasing Policy that identifies Electronic Funds Transfers as the primary form of payment and checks as the form of payment when EFTs and credit cards are prohibited. Board consensus was to bring back a clean draft on August 22.

Other Updates and Business

Attorney Porter updated the Board on current litigation.

Public Comment on Non-Regular Session Items

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Housing Presentation

Mary Balkema presented information regarding how Kalamazoo County has been utilizing housing millage dollars, completed housing projects, and projects that are currently underway. She also walked the Board through the many challenges due to increased costs and the commitments from the State of Michigan to overcome those challenges.

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting July 11, 2023
- b. Receipts and Disbursements
- c. Safe Exchange Program Memo

- d. 2nd Street Road Paving Special Assessment District
- e. Appointment of Professional Services
- f. Board/Committee Appointments

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

Consideration of Sewer Phase 1 Award Amount

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve the Award for 7th Street and W Main Street Sewer Extension project to Lounsbury Excavating \$2,694,325.50, approve Fleis and Vandenbrink construction engineering \$230,500.00, and Approval of Attachment K as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Atlantic Avenue Extension Project Award

Motion by Cole, second by Ford to approve Wightman for the Atlantic Ave Extension proposal in the amount of \$92,500 and respective budget amendment. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Amendments

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. No public comment.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:54 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell
Township Supervisor