

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Township Board Meeting
September 11, 2012

Township Board work session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:
Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, and 2 interested people.

DISCUSSION – 2013 BUDGET

Discussion was held regarding the 2013 budget related to personnel, parks, and police protection. The next budget workshop will be September 25th at 5:00 p.m.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Kalamazoo County Road Commission Members Kent McCauley, Ken Oscarson, Dennis Berkebile, Daniel Moyle, Managing Director Joanna Johnson, General Superintendent Travis Bartholomew and Area Superintendent Jim Beaudoin were present. Discussion was held regarding current and planned road projects. Concern was expressed to KCRC regarding additional traffic signal signage needed at Parkview/Stadium.

The Board work session adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the events of September 11th, 2001.

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Clerk Deb Everett
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Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Planning Director Greg Milliken, and 3 interested people.

Motion by Culp, second by Borgfjord, to approve the August 28th regular and August 28th special meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Income to the General, Building, Fire, and Sewer & Water Funds of \$16,037.3 and disbursements of \$192,105.27 were reported. Motion by Borgfjord, second by Larson to accept the receipts and disbursements report. Carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS - KABA

General and Zoning Ordinance text amendments to acknowledge the Township's authorized building official as the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority (KABA) and an amendment to the Ordinance designating the State Construction Code as the Township's Building Code were before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Everett, second by Heiny-Cogswell, to adopt the General and Zoning Ordinance text amendments. Carried.

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT 2012-1

Planning Director Greg Milliken presented amendments to the Master Land Use Plan that have been approved by the Planning Commission and were also distributed to all surrounding jurisdictions, the County and other required entities. He noted the changes are the same as those outlined at the June 12th Board meeting and included the 9th Street Sub-Area Plan, Century Highfield Sub-Area Plan, update of the Community Profile Chapter to include 2010 Census information, and addition of an Airport Plan as required by the Zoning Enabling Act. He also noted there was a wording change referencing student housing, and amendments to the future land use map to reflect extending commercial use in the Maple Hill Drive north area.

There was discussion that any further commercial development in the Maple Hill Drive area would need to recognize the nearby and adjacent residential uses.

Motion by Larson, second by Borgfjord to adopt a resolution approving Master Plan Amendment 2012-1. Roll call showed Larson-yes, Bushouse-yes, Everett-yes, Culp-yes, Borgfjord-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – OPEN BURNING

Attorney Porter presented a recommendation for a text amendment to the Open Burning Ordinance that would incorporate new State law which prohibits open burning of any plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals or hazardous materials. He advised Fire Chief Mark Barnes also recommended amending the notification portion of the ordinance to indicate burning bans will be posted on the Township web site.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to accept the text amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for October 9th. Carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS – RETIREE HEALTH & TRUSTEE BENEFITS

Ordinance amendments to remove trustees as eligible for the Township Defined Contribution Pension Plan, Defined Contribution Deferred Compensation Plan, Health Insurance Plan including Long Term Care, Life Insurance Plan, Dental Plan, and changing the Retiree Health Plan to a Defined Contribution Plan were before the Board for First Reading.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to accept the amendments for First Reading and set Second Reading for October 9th. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Borgfjord thanked legal staff and Human Resources Committee for their work on the retiree health changes.

Trustee Bushouse thanked Attorney Porter for his work and commented the Township recognizes a savings with him on staff.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor