

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting
September 27, 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 during the meeting. Clerk Farmer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Clare Buszka
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Kizzy Bradford

ABSENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell- Remote
Trustee Cheri Bell
Trustee Kristin Cole- Remote

Also present were Public Works Director Anna Horner, Planning Director Iris Lubbert, and IT Coordinator Jon Gibson.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. One person spoke.

Discussion with DDA on Atlantic Avenue Project

Public Works Director Anna Horner and Planning Director Iris Lubbert provided the reasoning behind the request to purchase land to construct a new portion of Atlantic Avenue that would cross Parkview Ave to the east of the current intersection of Parkview and Stadium. They also discussed the funding options for the purchase of the property, and the recommended option is an installment purchase agreement between the Township, the property seller, and a lending institution. The Board must decide if there is support to partner with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as holder of an installment purchase agreement for this property purchase.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes Sept 13th Regular Meeting & Sept 20th Special Meeting
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Budget Amendments
- d. Update on Old Township Hall Painting Project
- e. Employee Handbook Reorganization/Amendments

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0, with three absent.

Consideration of L-4029 Township Property Tax Rates

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. No public comment.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to approve a 1.5 Township Operating Millage and 1.08 Township Road Millage for 2023. Motion carried 4-0, with three absent.

Public Comment

Clerk Farmer opened public comment. One person spoke.

Discussion of 2023 Annual Budget (Ongoing)

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell invited the Maintenance Department to present their budget recommendations for 2023.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell also discussed funding sources for new staff positions for 2023.

Clerk Farmer adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:50 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Township Supervisor