

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Public Comment Session
October 24, 2017
6:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Work Session was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok
Trustee Dave Bushouse

Also present were Lt. Troy Faulk, Township Attorney James Porter, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, and 3 interested persons.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Discussion of MTA Training December 12

Board members will let Clerk Farmer know if they can attend the all-day training from Michigan Townships Association held at the Holiday Inn on 11th St. regarding Policy and Administration for Township Boards.

Discussion of Annual Salary Adjustment Process (cont.)

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the Board with a draft salary adjustment table and draft compensation policy. With regard to the second paragraph describing the general way in which CPI would be applied, one suggestion was to steer away from definitive increases or decreases for employees. A Compensation Commission was presented as an option for determining elected official salaries. Board consensus was to use a survey study of elected official salaries to make a Board decision rather than pursue a Compensation Commission.

Discussion of MML Associate Membership

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the opportunity to join the Michigan Municipal League for one year to receive compensation information and other membership benefits. Board consensus was to try it for at least one year.

Committee Meeting Updates and Other Business

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the memo from Maintenance Director Rick Everett to raise the roof on the current maintenance building and construct a post-type building for storage. The matter will be discussed further under Other Business at the regular meeting.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned Work Session of the Oshtemo Township Board at approximately 7 p.m.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Regular Meeting
October 25 24, 2017
7:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board ~~Special~~ Regular Meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok
Trustee Dave Bushouse

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Planning Director Julie Johnston, Public Works Director Marc Elliott, Lt. Troy Faulk, and approximately 4 interested people.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Ford, second by Culp to approve items a-e of the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Sky King Meadows III Site Condominium – Step 3

Planning Director Julie Johnston presented an application to develop 46 single-family homes on 29.98 acres of vacant, undeveloped land located east of 9th St. and located in the R-2 zoning district. Staff recommends Step 3 approval with 7 conditions, as indicated in the staff report. No public comment.

Motion by Culp, second by Ford to approve Step 3 of Sky King Meadows III with the 7 conditions from staff report. Motion carried 7-0.

Consideration of Southwest Michigan Building Authority (SMBA) 2018 Budget

SMBA Board Member Everett presented the request to approve the proposed 2018 SMBA budget. It must be approved by both Cooper and Oshtemo Township to become the 2018 budget. No public comment.

Motion by Culp, second by Ford to approve the recommended SMBA 2018 Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance Amendment of Tax Exemption Ordinance for Low Income Elderly Persons – 2nd Reading

Attorney Porter presented an amendment to lower the PILOT to 4% shelter rents for all low income elderly facilities in the Township, with an agreement from the facilities to pay the police and fire/EMS special assessments.

Motion by Everett, second by Ford to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #344. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance Repeal of Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center/Safety Compliance Facility Prohibition
Ordinance No. 557 (Second Reading)**

Attorney Porter presented the option to repeal Ordinance No. 557 pursuant to the Board's request at its meeting of September 12, 2017. If the Board wants to permit any of the new marihuana facilities provided under the

new Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act of 2016, the Board will have to opt in with a new ordinance. The Board agreed to revisit this decision at a later time.

Motion by Ford, second by Hudok to repeal Ordinance #557. Motion carries 7-0

Other Township Business

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the request from Maintenance Director Rick Everett to commence work to raise the roof on the present maintenance building and construct a post-type construction storage building. Plumbing and drains are proposed to be investigated if there is leftover budget. Board consensus is to find out the cost of plumbing and drains as soon as possible.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to authorize the Supervisor to authorize the proposal and commence the work of the request to raise the roof on the present maintenance building and construct a post-type construction storage building. Motion carries 7-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Board Member Comment

Grange Reopening celebration is November 11 at 4 PM.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the regular meeting of the Oshtemo Township Board at approximately 7:40 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk