

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**September 23, 2014**

The Oshtemo Township Board public comment session was held the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell  
Clerk Deb Everett  
Treasurer Nancy Culp  
Trustee Dave Bushouse  
Trustee Nancy Carr  
Trustee Dusty Farmer  
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Planning Director Greg Milliken, Parks Administrator Karen High, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, and 6 interested people.

**Update – Police Protection Consultant Study** – Fire Chief Mark Barnes advised preliminary data has been received from the consultant and was provided in the Board’s packet. A meeting with the consultant is tentatively scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; date/time will be confirmed and posted.

**Budget Workshop #3** – Parks Administrator Karen High provided updates on current park projects and reviewed proposed items for the 2015 parks budget.

**Other Business** – Discussion was held to set a date for the next budget workshop. Motion by Culp, second by Larson to set next budget workshop for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Carried.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately at 6:50 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:**

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Clerk Deb Everett  
Treasurer Nancy Culp  
Trustee Dave Bushouse  
Trustee Nancy Carr  
Trustee Dusty Farmer  
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present was Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Planning Director Greg Milliken, Fire Chief Mark Barnes, and approximately 20 interested people.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) September 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes, September 16<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes, September 16<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting Minutes
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report

Motion by Larson, second by Farmer to approve the consent agenda. Carried 7-0.

**NATIONAL TRAINING OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
**CAPTAIN CHIP EVERETT**

David Farrar representing Target Solutions presented the International Fire Chiefs Association Training Officer of the Year Award to Capt. Chip Everett.

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AMBULANCE AGREEMENT (KVIAA)**

Fire Chief Barnes advised the current KVIAA agreement with Life EMS will expire in October; RFP's from three applicants, American Medical Response (AMR), Life EMS Ambulance, and Pride Care Ambulance have been reviewed and evaluated by emergency service staff from the four participating municipalities. The recommended agency is Life EMS with a four year agreement with the possibility of up to three, two year extensions.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Culp to approve the four year agreement with Life EMS with the possibility of up to three, two year extensions. Carried 7-0. .

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – 911 CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH COLLABORATION**

A proposed letter of support for the 911 consolidated dispatch collaboration was before the Board for consideration.

Motion by Larson, second by Farmer to authorize the Supervisor to send the letter of support on behalf of the Township. Carried 6-1 with Carr voting no.

**CONSUMERS ENERGY FRANCHISE ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

A proposed ordinance to grant a 30 year utility franchise agreement to Consumers Energy was before the Board for Second Reading.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Larson to adopt the ordinance. Carried 7-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP #4**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the next budget workshop would be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING – POLICE PROTECTION CONSULTANT**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised a tentative meeting has been set to meet with the Police Study consultant on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Board members will confirm their availability and the date will be posted.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the 30 day "opt out" time period has begun for the Board to consider the boundaries for the Metro Transit proposal; this item will be on the October 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.

She further advised Parks Administrator Karen High has organized the planting of the rain garden in the Township Park to take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome.

Trustee Bushouse commented as a former Fire Chief, he commends Fire Chief Barnes and the Fire Department for their development and accomplishments.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**DEBORAH L. EVERETT**  
Township Clerk

**Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL**  
Township Supervisor