

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**June 10, 2014**

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 Dave Bushouse  
Trustee Nancy Carr  
Trustee Dusty Farmer  
Trustee Lee Larson

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, and 3 interested people.

**Discussion – Truck Route** Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised a concern had been received from a resident on H Avenue concerning truck traffic. She advised Ordinance Enforcement Officer Rick Suwarsky had recently visited the gravel pit to inform them G Avenue was now available for truck use due to action by Alamo Township. Consensus was to continue enforcement and monitor the situation.

**North Drake Road Sidewalk** – Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell and Engineer Elliott presented information for Board consideration of an opportunity to construct a 5 foot wide sidewalk on the west side of Drake Road, from West Main to Grand Prairie, as part of a negotiated contract with Drake Road 2014 improvement contractors. The City of Kalamazoo is constructing 4' bike lanes on each side of the road as part of the road project, and is constructing sidewalk on the east side of the road as well. If the Board wants to pursue, the Board needs to authorize the Supervisor and staff to negotiate a construction contract. The sidewalk would be constructed concurrent with the 2014 roadway work taking place; resulting in significant savings of up to 50% as well as minimize inconvenience to residents and motoring public. This will accomplish the Township non-motorized plan for that area. No additional right of way is needed for the sidewalk construction, per schematic drawings prepared by the consultant. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell stated she and Engineer Elliott and the design consultant organized a meeting in May and invited all adjacent property owners. Of approximately 15 property owners who received the invitation, feedback was received from five. One business owner supports a 2014 sidewalk construction project; one resident supports the project; three residents do not support it. In follow up conversations with two of those who do not support, specific landscape and sidewalk layout requests were made to the Township, should the project move forward. The Board discussed the pros and cons of constructing all or a portion of the sidewalk (West Main to Croydon Ave only) in 2014 versus waiting until some later date. It was noted the 2014 budget included funding to build non-motorized facilities along Drake Road. This item will be taken up for action on the regular agenda.

**South Drake Road Corridor Improvement Authority (SoDA) TIF Plan Update** – Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised while the Board was originally led to believe the plan would be approved by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, the County is now reviewing their policy and discussions are continuing.

The Board work session adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

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

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Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, and 10 interested people.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kyle Hewitt, campaign manager for Phil Stinchcomb introduced himself.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, May 20<sup>th</sup> joint meeting, and May 22<sup>nd</sup> special meeting.
- b) Receipts & Disbursements Report.
- c) Request to close portion of Maple Hill Dr. on June 29<sup>th</sup> for Great Lakes Burn Camp fundraiser.
- d) Fire Department firefighter position salary adjustment.
- e) Accept easement for right turn lane on S. Drake at Stadium Dr.
- f) Approve DDA banner purchase/storage contract and budget amendment for property purchase.

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

### **MOPHIE LLC – INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

Consideration of granting an IFT Certificate to Mophie LLC located at 6244 Technology Avenue was before the Board. In response to Board members questions, owner Dan Danielson advised they plan to expand their existing facility and create an additional 25-35 jobs. He noted they had added approximately 50 jobs in the last year.

Motion by Culp, second by Larson to adopt a resolution granting the certificate. Roll call showed Farmer-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes, Larson-yes, Bushouse-yes, Carr-yes, Culp-yes, Everett-yes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **NORTH DRAKE ROAD SIDEWALK**

As discussed at the work session, Engineer Elliott presented information for Board consideration to authorize the Supervisor and staff to negotiate a construction contract to build sidewalks on Drake Road from West Main to Grand Prairie concurrent with the 2014 City of Kalamazoo roadway work; resulting in significant savings up to 50% as well as minimize inconvenience to residents and motoring public. It was noted the 2014 budget included funding to build non-motorized facilities along Drake Road.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Larson to authorize the Supervisor and staff to negotiate within and not to exceed the 2014 budget of \$198,383 for both consultant and construction expenses, in order to construct sidewalk on the west side of Drake Road from West Main to Grand Prairie as part of the current year road project, and not to exceed the 2014 roadway competitively bid unit costs for sidewalk items. Carried 7-0.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Bushouse noted he has seen several traffic and real estate signs with gang emblems. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised MDOT, the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and Kalamazoo Sheriff's Department are being kept apprised of the sightings.

Clerk Everett reminded all the first "Movie In The Park" will be held June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Township Park at sunset.

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**  
Supervisor