

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO

Board Meeting

May 24, 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. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:07 PM.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell

Clerk Dusty Farmer

Treasurer Clare Buszka

Trustee Zak Ford

Trustee Kizzy Bradford

Trustee Cheri Bell

Trustee Kristin Cole

Also present were Attorney Jim Porter, Public Works Director Anna Horner, IT Coordinator Jon Gibson, Parks Director Karen High, and 3 interested people.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment on non-regular session items. No public comment.

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**Consideration of Support for Designation of a Kalamazoo Area Urban Bird Treaty Community through US Fish & Wildlife Service**

Gail Walter of the Audubon society of Kalamazoo shared the importance of protecting bird habitats in our community and how the Township can participate through a Designated Kalamazoo Area Urban Bird Treaty Community.

**Update on GIS Consulting**

Public Works Director Anna Horner informed the Board that she has selected a consultant for GIS.

**REGULAR SESSION ITEMS**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked if anyone present wished to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes May 10th, 2022 & May 14th, 2022
- b. Receipts & Disbursements Report
- c. Employee Benefits Ordinance – Second Reading
- d. Budget Amendments

Motion by Ford, second by Farmer to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**DNR Public Hearing – Inclusion of Bow & Arrow in Non-Discharge Zone**

Cpl. Steve Orange opened the public hearing. Ordinance Officer Rick Suwarsky presented information regarding the non-discharge zone within Oshtemo Township. Cpl. Orange opened public comment. He also accepted written public comment. After the comment period, Cpl. Orange explained that he would take all of the information from the public hearing to his Lieutenant. There will be another public comment period in 30 days.

**Consideration of PILOT Ordinance Amendments – First Reading**

Attorney Porter shared with the Board the updates needed to the Township ordinance to align with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. This ordinance will have to go to second reading, then a resolution would have to come to the Board to approve the refinancing of the Pinehurst development.

Motion by Ford, second by Buszka to accept the PILOT Ordinance Amendments for first reading and set second reading for June 14, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

**Consideration of June Pride Month in Oshtemo Township**

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to adopt a resolution in support of June Pride Month in Oshtemo Township. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell opened public comment. No public comment.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Libby Heiny-Cogswell  
Township Supervisor