

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 6, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Barkel, Trustees Brink, Oonk, Overweg & Riemersma.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Supervisor Nykamp.

- 16-45** Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting. Trustee Oonk supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None

Business Items

- a. New Board Member Introduced
Supervisor Nykamp welcomed Mike Riemersma as a new board member.
- b. Gentex IFT Extension Request
Ken Rizzio was present to discuss the Request from the Gentex Corporation for a One-year Extension to the Construction Completion Period for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2015-135.

- 16-46** Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 838 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE GENTEX CORPORATION FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION PERIOD FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2015-135 WITH END DATE OF 12-30-28.**

Trustee Brink seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Overweg, Riemersma, Barkel, Brink, Oonk. NAYS: None.

- c. Walters Gardens IDD Request Information
Ken Rizzio was present to discuss a request to consider the creation of a new Act 198 District for Walters Gardens, Inc. A public hearing will be scheduled for early next year.

Committee Reports

- a. **ROADS**
Treasurer Barkel stated there will be a meeting on Thursday to discuss what roads to update next year.
- b. **CEMETERY**
Treasurer Barkel stated the cemetery committee met tonight, and needs approval from the board to purchase BS&A cemetery software.

16-47 Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the purchase of BS&A Cemetery Management Software.

Trustee Oonk seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Overweg, Riemersma, Barkel, Brink, Oonk. NAYS: None

c. ELECTION

Clerk Kraak stated that the Michigan recount has started, and is asking the board to compensate the workers for the difference between the low rate that Ottawa county is paying and what they normally make when working at the elections.

Attorney Issues. None

Supervisor's Report

a. USF / Mark Beauchamp Utility Progress

Supervisor Nykamp stated that Mr. Beauchamp shared the Ottawa County Wastewater and Water Rate Survey charges with him.

b. Board of Review

The township Assessor attends this meeting. We are looking for one more person to serve on the board for a two-year term. Interested residents should contact the Supervisor or a township board member.

Citizen / Public comment. None.

Additional Board Comment. None

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk
Beth DeBoer – Recording Secretary