

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2017**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on September 19, 2017 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 and Riemersma

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

Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting.
Trustee Oonk supported the motion which passed.

Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 work session.
Trustee Brink supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation/Public Comment: Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resource Commissioner, shared some of the maintenance of Zeeland Township drains that has been taking place. Many of the drain cleanout is related to dead ash trees. His office is currently going through old records verifying the accuracy of drain locations and creating updated maps.

Business Items:

- a. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider an Application Request from Walters Gardens for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Present to explain the project and present application were Megan Bennett from Walters Gardens and Ken Rizzio from Lakeshore Advantage.

Walters Gardens has constructed 3 new 42'x360' DeCloet triple peak glass greenhouses. The greenhouses have a concrete floor with in-floor heating. These will be used as a new acclimation facility. The total cost of land and building improvements are \$1,493,188.83.

Supervisor Glenn motioned to close the public hearing. Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #851 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION FROM WALTERS GARDENS.**

Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.

- b. Fire Department Request for Approval of New Truck Purchase. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve the purchase of a fire truck from Pierce Manufacturing for \$963,803.00. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.

- c. Request from Charter Communications Filing for a Cable Television Franchise Renewal. Trustee Brink motioned to approve Charter Communications request for a Cable Television Renewal with a 5% franchise fee. Trustee Oonk seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.

- d. Request from Everstream GLC Holding Co. for a METRO Act Permit. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve the Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit. Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.
- e. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the 2018-2013 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.
- f. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #852 TO APPROVE THE ZEELAND CHARTER 2018 BUDGET.** Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.
- g. Trustee Overweg motioned to approve a snow plowing maintenance contracted service with Holland Charter Township for the 2017-2018 season at a rate of \$48.60 per hour. Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Two previously tabled site plans were reviewed again after addition information was presented. A site plan dated 8/15/17 for Cutting Edge Excavating was approved. A site plan dated 8/21/17 for Blue Water Management was also approved.
- b. **BOARD OF APPEALS** – A side yard variance for an accessory building for Dan Veltema was approved because of the location of his septic system. A front yard variance for a garage for Stan Oosterbaan was approved because of the slope of the land.
- c. **PARKS & RECREATION** – The Drenthe Grove ball field has been graded, and pipes have been installed for underground sprinkling.
- d. **ROADS** – All subdivision road work has been completed. A session of Adams west of 80th Avenue will be milled and repaved to correct an issue.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. A meeting is scheduled with Berends, Hendricks, Stuit to discuss insurance coverage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk