

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2014**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Evink, Treasurer Myaard, Trustees Barkel, Brink, Oonk, and Zylstra.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Trustee Brink.
2. Motion made by Trustee Zylstra to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting.
Trustee Oonk supported the motion which passed.
3. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. – None.
4. Business Items:
 - a. Project Clarity Presentation
Mr. Steve Bulthuis, MACC Executive Director, Mr. Dan Callam, Watershed Technician, and Ms. Lynn Kotecki, Fundraising Manager, representing Project Clarity presented the goals and benefits of the project as well as a request for Zeeland Township to pledge \$400,000 over the next five years. The amount is based on shared support from nine units of government providing 25% of the 12 million total project cost. Supervisor Nykamp thanked them for their work and stated the board will consider their request during their budget work session.
 - b. Approval of First Amendment to 1993 Sewer Service Contract – deleted from agenda; contract was not ready for approval at this time.
 - c. Trustee Zylstra motioned to appoint Supervisor Nykamp and Treasurer Myaard as the Zeeland Charter Township Representatives to the Zeeland Area Clean Water Plant Technical Review Committee. Trustee Barkel supported the motion which passed.
5. Zoning Administrator's Report. Fifteen new house permits so far this year. Supervisor Nykamp sited the lack of buildable lots as the cause for a decrease in new homes. Black Creek Ridge's second phase and the Copper Ridge condos will increase available buildable lots for 2015.
6. Clerk's comments – none
7. Treasurers comments – none
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. **PLANNING COMMISSION.** The committee approved a site plan and granted a special use permit for a contractor's storage yard at 5285 Chicago Dr.
 - b. **FIRE.**
The two approved quick response vehicles were ordered and should be delivered in September for retrofitting with fire equipment. They should be in service by end of year.

Four trainees graduated levels 1 & 2. Upon successful review by the officers, the trainees will become full-fledged fire officers.

One firefighter completed E.M.T. training.

Trustee Barkel would like to receive the fire meeting minutes after each meeting instead of quarterly.

- c. **BUILDING /GROUNDS.** Trustee Brink expressed some dissatisfaction with the pace of the Public Safety Building's progress. Rain has been part of the problem.
- d. **ROADS.**
Trustee Zylstra motioned to approve the low bid by Dan Hoe Excavating of \$399,500 to pave one half mile of Quincy Street west of 64th Ave. Trustee Barkel supported the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
Township roads received a 2nd chloride application August 14th. A third application may not be necessary this year.
- e. **PARKS/RECREATION.** The Annual Chicken BBQ was a success thanks in part to the volunteers and a well-received article by Ms. Peg McNichol in the Holland Sentinel. Approximately 1,600 dinners were served.

9. Attorney Issues – None.

10. Supervisor's Report.

- a. OCRC performed a speed study at the request of a resident who desired to have the speed limit lowered on Adams St. The OCRC denied the request; the speed limit will remain at 55 mph.
- b. Board trustees received a schedule for installing lights at the Drenthe Grove. The project should be complete by November 1.
- c. Ms. Katie Santee, Executive Director of West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition, in an email stated WMTGC will partner with the Meijer Foundation and the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to create a Maintenance Endowment for the Fred Meijer West Michigan Regional Trail network. Beginning this fall funding will be available for the Kenowa Trail.
- d. Supervisor Nykamp will be meeting with companies submitting bids for phone and security systems for the Public Safety Building.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Evink – Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary