

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
August 4, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on August 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Myaard, Trustees Barkel, Brink, Oonk, and Overweg.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.  
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Invocation offered by Supervisor Nykamp
2. Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed.
3. Additions and Deletions – None.
4. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. – None.

5. Business Items:

- a. Approve Resolution to Amend the 2015 Budget.

Supervisor Nykamp requested the board postpone the budget amendment until the next meeting.

- b. Approve Bid for Fire Station #2 Exhaust System.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the bid of \$17,865.00 from Vliem Heating & Air Conditioning for an Air Vac 911 Exhaust Removal System for Beaverdam Fire Station No. 2. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- c. Drenthe Grove Chicken BBQ.

Trustee Brink reported preparations for the BBQ are going well; they plan to prepare 1,700 chicken dinners at \$8/dinner. Many people have signed up to help, but they could still use more volunteers. Activities include Remax hot air balloon, ball games, Critter Barn Educational Farm, and more.

- d. Van Zoeren Woods Trails.

Mr. Ken Bosma from Prein & Newhof, was present to answer questions concerning the proposed pathway through the park.

The grade of the paths may be too steep for ADA approval; therefore, the need for a paved bituminous pathway may not be warranted. Crushed concrete may be the best choice for the pathway.

Trustee Brink questioned the cost of engineering. Mr. Bosma said the estimate includes a contingency and actual cost would probably be lower.

Mr. Bosma gave cost estimates for a bridge. There are no widths requirements for a bridge so there are many options for construction.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION.** Met July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Commission approved a request from Wolverine power systems to build a 4,000 addition to the rear of their building and a fenced in area in front of the building. The Commission also discussed keeping chickens and the Mixed Use Village ordinance.
- b. **MACC & MACC TECH.** Removed a \$50,000 barrier on federal funding.
- c. **FIRE.** Representatives from the fire department looked at a used 2001 utility vehicle to replace their current vehicle. They will make their recommendation after they evaluate the results of additional testing.
- d. **ROADS.** Ottawa County will pave both Ransom St. and Quincy St. this fall. Dan Hoe Construction won the bid for the project. Consumers Energy is putting 3-phase power along Ransom St.
- e. **PARKS/RECREATION.**
  - i. Post Hardwoods is willing to harvest the dead ash trees in Van Zoeren Woods.
  - ii. GDK Construction donated \$500 to install a new Gaga Pit in Drenthe Grove Park. The Association purchased new tables for the Dozeman Center. ZBPW will donate money toward playground equipment through a grant process.
- f. **ELECTION.** There was a very low turnout for today's Hudsonville School Millage election.

7. Supervisor's Report.

- a. 64<sup>th</sup> Ave Bike Path. The bike path will be finished by the end of the week. It looks great.
- b. Supervisor Nykamp passed out 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget reports.
- c. Received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Don Wiersma thanking the board for listening to their concerns about safety on 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. and their request to reduce the speed limit.
- d. Supervisor Nykamp stated a need for more vigilant enforcement of the new restricted trucking ordinance on 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- e. Drenthe Grove Ball field Lights will be installed this week.

8. Attorney Issues. – None.

9. Citizen / Public comment. – None.

10. Additional Board Comment. Trustee Brink encouraged board members to work at the Drenthe Grove Chicken BBQ.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary