

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
September 15, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on September 15, 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 Brink, Oonk, and Overweg. Absent: Barkel.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.  
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Invocation offered by Trustee Overweg.
2. Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting.  
Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Barkel.
3. Additions or Deletions. None.
4. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None.
5. Business Items:

- a. Snow Plowing Maintenance for 2015-2016 Winter Season.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve an increase of 2.8% to \$45.85/hour for snow plowing the township parking lot, Public Safety Building Lower Lot and Fire Station No. 3. Trustee Brink seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote. Absent: Barkel.

- b. Public Hearing on the proposed 2015 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Supervisor Nykamp opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Nykamp described the changes to four township millages due to the statutory millage rollback. Trustee Oonk motioned and Treasurer Myaard seconded to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried. Absent: Barkel.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the 2015 Tax Rate Request. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Absent: Barkel.

- c. Brower Drain Improvement.

Ottawa County Drain Commissioner requested \$16,610.60, 30% of the total bill, to repair two sections of the Brower Drain in Holland Twp. 30% of the drainage district is in Zeeland Township. Supervisor Nykamp asked the board if the township should pay for the repair or if the cost to repair should be covered by the property owners within the drainage district. The board discussed various ways to handle drain maintenance costs. Nykamp stated Zeeland Township spends approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000 per year in drain repair. Trustee Oonk suggested covering the small repairs at large and assessing property owners for larger bills. The board agreed to continue the discussion at their Oct. 6 budget work session.

Trustee Brink motioned to approve paying the Brower Drain assessment of \$16,610.60, representing 30% of the total assessment, at large. Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Absent: Barkel.

6. Zoning Administrator's Report.

Mr. Mannes reported building permit totals are near 100 permits. There are thirty-three new home permits this year. The number of Electrical and Mechanical permits is also up from last year. Mannes reported the Knapp house demolition is being handled by our attorney. Mannes also talked with the owner of the woodpile on Adams; he will cease operation.

7. Clerk's Comments. None.

8. Treasurer's Comments. None.

9. Committee Reports:

a. **PARKS/RECREATION.**

i. Drenthe Grove. Trustee Brink handed out a Drenthe Grove financial statement.

ii. VanZoeren Woods. Oonk, Brink, and Nykamp inspected the tree removal project in VanZoeren woods. Attorney Bultje is preparing a waiver for people interested in harvesting the tree tops. Supervisor Nykamp will set a process for removing wood and would like to put up sign stating VanZoeren will be closed for the fall due to the danger of injury from the downed trees.

b. **ROADS.** Finished blacktopping Quincy St. west of 64<sup>h</sup>. Gas services lowered along Ransom east of 64<sup>th</sup>. Second application of chloride on gravel roads will occur September 17.

c. **LIBRARY.** Howard Miller Library will send out bids in October for a proposed interior renovation. They are also contacting area businesses for donations to help cover the remaining costs. The work will take place during the winter months.

10. Supervisor's Report.

a. Upper MACC Update. Ottawa County parks will install emergency markers along the trails.

b. Lakeshore Advantage requests a \$3,000 donation for years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Treasurer Myaard motioned to donate to Lakeshore Advantage for 3 years at \$3,000 per year. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote. Absent: Barkel.

11. Citizen / Public comment. None.

12. Additional Board Comment. Trustee Brink inquired if the residents at 7140 Adams requested county assistance to repair their ditch. Mr. Mannes reported Attorney Bultje did not approve of the changes made to the Mixed-Use Village resolution.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary