

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
October 6, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on October 6, 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 Trustee Oonk.
2. Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting.  
Trustee Oonk seconded the motion which passed.
3. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None.
4. Business Items:
  - a. Presentation of Zeeland Board of Public Works Grant Award  
  
Ms. Linda Boerman, Service Chairperson ZBPW, and Mr. Bill Cook, General Manager ZBPW presented a grant check in the amount of \$18,000 for Drenthe Grove park improvements. The money will be used for playground equipment, a concrete path and improvements to the fishing pond.
  - b. Provident Insurance Coverage.  
  
Supervisor Nykamp recapped a previous meeting with Provident Insurance representatives and the Fire Department. Upgrading from our current Plan 1 to Plan 2 is an increase in the annual premium of \$246 per year and will provide more coverage for our fire fighters.  
  
Trustee Brink motioned to change our current policy to Plan 2 for an additional \$246 premium payment. Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. **MACC & MACC TECH.**
    - i. Voted on a budget amendment adjustment.
    - ii. Update: redesigned M-40 truck stop.
    - iii. The Oct. 26 meeting will be at the PSB hosted by ZCT.
  - b. **BUILDING /GROUNDS.** Supervisor Nykamp would like to rename Fire Station No. 3 since it is no longer used by the fire department. The board will decide a new name at the next board meeting.
  - c. **ROADS.** Ransom Street received a second coat of asphalt; looks nice.
  - d. **PARKS/RECREATION.** Now that the Grove Association has ZBPW grant money, they'll start negotiating with playground equipment companies.
6. Attorney Issues. None.

7. Supervisor's Report.
  - a. Van Zoeren Woods. Tree removal started. Supervisor Nykamp has a Release and Waiver of Liability Form available for parties interested in harvesting the tree tops.
  - b. Cemetery Burial Practices. City of Zeeland recently approved an ordinance to not allow Sunday burials. Supervisor Nykamp would like to adopt a similar ordinance. No action taken at this time.
  - c. M231 Pathway Bridge dedication for Civil War Sgt. Henry Plant will be Oct. 16 at 11a.m.
8. Citizen / Public comment. None.
9. Additional Board Comment. Trustee Barkel asked if any repair work is scheduled for the culvert on Ottogan east of 96<sup>th</sup> Ave. No repairs are scheduled at this time.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Kraak – Clerk  
Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary