

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Veldheer, Trustees Brink, Riemersma, Overweg, and Salisbury.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Clerk Kraak.

Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting. Trustee Overweg supported the motion which passed.

Public Comment: Several residents from the Highland View Subdivision shared their concerns regarding the soil removal special use permit that the Planning Commission granted to the Ottawa County Road Commission. They were concerned with a lack of regard to consequences to the property and surrounding parkland and neighborhoods and requested more accountability and safety. A request was made for an entrance off Frontage for increased traffic safety. Frustration was expressed that the Ottawa County Road Commission and Planning Commission did not provide enough transparency throughout the process.

Additions: Clerk Kraak motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #904 in RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY GLENN NYKAMP.** Trustee Salisbury seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

Business Items:

- a. First reading for Rezoning parcel #70-17-09-300-022 from Commercial to Agricultural at 3255 76th Ave.
- b. First reading for Rezoning parcel #70-17-15-400-047 and 70-17-15-400-061 from Agricultural to RPUD at 2470 68th Ave and Byron Road.
- c. Discussed the Zoning Ordinance proposal from Main Street Planning. A meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss what will be completed by Main Street.
- d. Discussed potential changes to Burn Ordinance #199 specifically relating to burn barrels. Additional restrictions need to be added. A revised burn ordinance will be written up for future consideration.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION**– Special use permit for soil removal from Parcel #70-17-29-100-010 was granted with several conditions. Two rezoning requests were recommended. Zoning Ordinance Sign revisions were reviewed.
- b. **FIRE COMMITTEE** – Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve hiring Brandon Holmes, Taylan Nyenhuis and Collin VanOverloop as Fire Department trainees. Trustee Salisbury seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, Overweg and Salisbury.

- c. **PARKS & RECREATION** – The pickleball court was poured. Fencing and landscaping will be finished as weather permits. Trustee Riemersma motioned to approve \$6700 to Prein & Newhof for their proposal to develop a long range plan for improvements to Van Zoeren Woods Park. Trustee Brink seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, Overweg and Salisbury
- d. **ELECTION** – Election day was busy but went very smoothly. We had an 80% turnout with about half of that absentee voting.

Supervisor/Manager Report – Thank you to Trustee Overweg for his service. All trustees will be sworn in for their new terms after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak –Clerk