

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
February 7, 2023**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Oonk, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Veldheer, Trustees Brink, Riemersma, Salisbury and Bosma.

Supervisor Oonk called the meeting to order.  
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Invocation offered by Treasurer Veldheer.

Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Board Meeting. Trustee Salisbury supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation/Public Comment: Ottawa County Clerk Justin Roebuck shared some of the ways the county and township are collaborating now and with the substantial changes brought on with Proposal 2 including lobbying for funding for local jurisdictions.

**Business Items:**

- a. Chief Bruce shared the 2022 Annual Fire Department Report. He also proposed changes to officer duties and pay, as well as a timeline to fill open officer positions.

Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve beginning the process to fill the position of Deputy Chief. Trustee Salisbury seconded the motion which passed.

Trustee Salisbury motioned to approve restructure of officer pay. Treasurer Veldheer seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:

AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, Salisbury and Bosma.

Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve adding a third lieutenant. Trustee Bosma seconded the motion which passed.

- b. Trustee Riemersma asked to be allowed to abstain from a vote for the current Adams Street boardwalk bids. Clerk Kraak motioned to allow Trustee Riemersma to abstain. Treasurer Veldheer supported the motion which passed. A vote was postponed until Trustee Riemersma can write up a scope of project for the Adams Street Boardwalk Rehabilitation for it to be publicly put out for bid.
- c. Approval of the lighting replacement at the Drenthe Grove has been postponed until another bid can be received.
- d. Approval of the playground replacement at Drenthe Grove was postponed until some cost saving changes can be made to the proposal.
- e. A resolution to adopt the Ottawa/Kent County Hazard Mitigation Plan was postponed until the next meeting.
- f. Trustee Bosma motioned to approve \$17,500 for re-graveling and ditching 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of Riley Street. The cost of this ½ mile stretch will be shared 50/50 with the Ottawa County Road Commission. Clerk Kraak seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, Salisbury and Bosma.

- g. After hearing from Attorney Bultje that state and federal regulations preempt local municipalities from enforcing jake brake regulations, it was agreed not to further pursue an ordinance.

Committee Reports:

**FIRE COMMITTEE** – Will meet February 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak –Clerk