

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2024**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building at 6522 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Oonk, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Veldheer, Trustees Brink, Riemersma and Bosma.

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

Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board Meeting. Trustee Riemersma supported the motion which passed.

Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Riemersma supported the motion which passed.

**Business Items:**

- a. Trustee Brink motioned to approve purchasing a commercial freezer and refrigerator from West Michigan Food Equipment for Drenthe Grove for \$4835.93. Clerk Kraak seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, and Bosma. Absent: Salisbury
- b. Deputy Josh West presented the recommendation for Station 2 Lieutenant. Two panels interviewed two very qualified applicants. Although it was a close and tough decision, the Fire Committee recommended Jamie Nykamp. Trustee Brink motioned to approve Jamie Nykamp to Station 2 Lieutenant. Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, and Bosma. Absent: Salisbury.
- c. The Planning Commission voted to deny rezoning 9501 Woodbridge St. (70-17-30-100-080) as it does not fit the master plan. Trustee Brink motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #969 REZONING APPLICATION 9501 WOODBRIDGE ST** to confirm the denial. Trustee Bosma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma and Bosma. Absent: Salisbury.
- d. Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve the February expenses and payroll. Trustee Riemersma supported the motion which passed.
- e. The Compensation Committee recommended increasing the salary for VanZoeren Woods caretaker to \$100/week from April to November. Trustee Bosma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma and Bosma. Absent: Salisbury

**Committee Reports:**

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Denied zoning from R-1 to R-3 for 9501 Woodbridge; Approved site plan review for Drenthe Christian Reformed Church to expand the church's administrative building; Approved site plan with deeded access easement for Direct Electric at 9506 Adams St.
- b. **BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Renovation is on schedule. Drywall is up and will be finished this week. Flooring and cabinets are expected the first week of April and

Furniture should arrive by April 15. Window coverings were not included in the bid, so a quote will be brought next meeting.

- c. **ELECTIONS** – Meeting in a couple weeks for the May 7 election
- d. **ROADS** – Great Lakes Chloride will brine gravel roads in mid-May.

Citizen Participation/Public Comment – Several residents living near Woodbridge St expressed thanks that the rezoning was denied. They also are concerned about traffic in that area. Supervisor Oonk also shared their concern and hopes the Ottawa County Road Commission will do a traffic study.

Supervisor Report –

- A bid for crack seal, seal coating and restriping of all parking lots will come to a future meeting.
- A proposal for additional sand mining monitoring will also be shared at a future meeting.
- Once candidates for manager are reviewed by Walsh Municipal Services, a Special Meeting will be scheduled for interviews.
- Regarding the previous Special Meeting, a few questions were asked individually to members of the board to get a better understanding of what took place. “Why did you feel it was necessary to bypass 20 years of board precedent to set a specific salary for Supervisor at that meeting so early before the new term without the current Supervisor in attendance? Why was it a specific salary instead of a range like what was set for the manager role? What process did you go through to determine what that salary should be?” Board members provided their comments. Supervisor Oonk stated that this matter could have been addressed at a later date at this meeting or in April while still satisfying what they wanted to accomplish. Having the discussion without the supervisor present felt like the board was going behind his back and was unappreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak - Clerk