

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2024**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on April 16, 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, Salisbury and Bosma.

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

Trustee Salisbury motioned to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Board Meeting. Treasurer Veldheer supported the motion which passed.

Public Comment: Jon Anderson introduced himself as an Ottawa County Sheriff candidate. A resident was disappointed in the decision to postpone action on the Byron Rd/Air Park rezone request. Derek Dalman introduced himself as an Ottawa County Probate Court candidate.

**Business Items:**

- a. Cheryl Clark presented the Ottawa County Treasurer's Annual Report and shared that she is running for Ottawa County Treasurer in August after an appointment in December 2023.
- b. Ottawa County Undersheriff, Eric DeBoer, shared two possibilities for additional law enforcement coverage.
- c. Lakeshore Advantage will be at the May 21 meeting,
- d. Residents shared concerns about the negative impact of rezoning to R-2. Many of these concerns relate to issues that would be addressed through a site plan review. The Planning Commission recommended the rezoning of Parcel 70-17-30-100-080 (9501 Woodbridge St) from R-1 Rural Residential to R-2 Medium Density Residential. This is considered the first reading.
- e. Resolution to affirm rezoning denial of Byron Road/Air Park parcels was postponed until the applicant can discuss public utilities with engineers.
- f. Trustee Riemersma motioned to approve VK Civil for sand mining review and inspection with an initial inspection of \$2500 with follow-up inspections at \$1000 not to exceed \$6500 this year. Treasurer Veldheer seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, Salisbury, and Bosma.
- g. Clerk Kraak motioned to approve the March expenses and payroll. Trustee Veldheer supported the motion which passed.
- h. Treasurer Veldheer motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #970 AMEND 2024 BUDGET.** Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:  
AYES: Oonk, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Riemersma, Salisbury, and Bosma.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. **FIRE COMMITTEE** – Met April 9.
- b. **BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Office furniture has arrived. The plan is to move back upstairs April 25 & 27. Some countertops will not be installed yet.
- c. **PARKS & RECREATION** – Work continues on the boardwalks at VanZoeren Woods. Pilings are down. Drenthe Grove is a busy place as the weather improves. A discussion someday about expanding pickleball courts might be needed.
- d. **ELECTIONS** – Public Accuracy Test was held today.
- e. **ROADS** – Bids for the Subdivision resurfacing came in at \$82,000 (over \$14,000 less than expected).
- f. **CEMETERY** – Will met sometime in May to discuss engineering the addition to Vriesland Cemetery.

Additional Public Comment – Ben Genser introduced himself as an Ottawa County Treasurer candidate.

Supervisor Report

- Frank Walsh has narrowed the candidates for manager and would like to meet for a closed session meeting. That meeting will be held April 29.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak - Clerk