

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on October 18, 2016 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.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Treasurer Myaard.

- 16-40** Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting. Treasurer Myaard supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None

Business Items

- a. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider an Application Request from Zeeland Farm Services, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Present to explain the project and answer questions was Bentley Kollen. Ken Rizzio with Lakeshore Advantage was also present to explain their application.

Trustee Oonk motioned to close the public hearing. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- 16-41** Trustee Overweg motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 837 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION FROM ZEELAND FARM SERVICES**. Zeeland Farm Services, Inc. is an established processor of agricultural products, including soybean meal and oil for both domestic and international markets. Proposed are the remodel of several sections of the office building, construction of a lean-to addition and the relocation of a utility (natural gas) line. Total cost of land and building improvements (excluding cost of land) will be \$398,329.

Clerk Kraak seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, Overweg, Barkel, Brink, Oonk. NAYS: None.

- b. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to approve the Zeeland Charter Township 2017 Budget, and stated there were only minimal changes made to the budget from one month ago.

Treasurer Myaard motioned to close the public hearing. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- 16-42** Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 836 TO APPROVE THE ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2017 BUDGET**.

Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, Overweg, Barkel, Brink, Oonk. NAYS: None.

- c. First Reading on a Request to Re-zone parcel #70-17-35-100-012 from Agriculture to Village Mixed Use. The Zoning Administrator reported that there are two buildings on the property South of American Char. The property currently has a residential and commercial use and requires rezoning for financing. The owner went before the Board of Appeal to issue a variance and was granted the appeal, and now the Planning Commission is passing this on to the board.
- d. Ottawa County Sheriff's Department Third Quarter Monthly Report Deputy Huizenga submitted the report for July – September, 2016.

Zoning Administrator's Report.

There are two new houses built this month, and a total of 52 new houses year-to-date.

Committee Reports

a. **MACC & MACC TECH**

The Service Delivery Committee (SDC) of the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council (MACC) have identified several regional assets that contribute to the enhancement of our community. They are seeking funding based on population from area cities and townships.

b. **ROADS**

Trustee Barkel stated that there is crack filler patching being done on 80th Ave.

Supervisor Nykamp stated that plans for putting blacktop on 88th Avenue between Adams Street to Business I-196 will be done in 2017.

Supervisor Nykamp suggested that we get early notification for chip and seal projects, so they can be completed on time.

c. **ELECTION**

Clerk Kraak stated that preparation for the upcoming Presidential election is going well.

d. **LIBRARY**

Clerk Kraak stated the Library board had a meeting on 10-18-16. The new self check-out has been well received with approximately 35% usage so far.

e. **PARKS & RECREATION**

Assessor and Trustee Brink worked with Ottawa County to correct the ZCT map to accurately fit property description for Drenthe Grove.

Attorney Issues. None.

Citizen / Public comment. None.

Additional Board Comment

Trustee Brink stated that ZCT is paying meter charges to HCT because we are not charging enough for meters. Supervisor Nykamp talked with Mark Beauchamp with Utility Financial Solutions about trunkage and meter rates, and is waiting for Mark to set up a meeting to finalize the project, with plans to change our rates by the first of 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk
Beth BeBoer – Recording Secretary