

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2017**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Barkel, Trustees Brink, Oonk, Overweg & Riemersma.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Trustee Brink.

17-08 Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting.
Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.

17-09 Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 special meeting.
Trustee Overweg supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment

A Hudsonville student attended as part of a class government project.

Business Items

- a. Mark Beauchamp from Utility Financial Solutions shared his report of Water and Sewer financial projections. This report was prepared to provide Zeeland Charter Township with a comprehensive examination of the water and sewer funds by an outside party and development of connections fees for new customers. The specific purpose was to determine utility's cash flow revenue requirements for 2017-2021 and recommend modifications to connection charges and adjustments to stabilize financial statements of water and sewer funds.

Water and Sewer rates have not increased in 8 years. Based on this study, several recommendations were suggested for adjustment.

1. Water Connection (trunkage) fees increase to \$2000.
2. Sewer Connection (trunkage) fees increase to \$2900.
3. Move to a connection charges based on the size of meter for both water and sewer.
4. Water frontage fees increasing each year for three years until reaching \$46 per front foot.
5. Sewer frontage fees increasing each year for three years until reaching \$65 per front foot.
6. Establish an additional usage charge for water bills starting in January 2018 of \$0.05/1,000 gallons and increasing each year by an additional \$0.05/1,000 gallons until the total charge reaches \$0.25/1,000 gallons.
7. Establish an additional usage charge for sewer bills starting in January 2018 of \$0.10/1,000 gallons and increasing each year by an additional \$0.10/1,000 gallons until the total charge reaches \$0.50/1,000 gallons.

17-10 Trustee Brink motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #844 TO AMEND ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER CHARGES.**

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

- b. Approval: Rezoning Parcel #70-17-01-200-049 at 4385 48th Ave from Agriculture to Commercial.

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Trustee Brink motioned to approve **ORDINANCE #382 TO REZONE PARCEL 70-17-01-200-049 FROM AGRICULTURE TO COMMERCIAL.**

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

- c. Zeeland Recreation Request to Use Various Portions of Drenthe Grove for Recreation purposes was tabled until the next board meeting.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Don Mannes reported there have been 5 building permits for new homes in January as well as a permit for the final phase of Gentex. A total of \$15,196,603 added to the tax roll.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION.**

The Site Plan for 6 additional storage buildings for Zeeland Access Storage was approved with the restriction of no outside storage.

Jack Barr and Brian VanDussen presented a Site Plan for Wiersma Lane, a private drive at approximately 4207 88th Avenue. Request for approval was tabled until additional information is obtained from the Ottawa County Water Resource Commission in regard to possible drainage issues.

ROADS

Will meet this week to decide which roads will receive chip and seal this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk