

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2017**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on October 17, 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 Oonk, Overweg and Riemersma. Absent: Brink

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

Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting.
Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation/Public Comment: State Representative, Daniela Garcia, shared some issues currently being worked on in Lansing. Among them are an auto no fault proposal being debated and looking into better monitoring of long term liabilities for local municipalities.

Business Items:

- a. The application from Gentex Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for a new Distribution Center has been withdrawn until next year as they finalize numbers on the next phase of their North Riley Complex.
- b. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider an Application Request from Gentex for an Amended Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Present to explain the project and present application were Kevin Nash from Gentex and Ken Rizzio from Lakeshore Advantage. Gentex has constructed a new facility located at 9001 North Riley Street. This facility is expected to create 250 jobs. Mr. Nash explained that this application is the completion of a three year project that now includes the interior finishing of the building. The amended application increased the cost of land and building improvements to a total of \$50,133,818.56.

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

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #854 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE AMENDED INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION FROM GENTEX CORPORATION.** Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:

AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, and Riemersma. ABSENT: Brink

- c. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider an Application Request from Zeeland Farm Services for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Present to explain the project and present application was Bentley Nash from Zeeland Farm Services. Proposed is the construction of an expanded meal storage barn, including a loading dock and land improvements. This project is designed to enhance efficiency and ease congestion and is expected to create 2 jobs. The estimated cost of land and building improvements is \$2,200,000.

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

Trustee Riemersma motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #855 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION FROM ZEELAND FARM SERVICES.** Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:

AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, and Riemersma. ABSENT: Brink

- d. Ottawa County has prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan that outlines the community's options to reduce damages and impacts from natural and technological hazards, and has asked for Zeeland Charter Township's adoption as an official plan. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #853 TO APPROVE THE ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTION.** Clerk Kraak seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote:

AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, and Riemersma. ABSENT: Brink

- e. The State of Michigan is working on an Asset Management Pilot Study. The purpose of the study is to share asset information as it relates to transportation, drinking water, wastewater, and storm water to build statewide coordinated planning and communication. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve our participation in the **Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot Study.** Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote:

AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, and Riemersma. ABSENT: Brink

- f. Rezoning parcel #70-17-32-200-003 at 8240 Adams St from Agricultural to Residential. The Planning Commission recommended approving the request from Wendy Griffin because it is consistent with the master plan. This is considered the first reading of **ORDINANCE #390 REZONING PARCEL #70-71-32-200-003 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO R-1.**

- g. After reviewing 3rd quarter financial reports, Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #856 TO AMEND THE ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2017 BUDGET.** Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:

AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, and Riemersma. ABSENT: Brink

Committee Reports:

- a. **FIRE COMMITTEE**– The new fire truck is in Kalamazoo being finalized with shelving and equipment. It will be arriving here soon.
- b. **ROADS** – So far, many are happy with the chip and seal roads.
- c. **LIBRARY**– Howard Miller Library will be changing their policy on when they allow library cards to be issued to young children.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. Drenthe Grove Ball field upgrades are pretty much done. There are a few issues with standing water that need to be addressed. The association would also like to plant a few more trees at the Drenthe Grove yet this fall.
- b. MAX Bus ridership was reviewed as well as their proposed route addition.

Additional Citizen/Public Comment: Dave Robinson expressed his concern with the speed of traffic near the intersection of Byron and 64th Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk