

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2018**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on April 17, 2018 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, Brink, Overweg and Riemersma.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Barkel to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting. Trustee Oonk supported the motion which passed.

Business Items:

- a. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider an Application Request from Gentex for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Present to explain the project and present application were Kevin Nash and Scott Herrema from Gentex and Ken Rizzio and Amanda Murray from Lakeshore Advantage. Gentex is constructing a 250,000 sq. ft. distribution facility located at 9001 North Riley Street. This facility is expected to be completed within the year and create 25 new jobs. Mr. Nash explained that this application also includes structural building components for their manufacturing building #2. The total cost of land and building improvements is \$29,000,000.00.

David and Lisa VandenBosch, property owners north of Gentex, asked some questions related to noise, lights and the impact on wildlife. Mr. Herrema explained that wetlands and woods would remain. The public hearing was closed by a voice vote.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #863 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION FROM GENTEX CORPORATION.** Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:

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

- b. Trustee Brink motioned to approve Redline Excavating to complete the 84th Avenue Non-Motorized Pathway and 88th Avenue Pathway Repairs for a bid of \$181,125.75. Trustee Oonk seconded the motion with passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.

Zoning Administrator Report: Building permits for March included 7 new homes and Gentex's distribution center with a total declared value of \$22,661,565.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – A site plan, presented by Brian Koeman, for a truck maintenance garage at 5180 Chicago Dr. was approved. The planning commission will be meeting April 26 with Main Street Planning.
- b. **ROADS** – Glenn and Tim attended the Ottawa County Road Commission meeting. No new county projects are scheduled for Zeeland Township this year.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. Felch Street Water Main Improvements started today and with good weather are expected to be completed in 3 weeks.
- b. Televisions have been purchased for our Audio/Visual System upgrades. Banda Tech Solutions will be setting them up soon.
- c. MAX fares for 2nd quarter are up from previous quarters.
- d. 1st Quarter Financial reports were passed out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk