

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
January 15, 2019**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on January 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Treasurer Barkel, Clerk Kraak, Trustees Brink, Overweg, and Riemersma.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.  
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Invocation offered by Clerk Kraak.

Motion made by Treasurer Barkel to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting. Trustee Overweg supported the motion which passed.

Business Items:

- a. Discussed the potential purchase of a used dump truck from the Ottawa County Road Commission for use by the fire department as a roadway block. This would provide extra safety to the firefighters as well as protect fire trucks from expensive damage if hit. Trustee Riemersma motioned to approve the purchase of a 2000 Volvo dump truck for \$7000 from Ottawa County. Trustee Brink seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Overweg, Riemersma and Brink.
- b. Discussed the idea of adding an emergency vehicle access to I-196 from Air Park Drive. Trustee Riemersma motioned to continue this discussion at the next meeting pending notification of Air Park neighborhood. Trustee Brink seconded the motion which passed.
- c. Scheduled interviews for trustee applicants for Monday, January 21 starting at 6:00.
- d. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve **ORDINANCE #397 TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.** Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Overweg, Brink and Riemersma.

Zoning Administrator Report: Building permits were pulled for 73 new houses in 2018. Because several subdivisions are filling up, houses in 2019 will likely be less. However, some large commercial projects are expected including an assisted living building, hotel and strip mall.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – A joint meeting with the planning commission and board regarding the master plan will be Thursday, January 17.
- b. **ROAD COMMITTEE** – Will meet January 24.
- c. **PARKS & RECREATION** –The foundation is finished at the Drenthe Grove and the addition is progressing well with fairly nice weather for the season.
- d. **BUILDING & GROUNDS** – The demo has started at the Community Center. Other projects planned for the year are new asphalt at the Community Center and Township Office, interior painting at Fire Station #2, and LED lighting in the Township Office.

Supervisor's Report:

- The water main project for the Critter Barn is on hold until the development agreement can be put in place.
- Deputy Huizenga submitted a quarterly Sheriff Department report.
- The 96<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge has been reopened with a 10 ton limit.
- The bridge on Byron Road has a 19 ton limit placed on it and is scheduled for work in 2020. In conversation with the county with hope of getting that moved ahead of schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk