

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Treasurer Myaard, Trustees Barkel, Brink, and Overweg. Absent: Clerk Evink and Trustee Oonk.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Trustee Barkel
2. Motion made by Trustee Brink to appoint Trustee Barkel as Temporary Clerk. Motion seconded by Trustee Overweg. Motion carried. Absent: Evink and Oonk.
3. Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting. Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Evink and Oonk.
4. Additions and Deletions – None.
5. Citizen Participation / Public Comment – None.
6. Business Items:
 - a. Supervisor Nykamp opened the Public Hearing @ 7:15 PM for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (PA 198) for Gentex Corporation, 9001 Riley St. – Parcel 70-17-07-400-024. Mr. Ken Rizzio and Mr. Scott Heerema were present to explain the IFT and answer questions. The request is for real property costs of \$13,500,000. The district was established in 2011. The request is for twelve years after completion.

Myaard motioned and Barkel seconded to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Trustee Barkel motioned and Trustee Brink seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 819 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM GENTEX CORPORATION**. Motion passed with a roll call vote. Absent: Evink and Oonk.
 - b. Approval of OCRC Project Estimate for Ransom ST E/O 64th Ave.

Trustee Brink motioned to approve upgrading 1700 feet at a cost of \$395,000.00 on Ransom east of 64th Ave. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Evink and Oonk.
 - c. Michigan May 5 Vote on Road Proposal 1. The board discussed the merits of making a public statement for or against the proposal. They board decided not to make a public statement concerning Proposal 15-1.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. **ROADS**. The committee will meet in May to decide which roads to resurface this summer. The committee anticipates most of the roads will be in subdivisions.

- b. **CEMETERY.** West Drenthe cemetery received some lawn repair from winter damage.
- c. **ELECTION.** The committee will hold an Election Committee Meeting to appoint the election inspectors for the May 5 election.

8. Attorney Issues – None.

9. Supervisor's Report.

- a. PSB Open House 2 – 5 PM, Ribbon Cutting at 3 PM.
- b. Supervisor Nykamp asked for nominees for the MTA Board of Directors Par Plan District 5. None were given.
- c. OCRC Spring Meeting. Supervisor Nykamp, Trustees Barkel and Overweg will attend the April 29th meeting.

10. Citizen / Public comment – None. Mr. Gary Boetsma attended the meeting but made no comment.

11. Additional Board Comment - None.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Barkel – Temporary Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary