

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Clerk Kraak, Trustees Barkel, Brink, and Oonk. Absent: Nykamp, Myaard, and Overweg.

1. Trustee Brink called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Trustee Barkel.
2. Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting.
Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Nykamp, Myaard, and Overweg.
3. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. –None.
4. Business Items:
 - a. Fire Department Vehicle Proposal. Fire Department members present: Chief Phil Hunderman, Captain Ken Hulst, and Fire fighter Paul Formsma.

Fire Chief Hunderman reported on an investigative trip he and several members of the fire department took to look at a truck to replace their aging support vehicle. The vehicle they are considering requires painting and upgrading to meet current specifications. Hunderman feels the proposed vehicle would be useful for at least 20 years. Chief Hunderman asked for board approval to pursue purchasing the truck. If given, he will submit an offer this week.

Trustee Barkel motioned to allow the Fire Department to proceed with negotiating a price to purchase the fire vehicle subject to board approval. Trustee Oonk seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Barkel, Brink, Kraak, and Oonk. Absent: Nykamp, Myaard, and Overweg

Trustee Brink called for a Special Board Meeting to be held Friday, August 21, 2015 at 2:45 to review the offer.

- b. Approval of Van Zoeren Woods Tree Removal Agreement.

There are many dead ash trees in Van Zoeren Woods. Post Hardwoods will remove 139 trees and pay ZCT \$1,668.82 for the lumber. They will leave the tops behind. Trustee Oonk recommended Attorney Bultje provide a waiver/liability form for residents requesting permission to remove the tops. Some of the wood could be used as wood chips on the trails.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve Post Hardwoods taking down the identified trees in Van Zoeren Woods. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Absent: Nykamp, Myaard, and Overweg.

- c. Approve Plumbing Inspector Position.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve Mr. Gary Hoover as Zeeland Charter Township Plumbing Inspector. Mr. Hoover will conduct inspections at the same rate as former inspector Gary Raak. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Kraak, Oonk, Barkel, Brink. Absent: Nykamp, Myaard, and Overweg.

5. Zoning Administrator's Report.

Zoning Administrator Mannes reported as of the end of July, 29 new house permits were pulled; more than the total for 2014. Phase II of Settlers Grove should begin soon.

Trustee Barkel inquired about Sandy Warren's property. Mr. Mannes reported there will be an auction of personal property and the new owners intend to split the property into two or three parcels.

6. Clerk's Comments. None.

7. Treasurer's Comments. None.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION.** Mr. Mannes reported the committee looked at the Mixed Use Village ordinance and approved some revisions concerning land size which were sent to Attorney Bultje to see if they are defensible. A Resolution should be ready before the next Planning Commission meeting. Migrant housing will also be included in the public hearing. Changes to Chapter 13 Arterial Roads also need amending.
- b. **CEMETERY.** Trustee Barkel received a complaint about the condition of East Drenthe Cemetery. He checked the cemetery and found it to be in normal condition.
- c. **PARKS/RECREATION.** Trustee Brink reported the BBQ went well; they sold out of chickens. Eight hundred people ate at the park; the remaining nine hundred chickens were sold in the takeout line. The Critter Barn, Zeeland Community Band, and the Fire Department provided great entertainment.

9. Attorney Issues. None.

10. Supervisor's Report.

- a. Mr. Mannes requested a quote from Specialized Demolition for the condemned house on Quincy St. Mr. Mannes will notify the homeowner that if he does not pay for the demolition, the cost will be put on his tax bill. The house should come down before Quincy St. is paved.
- b. We are receiving complaints from residents concerning the people selling wood in their front yard across from Drenthe Christian Reformed Church. Treasurer Oonk stated the woodsman needs to submit an application to the Planning Commission requesting permission to operate a business. The board directed Mr. Mannes to send a letter and talk to the wood owner. Trustee Brink requested a report from Mr. Mannes concerning the issue at the next board meeting.
- c. Road Repaving. Most of the subdivisions are finished: Grand Ridge, Bluff Lake, Garden View, and Logistics Drive. Trustee Oonk stated the repaving on State Street

is unacceptable. Trustee Barkel stated complaints should go to the Ottawa County Road Commission.

11. Citizen / Public comment. None.

12. Additional Board Comment. None.

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary