

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on November 3, 2015 at 7pm in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, MI. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Myaard, Trustees Barkel, Brink, Oonk, and Overweg.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.
 - Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Invocation offered by Clerk Kraak.
2. Motion made by Trustee Barkel to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting. Treasurer Myaard supported the motion. Motion carried.
3. No Citizen Participation or Public Comment.
4. **Business Items:**
 - a. Ottawa County Treasurer Brad Slagh presented a visual listing organizations that are able help residents with delinquent taxes.
The organizations listed are: Financial Empowerment Center (Grand Haven) Community Center on Aging and Housing , 211 (as a clearing house) Depart of Health Services, Salvation Army, Love, Inc., United Way Disability Network, Financial Budget Counseling, Step Forward Michigan, Property Tax Exemption, and a Hardship Exemption. Apply for this assistance through the County and Township Treasurer.
 - b. Motion made by Treasurer Myaard to approve the Policy for Inspection of Public Records. Motion supported by Trustee Oonk. Motion Carried.
 - c. Recommendation made to use the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office "Sentenced Work Abatement Program" (S.W.A.P.).
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **FIRE:** Motion by Trustee Oonk to approve Dan Veltema as Captain and Adam Steere as Lieutenant of Fire Station #2. Trustee Brink supported the motion which passed with a roll call vote.
 - b. **MACC & MACC TECH:** MACC Policy Committee met in the Public Safety Building.
 - c. **CEMETERY:** Trustee Barkel offered the following recommendations for amending the cemetery ordinance.
 - i. Sec. 2, paragraph D: a name shall be assigned to a burial space when it is sold.

- ii. Sec. 4 paragraph A. Each burial space shall cost the sum of \$200 for a Township resident and \$1,250 for a nonresident of the Township. This to take effect on January 1, 2016.
 - iii. Sec. 5, paragraph C: No Sunday burials in any Zeeland Charter Township owned cemeteries.
 - iv. Sec. 6 paragraph E. Markers for cremains shall be no more than 48 inches in width and two markers are allowed in a cremain plot.
 - v. Sec. 13, paragraph A: Add (Fiberglass vaults can be used for small children burials.)
 - vi. Sec. 19, paragraph B: Change to read (If a Burial Space is purchased for the sole purpose of cremations, up to four cremains can be placed on one regular burial plot. Also discussed the number of burial plots sold to a single party should be limited.
6. Supervisor's Report:
- a. VanZoeren Woods. Supervisor Nykamp reported fire wood was being taken by permit from VanZoeren Woods.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak, Clerk
Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary