

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
November 17, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. 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 Supervisor Nykamp.
2. Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting. Trustee Oonk seconded the motion which passed.
3. Additions or Deletions. None.
4. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None.
5. Business Items:
  - a. Resolution to Establish an Industrial Development District.

Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider a request for an Industrial Development District at 8301 Riley St. Present to answer questions and explain the project were Mr. Scott Geerlings and Mr. David DeVries representing Zeeland Properties, LLC.

Parcel 70-17-08-400-009 is a 15 acre parcel located adjacent to an established Industrial Development District. The purpose of the new district is to construct a 30,000 sf industrial building. Municipal water and sewer services are available at this location.

Trustee Oonk motioned to close the public hearing. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 826 ESTABLISHING AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO ACT 198 FOR THE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 8301 RILEY STREET IN ZEELAND TOWNSHIP.** Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- b. Resolution to Approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider a request for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Western Logistics, Inc. Present to answer questions and explain the project were Mr. Scott Geerlings and Mr. David DeVries representing Western Logistics, Inc.

Western Logistics is an established Canadian company specializing in full-service, facilities-based, hub-and-spoke operations, primarily for the business furniture industry. Proposed construction is for a new logistical optimization center of approximately 30,000 sf in size to serve three West Michigan office furniture companies. The operation will also have areas for light industrial assembly, offices and short-term storage. Western Logistics will have a fifteen year lease on the building.

The request is for real property costs of \$1,595,813.00. The district was established in 2015. The request is for twelve years after completion.

Trustee Oonk motioned and Trustee Barkel seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Board discussion: Trustee Brink asked when construction was scheduled to start. Mr. DeVries responded construction will start as soon as possible

Trustee Brink motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 827 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM WESTERN LOGISTICS, INC. FOR TWELVE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION.** Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mr. Geerlings requested the road commission consider paving 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. at their spring 2016 meeting.

c. Ottawa County Chapter of MTA Dinner.

Treasurer Myaard motioned for Zeeland Charter Township to pay for the MTA dinner in lieu of per diem pay. Trustee Oonk seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a voice vote.

6. Zoning Administrator's Report. Mr. Mannes reported there are 38 new home permits so far this year. Additionally, there is new construction of commercial and industrial buildings; Wolverine Power, Spectrum Hospital, and Gentex. The planning commission will be reviewing a site plan for a dentist office on Pentatech Dr. There have also been an unusually high number of split requests.
7. Clerk's Comments. None
8. Treasurer's Comments. None.
9. Committee Reports:
  - a. **FIRE.** Lawn care and maintenance contracts will be appointed at the December 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
  - b. **BUILDING /GROUNDS.** Trustee Brink reported GDK is attending to a few repairs at the Public Safety Building.
  - c. **ROADS.** Ottawa County Road Commission plans to pave 96<sup>th</sup> Ave, 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Adams between 96<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. in 2016. In 2018 Adams St. between 88<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> and in 2021 Adams St. between 64<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - d. **CEMETERY.** The committee will make recommendations and send out proposed ordinance changes to the board next week to discuss at the Dec. 1 board meeting.
  - e. **LIBRARY.** Renovation bids came in lower than expected. Construction should be finished by Memorial Day.
10. Attorney Issues. None.
11. Supervisor's Report.
  - a. Van Zoeren Woods Trails Update. Supervisor Nykamp contacted Ottawa County's Sentenced Work Abatement Program to remove any remaining tree tops next spring. S.W.A.P. charges approximately \$6.50 per hour.
  - b. Zeeland Charter Township received a certificate of completion for the 64<sup>th</sup> Ave bike path.

- c. There is a discussion going on among Ottawa County Board of Commissioners about moving to an 800 system for statewide communication between fire departments. There are still many questions that need to be answered.

12. Citizen / Public comment. None.

13. Additional Board Comment. None.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary