

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 15, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on December 15, 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, Oonk, and Overweg. Absent: Trustee Brink.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Treasurer Myaard.
2. Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Brink.
3. Additions or Deletions. None.
4. Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None.

5. Business Items:

- a. Resolution to Amend the 2015 Zeeland Charter Township Budget.

Trustee Barkel motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 828 DATED DECEMBER 15, 2015 TO AMEND THE 2015 ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET.**
Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Roll call: all ayes. Absent: Brink

- b. 2016 Committed Fund Balance.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the Committed Fund Balance totaling \$1,314,103.00 for 2016. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Roll call: all ayes. Absent: Brink.

- c. Approval of Zeeland Charter Township Restated Cemetery Ordinance.

Trustee Oonk motioned and Clerk Kraak seconded approve to **RESTATE ORDINANCE NO. 374 THE ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE.** Roll call: all ayes. Absent: Brink.

- d. Approval of Adjustments To Cemetery Fees Schedule.

Trustee Overweg motioned to approve the adjusted Zeeland Charter Township Cemetery Fees. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

- e. Approve Fire Department Roster

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the 2016 Fire Fighter Roster. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

f. Approve Fire Department Officers

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the Fire Officers Roster for 2016. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

g. Approval of Fire Dept. Caretaker Positions

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the low bids for Caretaker, Lawn care, and Snowplow positions for Fire Stations No. 1, No. 2 and the Public Safety Building (3). Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

h. Approval of Board, Commission & Committee Meeting Schedules

Treasurer Myaard motioned and Trustee Barkel seconded to approve the 2016 Zeeland Charter Township meeting schedule. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

i. Appoint / Re-Appointment Committee, Board & Commission Members

Treasurer Myaard motioned to reappoint Mike Riemersma and Tim Miedema to the Planning Commission for a term ending in 2018. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

Trustee Oonk motioned to reappoint Steve Walters and Ben Zwagerman to the Board of Appeal for a term ending in 2018. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

Trustee Oonk motioned to reappoint Steve Nelson to the Fire Committee for a term ending in 2018. Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Absent: Brink.

6. Ottawa County Commissioner Al Dannenberg informed the board that the county approved a new 800 MHz radio system for Fire and Sheriff Departments. The County also approved placing a mental health millage of 0.3 mills on the March 2016 ballot. The proposed millage will be for 10 years.

7. Committee Reports:

a. **FIRE.**

- i. The fire committee approved leasing Firehouse software; a 5 year contract \$995/year.
- ii. There have been 462 calls so far this year.
- iii. Truck 671 will be trucked down to Alabama.
- iv. New truck No. 633 should be painted this week, get new tires and lighting.
- v. The Fire Department will try out a 1 year contract with Bio-Care fitness training.
- vi. Trail markers were installed on the mountain bike trails in the Macatawa Greenway.

- b. **ROADS** \$700,000 is budgeted for 2016 road projects.
- c. **PARKS/RECREATION.** A lot of wood has been removed from VanZoeren Woods.

8. Attorney Issues. None.

9. Supervisor's Report.

- a. Utility Upgrades / Utility Financial Solutions. Mr. Mark Beauchamp will be conducting water and sewer rates study. He will be looking at meter fees, front foot rates, and trunkages. The study should be finished the end of June/July.
- b. MTA Conference.

Treasurer Myaard motioned to approve per diem pay of \$40 per day for the four day conference. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Roll call: all ayes. Absent: Brink.

- c. Supervisor Nykamp thanked the board for another good year of work. He cited many of the projects completed in 2015.

10. Citizen / Public comment. None.

11. Additional Board Comment. Trustee Overweg asked County Commissioner Dannenberg if there will be a marihuana proposal on the ballot next year. Mr. Dannenberg responded the state will submit a proposal to legalize marihuana.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk
Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary