

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
January 5, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on January 5, 2016 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.

Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.  
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Invocation offered by Clerk Kraak.

- 16-01** Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting. Trustee Barkel supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None.

**Business Items**

a. Dangerous Building Ordinance – First Reading

The Ordinance is designed to protect residents from dilapidated buildings and structures. Per the Ordinance the Board will appoint a hearing officer. The Zoning Administrator will enforce the ordinance. A public hearing for the proposed ordinance will occur at the next scheduled board meeting.

b. The Old Wooden Barn.

There are a couple of places within the township that do not comply with zoning; they are used for commercial events in an agriculturally zoned area. The new owner of Old Wooden Barn is coming in to talk with Supervisor Nykamp and Mr. Mannes. Trustee Oonk is not against this kind of facility, but would like the appropriate amount of parking, bathrooms, etc. to support the business. Supervisor Nykamp stated Attorney Bultje advised it would be easier to change the agricultural zoning description to include this type of use than to rezone the area. Currently they are not allowed to operate this kind of business under agricultural zoning. The Ottawa County Health Department will have to inspect the facility's well and septic system.

c. Drenthe Grove Park Update.

Trustee Brink handed out minutes from a recent meeting. The association plans to remodel the main room of the rental facility during January and February. The new playground equipment arrived and will be installed this spring. They plan to tear down the older restroom near the ball field. Trustee Brink is pursuing a recreation grant from the State of Michigan to fund construction of new restrooms and maintenance storage space.

**Committee Reports**

a. Building and Grounds

Supervisor Nykamp would like to discuss future plans for Fire Station No. 3 building. He believes the building has value for the community. The building's insulation, water system and doors need to be updated.

b. Roads.

The bill for resurfacing subdivision this year was almost \$100,000 under bid. The final cost for Quincy St. will be about \$9,000 - \$10,000 over bid. Ransom Street's total is slightly under bid. Supervisor Nykamp handed out the traffic count report for Zeeland Township roads.

c. Parks and Recreation.

Wood continues to be removed from Van Zoeren Woods.

d. CMAC – MACC

Supervisor Nykamp will hand in applications to nominate two projects for the township; a bike path near Innocademy School and a road project.

Attorney Issues. None.

Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor Nykamp invited board members to attend a workshop concerning recreation grants on January 21.
- b. Board of Review meets in March.
- c. We are almost finished fulfilling all the obligations for the Drenthe Grove grant.
- d. The Fire Department responded to 499 calls in 2015. They are doing a good job responding to the increased number of calls.
- e. Western Logistics asked if the township would be willing to pay for part of the cost to pave 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. Supervisor Nykamp stated it is up to the township board to accept or reject the request. No decision was made during the meeting.
- f. Tuesday, January 12, the Planning Commission will consider two proposed projects; an 84 condo unit development in Westpark Way and a dentist office. Representatives from the development company will present their proposal. Supervisor Nykamp encouraged the board to attend. Meeting is at 7 p.m.
- g. The January 19, 2016 Board Meeting is cancelled due to the MTA Conference.

Citizen / Public comment. None.

Additional Board Comment. None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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