

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on March 1, 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, and Overweg. Absent: Trustee Oonk

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

- 16-06 Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Oonk.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment.

Mr. John Langdon, Governmental/Public Affairs Coordinator for Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers, introduced himself to the board and presented a proposal for operating passenger rail service between three of Michigan's major cities: Detroit, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

Business Items

a. Howard Miller Library Services Agreement

Library Director Bob VandeVusse thanked the board for their support over the past years and presented Zeeland Charter Township with a renewal 3-year contract. The contract asks for \$95,000 in 2016, \$100,000 in 2017, and \$105,000 in 2018. Trustee Barkel expressed concern over the amount of increase in a time of decreasing revenues. Barkel also thought ZCT should have more than one representative on the Library Board since ZCT has the largest number of patrons. Clerk Kraak, member of the Library Board, disagreed; she felt additional ZCT board members would not be necessary. Trustee Brink asked questions concerning the budget, ownership, and revenue sources. Supervisor Nykamp called for a motion. The board decided to table the motion.

b. Redwood Living PUD Amendment.

The Planning Commission at their February 9, 2016 meeting recommended to the board to approve returning the residential component to the PUD. Ms. Kelli McIvor, Vice President of Redwood Living, was present to describe the proposed apartment complex and answer questions. The Planning Commission will conduct a site plan review of Redwood Living at their March 8, 2016 meeting if the PUD change receives board approval.

Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing. Mr. Mike VanKampen, of 8562 S Maple Ct., expressed approval with the plan.

- 16-07 Trustee Brink motioned and Trustee Barkel seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

- 16-08 Treasurer Myaard motioned and Trustee Brink seconded to return the PUD to its original state which includes a 40% residential component. Motion passed with a roll call vote. Absent: Y-6 Oonk.
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c. Fire Department Annual Report

Fire Chief Hunderman presented the annual report to the board. There were 487 calls in 2015; 62% were medical, 20% fire, and 18% rescue. The department recently sold two fire trucks, #671 and #632. Two new EMS pickup trucks were added to the fleet. Chief Hunderman stated

his biggest concern for 2017 is manpower; having enough people show up for emergency daytime calls. Currently, the department has 32 people; ideally he would prefer 12 people at each station. He praised the department's officers and firefighters for doing an admirable job serving the township.

- d. At the next board meeting the board will consider a PA 198 from Walters Gardens.

Committee Reports

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** The commission will meet Tuesday, March 8 to consider a site plan review from Redwood Living. Due to the Presidential Primary election the meeting will be held in the former township hall located at 2446 64th Ave. Meeting will begin at 7 PM.
- b. **MACC & MACC TECH**
 1. Discussed bylaw provisions and appropriate representation from governmental units.
 2. Green Commute Week is May 15 – 21, 2016.
- c. **BUILDING & GROUNDS**
 1. Supervisor Nykamp reminded the board again that they need to decide what the township should do with the former town hall building.
 2. Vleim Heating & Cooling will replace the lower level furnace at the township office.
- d. **ROAD COMMITTEE** Thursday, March 4, the committee will meet to discuss 2016 road projects.
- e. **PARKS AND RECREATION.**
 1. The Drenthe Grove's renovations to the Dozeman Center are finished.
 2. Supervisor Nykamp will check on the status of VanZoeren's wood removal. The township may have to obtain more help in removing the downed trees.
- f. **ELECTION COMMITTEE**
 1. Presidential Primary will be next Tuesday, March 8. Absentee voters who returned their voted ballot may request a new ballot if their candidate withdrew from the race.
 2. The committee will need to meet soon to approve workers for the May election.

Attorney Issues. None.

Supervisor's Report

- a. Township Audit is the week of March 14.
- b. March Board of Review meets March 14 and 15.
- c. Supervisor Nykamp urged Mr. Mannes to schedule a meeting with Attorney Bultje to finalize the Village Mixed Use ordinance.
- d. Outdoor Discovery Center received a DEQ permit to construct a service bridge over the Macatawa River.
- e. The township flag pole needs to be repaired; the mechanism for raising and lowering the flag does not work.

Citizen / Public comment. None.

Additional Board Comment. None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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