

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on March 15, 2016 at 7:00pm 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 Supervisor Nykamp.

Motion made by Treasurer Myaard to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed. Absent: Oonk.

Citizen Participation/Public Comment. None

Business Items.

WALTER GARDENS IFT

Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (PA 198) for Walters Gardens. Attorney Jim Donkersloot, Troy Shumaker, Megan Bennet, and Ken Rizzio represented Walters Gardens in their request for the PA 198. Mr. Shumaker stated Walters Gardens will construct two 84' x 96' greenhouses. Ken Rizzio explained the district was established in 1999. This was a well prepared application and comes in as an Agricultural Processing Facility. Trustee Brink motioned and Treasurer Myaard seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Trustee Barkel motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 830 FOR WALTERS GARDENS, INC. FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR A NEW FACILITY.** Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Absent: Oonk

The request is for a new facility located at 1992 96th Avenue in the amount of \$232,831.86. The request is for 12 years.

CITY OF ZEELAND LIBRARY SERVICE AGREEMENT Supervisor Nykamp introduced **the LIBRARY SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN** Zeeland Charter Township and the City of Zeeland. Trustees Overweg, Barkel, & Brink stated a 5% increase in fees was a sizeable increase. Possibly consider a 1 year contract instead of 3 year contract. Treasurer Myaard likes the 3 year contract. Clerk Kraak recommended the 3 year contract with the 5% increase. The appropriation amount is for \$95,000 for 2016, \$100,000 for year 2017 and \$105,000 for year 2018

Trustee Brink motioned and Clerk Kraak seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 831 the LIBRARY SERVICE AGREEMENT between Zeeland Charter Township and the City of Zeeland.** The motion carried with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, & Brink. NAYES: Trustees Barkel & Overweg. Absent: Oonk

Approval of Fire Department Members.

Trustee Barkel motioned and Trustee Overweg seconded to approve Mark Velderman and Robert Dodd as firefighters for Zeeland Charter Township Fire Department. The motion carried.

Zoning Administrators Report. The number of building permit applications are up in March. Permits for 10 new houses in March.

Committee Reports.

Planning Commission The site plan for Park Place Development was reviewed. Landscaping, Open Space, & Street Lighting was approved. Stated some concern for the amount of parking spaces. The site plan was approved. Attorney Bultje will attend the April meeting of the Planning Commission to consider possible revisions in the Mixed Use Village Ordinance.

Board of Appeals. None

MACC & MACC Tech. None

Fire Committee. None

Building & Grounds. Trustees Brink & Overweg and Supervisor Nykamp looking at upgrading Fire Station #3.

Roads. Trustee Barkel reported Road Committee met on March 3. Will meet again on April 14.

Cemetery. None

Library. Clerk Kraak reported the remodel of the Howard Miller Library should be done by Memorial Day.

Election. Clerk Kraak reported a higher than average turnout for the Presidential Primary. Zeeland Charter Township had an average of 40% turnout of voters.

Attorney Issue. None

Supervisors Report.

Western Logistics Midwest Construction has started moving dirt at Riley Street and 84th Avenue. Gentex-operational by 1st of June.

Citizen/ Public Comment. None

Additional Board Comment.

Trustee Brink questioned what to do with the Community Enhancement Program. Is this a part of MACC?

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak, Clerk

Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary

