

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on August 16, 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, Overweg, and Attorney Ron Bultje.

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

- 16-28** Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting. Treasurer Myaard supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment. None

Business Items

- 16-29** a. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (PA 198) for Zeeland Farm Services.
Bentley Kollen and Ken Rizzio attended the meeting to request a 12 year tax exemption. This new building is 37,000 square feet and will house more ZFS vehicles, have updated wash equipment/auto wash, and will contain a tire shop that will service ZFS and non-ZFS trucks. Attorney Bultje stated that he will not be advising the Township or ZFS regarding this issue because he represents both sides. Trustee Brink motioned to close the public hearing, and Treasurer Myaard seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 16-30** After discussion, motion made by Treasurer Myaard to approve. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, Overweg, Barkel, Brink, Oonk. NAYES: None.
- 16-31** b. Approval of Ordinance #378 / Disorderly Conduct Ordinance.
The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, peace, safety, and welfare of property and persons in the Township from disorderly persons. Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Myaard, Brink, and Overweg. NAYES: None.
- 16-32** c. Approval of Ordinance #379 / Anti-Noise Ordinance
The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, peace, safety, and welfare of property and persons in the Township from unreasonable or excessive noise. Citizen Jim Marsh attended to support an anti-noise ordinance, and questioned the need for decibel meters. Attorney Bultje said that decibel levels and meters would not be used because the term "unreasonable noise level" is adequate. Supervisor Nykamp suggested adding language regarding dogs not under control (i.e., chasing/barking at cars or bikes). Attorney Bultje felt the current language would address those issues, but the resolution could be amended in the future if it becomes a problem. It was discussed to remove the last line in Section 3 regarding noise audible from 50 feet away from a person's home. Motion made by Treasurer Myaard to approve with last line in Section 3 removed. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, Barkel, Brink, Oonk, and Overweg. NAYES: None.

- 16-33**
- d. Approval of Ordinance #380 / Truck Route Amendment on Quincy Street between 64th Ave & 72nd Ave. Truck traffic on the one mile stretch has damaged the road due to soil/muck. The Ottawa County Road Commission is in agreement with this Amendment. Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, Overweg, Oonk, Barkel, and Brink. NAYES: None.
 - e. Primary Election - Clerk Kraak stated that the transition of the new election workers went smoothly. Voter turnout was lower than expected. Supervisor Nykamp commended Clerk Kraak for doing a great job with the past three elections.
 - f. 2017 Budget – Supervisor Nykamp hopes to have the budget completed by mid-September. Board members were asked to submit additions/changes to Supervisor Nykamp soon.

Zoning Administrator's Report – Don Mannes

July permits are down. There are 15 permits, including 2 new houses. Inspections are up due to past permits.

Committee Reports

a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** None

b. **BOARD OF APPEAL** None

c. **MACC & MACC TECH** None

d. **FIRE**

Hose ladder and aerial testing was completed with no failures.

Motion was made by Trustee Oonk to accept the resignation of Vic VanOmmen, who served as Fire Committee Secretary. Trustee Overweg supported the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Oonk to accept Steve Nelson as Secretary. Trustee Brink supported the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

There have been seven new applicants. Motion was made by Trustee Oonk to add three new fire trainees: Brian McDonald, Tyler Miller and Ben Hoezee. Treasurer Myaard supported the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

e. **BUILDING & GROUNDS** None

f. **ROADS**

Zeeland Meadows roads are being resurfaced.

Air Park is nearly complete. Driveway grades still need to be completed.

Work is continuing on Centennial Street and Production Court.

g. **PARKS & RECREATION**

VanZoeren Woods is still closed. 180 trees have been removed, and we hope to have everything out by Fall. Supervisor Nykamp suggested that we could possibly have some Ottawa County jail trustees help with wood removal and chipping for re-use next Spring.

Drenthe Grove – Trustee Brink recommended that we utilize a grant program to replace trees. Supervisor Nykamp will check into the application for the grant program.

h. **CEMETERY** None

i. **ELECTION** None

j. **LIBRARY** None

Attorney Issues. None.

Supervisor's Report.

Drenthe BBQ - Trustee Brink stated that they still need help in the kitchen.

Citizen / Public comment. None.

Additional Board Comment. None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk
Beth DeBoer – Recording Secretary