

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2017**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on December 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Barkel, Trustees Oonk, Brink, Overweg and Riemersma.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Barkel to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting.
Trustee Riemersma supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation/Public Comment: Joe Haveman introduced himself as a candidate running for State Senate next year. He emphasized his experience in and appreciation of local government.

Business Items:

- a. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #859 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2017 BUDGET.** Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, Brink and Riemersma.

- b. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve committing funds at the following balances as of 12/31/17:
Parks: \$189,103
Utility Projects: \$1,000,000
Fire Equipment: \$950,000
Cemetery: \$100,000
Building & Grounds: \$60,000
Debt Service: \$460,000
Trustee Oonk supported the motion which passed.

- c. Re-appointment of committee members:
Trustee Brink motioned to approve Dennis Russcher, Bruce Knoper and Don Steenwyk to the Planning Commission. Trustee Oonk supported the motion which passed.
Trustee Oonk motioned to approve Russell Mudgett, Bruce Knoper and Rich DeLeau to the Appeal Board. Trustee Riemersma supported the motion which passed.
Trustee Overweg motioned to approve Brian Claerbaut to the Fire Committee. Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.

- d. Trustee Brink motioned to approve the purchase of land from the Mast Brothers for an extension to the West Drenthe Cemetery for up to \$100,000. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, Brink and Riemersma.

Zoning Administrator's Report: In October, permits were pulled for five new homes and well as several additions. Building related fees of \$24,276 were collected.

Committee Reports:

- a. **FIRE COMMITTEE**– Trustee Oonk motioned to approve Grant Dozeman and Matt Kolenbrander as new firefighter trainees. Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.
- b. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – A preliminary site plan review for storage units near Adams and 96th Ave was tabled until more information is received concerning setback, lot coverage and parking. A site plan for both Midway Machine on parcel 70-17-07-398-008 and Gemini Truck Repair on parcel #70-17-08-400-015 were approved.
- c. **PARKS & RECREATION** – Zeeland Rec and the Grove Association are putting together a plan for 2018 activities.
- d. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – The committee is continuing to work on preliminary drawings for the community building and will be bringing them to the board early next year.
- e. **ROADS** – The committee will be meeting early next year.
- f. **ELECTIONS** – Precinct 1 will still be at the same location for the May election even though Beaverdam Reformed Church will be closing their doors as of December 31, 2017. We will remain in contact with the Zeeland Classis for future use of the building as a polling location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk