

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2018**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on March 20, 2018 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. Attorney Ron Bultje was also in attendance.

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

Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting. Trustee Overweg supported the motion which passed.

Business Items:

- a. Al Dannenberg, on behalf of Lakeshore Regional Entity, came with information regarding recreational use of marijuana and the potential impacts to our state in response to the recent ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in the state of Michigan. Trustee Riemersma motioned to approve Resolution #861 Opposing the Recreational Use of Marijuana. Trustee Oonk seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.
- b. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the employment of Gerrit Gritter, a trained firefighter. Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion with passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.
- c. Discussion took place on the use of funds and impact on our township through the Community Enhancement Program of the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council. Trustee Brink motioned to not participate for the 2018 year. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion with passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.
- d. A motion was made by Trustee Oonk to approve the request of the Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area for \$2514 for the 4th of July fireworks. Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion with passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.
- e. Attorney Ron Bultje stressed the need to adopt a resolution to provide for the proposed bypass route of M-231 as limited options exist along I-196 in Zeeland Charter Township. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve Resolution #862, the M-231 Route Resolution. Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.
- f. A motion was made by Trustee Brink to have the Planning Commission consider the location of solar farms and also the second phase of M231 during their masterplan discussions. Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.
- g. A motion was made by Trustee Oonk to approve \$40 per diem for expenses during the MTA Conference in April. Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion with passed with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Riemersma, Brink and Overweg.

Zoning Administrator Report: Building permits with 2.7 million in declared value were pulled in February, including 8 new homes and 3 condo units.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – A preliminary site plan for Phase 2 of Trailside was presented for review and approved. A site plan was presented and approved for a 30,000 sq ft building for Red Wing Bags at 9328 Pentatech Drive. The planning commission will be adding monthly meetings dedicated to working on the master plan.
- b. **PARKS & RECREATION** – A plan for the Drenthe Grove will be presented at the next meeting.
- c. **BUILDING & GROUNDS** – Mike presented a rough estimate for the renovations to the Community Center. Improvements are on hold through the summer as many reservations have been made for rentals, and contractors' schedules are full. Bids will need to go out in a few months to plan for construction early next year.
- d. **ROADS** – The committee met on February 22. Glenn contacted the Ottawa County Road Commission after the meeting regarding the poor rating of Gordon Street. They said that was an error. The road is not in poor condition. Glenn and Tim will attend the Ottawa County meeting next month.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. I-196 Gateway Project Update – A meeting was held March 20 and progress continues to move along quickly.
- b. Glenn and Don met with Banda Tech Solutions on a proposal to replace the old projector and screen in the boardroom with a TV for presentations. A TV was also quoted to be added to the basement for use during larger meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk