

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
December 18, 2018**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on December 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Treasurer Barkel, Clerk Kraak, Trustees Brink, Overweg, Oonk and Riemersma.

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

Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting. Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.

Business Items:

- a. The Outdoor Discovery Center has requested funding of \$6,000. This is the same amount as last year and included in the 2019 budget. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve this request. Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, Riemersma and Brink.
- b. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve participating in installing a water main along 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the following ways: waive frontage charge along Felch Street, finance 815 feet of the looped service line through the property from Felch to 80<sup>th</sup> Ave interest free for 10 years, and pay the Prein and Newhof inspection fee on the 80<sup>th</sup> Ave water main. Clerk Kraak seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, and Brink. Abstain: Riemersma.
- c. Trustee Oonk motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #879 TO AMEND THE 2018 BUDGET.** Trustee Riemersma seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, Brink and Riemersma.
- d. Trustee Brink motioned to approve committing funds at the following balances as of 12/31/18:  
Parks: \$168,603  
Utility Projects: \$1,500,000  
Fire Equipment: \$1,200,000  
Cemetery: \$100,000  
Building & Grounds: \$160,000  
Debt Service: \$345,500  
Treasurer Barkel supported the motion which passed.
- e. Trustee Brink motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #880 TO HIRE TOM OONK AS A TOWNSHIP MANAGER.** Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Riemersma, Overweg, and Brink. Abstain: Oonk.
- f. Treasurer Barkel motioned to approve the 2019 Committees. Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed.

- g. **ORDINANCE #397 MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS**, an ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments and the sale and consumption of marihuana had its first reading.

Zoning Administrator Report: Building permits for November had a total declared value of \$514,500. This decrease is most likely seasonal.

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – A site plan for Vriesland Reformed Church to add 6 classrooms, a restroom and an elevator was approved.
- b. **BOARD OF APPEALS** – Met to review three variances for an accessory building for Aaron and Jamielea Sligh at 8640 Adams Street. All variances were denied.
- c. **ROAD COMMITTEE** – Will meet January 17.
- d. **PARKS & RECREATION** –The gas line for the Drenthe Grove bathroom addition has been moved and footings have been poured.
- e. **FIRE COMMITTEE** – Trustee Oonk motioned to approve the purchase of 38 leather radio holsters for \$2,740.56. Treasurer Barkel seconded the motion which passed with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Barkel, Oonk, Overweg, Brink and Riemersma.

Supervisor's Report: A grant has been approved for a Quincy Street bike path in 2022. The M121 Business Loop construction is finished for the year. Some minor additions of line painting will be done after the winter. Construction is scheduled to begin at the Community Center in January.

Additional Board Comment: Trustee Ron Brink thanked Trustee Tom Oonk for his years of service on the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Kraak – Clerk