

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Veldheer, Trustees Overweg, Brink, Riemersma and Salisbury.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.

Citizen Comments: Many questions and concerns were brought up relating to the proposed amendment for the Conceptual Route Area for the second phase of M-231. Most of the concerns centered on conflicting information, restrictions on their property for an unspecified amount of time, and potentially devalued property. The board assured the citizens that this ordinance would not be brought to a vote until more information can be gathered from Ottawa County and MDOT.

Trustee Brink motioned to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Trustee Overweg supported the motion which passed.

Business Items:

- a. Trustee Brink motioned to approve Dirk Pyle's request for **RESOLUTION #895 FOR A PARTIAL TERMINATION OF A FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AGREEMENT.** Trustee Salisbury seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Overweg, Riemersma, and Salisbury
- b. Supervisor Nykamp opened the public hearing to consider a request for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Pangea Reptile. Amanda Murray from Lakeshore Advantage and Katherine Stefanek from Pangea Reptile explained the project and answered questions. Pangea Reptile LLC is an established manufacturer of pet food and pet products and breeder/distributor of small reptiles. The proposed project is a 17,000 square foot expansion of their existing manufacturing facility at a cost of \$1,295,156. They expect to add 13 jobs.

Trustee Riemersma motioned to close the public hearing. Treasurer Veldheer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Trustee Riemersma motioned to approve **RESOLUTION #896 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM PANGEA REPTILE LLC.** Trustee Overweg seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote:
AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Veldheer, Brink, Overweg, Riemersma, and Salisbury

Committee Reports:

- a. **PLANNING COMMISSION**– Approved rezoning parcel #70-17-01-400-041 from Ag to Commercial. This is considered a first reading.
- b. **BUILDING & GROUNDS** – The new flooring was installed this week.
- c. **PARKS & RECREATION** – Trustee Brink will have an estimate for pickle ball courts at the next meeting.

- d. **ROADS** – Walnut Creek subdivision, Crestline Drive, Fairview Lane, Summit Court, Dover Lane, North Maple Court, South Maple Court, and West Maple Court will be resurfaced this year. Riley St. from 48th – 56th will be regradeled and chipsealed.
- e. **ELECTION** – Still looking for more workers for elections for this summer.

Supervisor/Manager Report: Still working on finding applicants for a Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak –Clerk