

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 3, 2024  
5:30 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Meeting was held in person at the Township Hall. Residents were able to give public comments during the meeting. Supervisor Bell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Cheri Bell  
Clerk Dusty Farmer  
Treasurer Clare Buszka  
Trustee Neil Sikora  
Trustee Michael Chapman  
Trustee Zak Ford  
Trustee Kristin Cole  
~~Clerk Dusty Farmer~~

Also present were IT Director Jon Gibson, Township Attorney James Porter, Fire Chief Greg McComb, Public Works Director Anna Horner, Maintenance Director Greg Fountain, and Parks Director Vanessa Street.

**Discussion: Illustrative Capital Improvement Plan**

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025-2030 Draft CIP. Chief Greg McComb walked the Board through the Fire CIP. Parks Director Vanessa Street reviewed the Parks CIP. Maintenance Director Greg Fountain was available for questions.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment.

Supervisor Bell asked if anyone would like to remove anything from the consent agenda. Clerk Farmer asked to remove the receipts and disbursements.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2024
- b. 2025 Board Meeting Dates
- c. 2025 Township Holiday Schedule

Motion by Chapman, second by Farmer to approve the consent agenda without the receipts and disbursements. Motion carried 7-0.

**Resolution: Fruit Belt Trail Development**

Parks Director Vanessa Street was available for questions and reviewed the history of the Fruit Belt Trail project.

Motion by Chapman, second by Cole to adopt a resolution authorizing the development of project agreements for projects TF23-0052, TF23-0053, and TF23-0129 Fruit Belt Rail Trail, and to amend the budget as presented. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

**Resolution: Poverty Exemption Guidelines**

Attorney Porter was available for questions.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to adopt a resolution establishing the poverty exemption guidelines, as presented and discussed, for 2025. Roll call. Resolution adopted 7-0.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Amendments**

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford to approve all 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion: Capital Improvement Plan**

Public Works Director Anna Horner walked the Board through the Road (204) Fund CIP. She was also available for any questions about the Water and Sewer CIPs. The Board also discussed the upcoming non-motorized projects.

**Planning Commission Board Liaison Update**

Motion by Ford, second by Bell to appoint Michael Chapman as Planning Commission liaison. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment**

Supervisor Bell opened public comment. One person spoke.

Supervisor Bell adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer  
Township Clerk

Attested: Cheri Bell  
Township Supervisor