

HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
August 20, 2020

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Present: Supervisor Terry Nienhuis, Clerk Michael Dalman, Treasurer Vince Bush, and Trustees Doug Becker, Norm Nykamp, Russ TeSlaa, and Elliott Church. Also present were Township Manager Steve Bulthuis, Community Development Director John Said, and Township Legal Counsel Ron Bultje.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Church gave the invocation.

Citizen's Comments: Curtis Potter addressed the Board on one rezoning issue (300 N. Franklin). Joe Baumann, County Commissioner, joined the meeting and asked for any questions from the Board. There were none.

Mr. Nienhuis reviewed the consent agenda.

20-65 A motion was made by Mr. Bush, supported by Mr. TeSlaa, to approve the consent agenda including communications, operational reports (Sgt. Bennett's Sheriff's Office Report for July), and the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on August 6, 2020.

All supported the motion
Motion declared adopted

Mr. Nykamp introduced and the Board held a first reading on one zoning request, 11069 Mason Street from AG-Agricultural to R-1 Low Density Residential.

Mr. Nykamp introduced and the Board held a first reading on one Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance regarding off-street loading. Mr. Said answered many questions from the Board on the background of buildings that do have overhead doors on the primary side of the street.

The next agenda item was the consideration of a temporary authorization to operate a farm market at 461 Chicago Drive. The Township Manager presented the background on the farm market which was established at 461 Chicago Drive at the beginning of the pandemic. The Township received a complaint because this was a nonconforming use and the market was shut down. Visser Farms, the market owner, had applied for a proposed amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance to allow farm markets as special uses in C-2. Township staff recommended denial of the request based on several concerns. The Planning Commission requested that this matter go before the Board of Trustees. Mr. Said and Mr. Bultje presented additional details on this issue. In order to be allowed, this farm market must comply with our zoning ordinance. A use variance can not be recommended for this zone because the property could be used for its current zone. Board members asked questions and expressed views on the issue. A representative from Visser Farms spoke about the challenges of farming during this pandemic.

20-66 A motion was made by Mr. Bush and supported by Mr. Church to not take action on this issue based on the advice of the Township attorney that this is not part of the zoning ordinance.

Roll call vote: Yes-6, No-1, Absent-0

Motion declared adopted

Mr. Bulthuis shared his administrative reports. Our September 3 meeting will be held at the Township Hall at 5:30 for a study session on the budget followed by the Board meeting at 7:00. Board members shared committee reports and updates. One comment by Mr. Church expressed a community members appreciation for our Sheriff's Department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dalman, Clerk

Terry Nienhuis, Supervisor